BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN STATEMENT

For

PROPOSED REPLACEMENT OF TEMPORARY STORAGE BUILDINGS

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Biodiversity Net Gain Statement

The mandatory requirement for Biodiversity Net Gain was introduced through the NPPF in January 2024 (see also Environment Act 2021).

This Statement is in response to Planning Approval Ref H14-0256-24 with specific relation to Condition 6:

> *Prior to the commencement of the development hereby permitted beyond oversite, a Biodiversity Net Gain Plan to demonstrate a net gain in biodiversity on-site shall be submitted to, and approved in writing by, the Local Planning Authority. This shall be supported by a Biodiversity Management Plan setting out how the biodiversity enhancements will be managed and monitored for the lifetime of the development.*

Considering the requirements relative to this project it is believed that the construction of 2 no storage units located on a site which is currently covered in concrete will have no impact upon the existing biodiversity of the site.

The proposed works present an opportunity to introduce biodiversity net gain in the form of the following: -

1. Introduction of 2no. total Tawny Owl Boxes located approximately 5m high to the west elevation centred on the ridge line to both Storage Unit 1 & Storage Unit 2.

2. Introduction of 2no. total Crevice Bat Boxes located approximately 4m high to the west elevation on the outer corners of Storage Unit 1 & Storage Unit 2.

Biodiversity Management Plan

Owl Boxes - Once every year the boxes are to be cleaned out and refilled with a few inches of wood shavings to keep eggs from rolling around, do not use pressure treated wood. Undertake the cleaning in late autumn, early winter to avoid the breeding season. Do not touch boxes when occupied.

Bat boxes – Once every year the boxes are to be cleaned out during autumn or winter (those suitable for summer roosting). Ensure the bat box is not occupied, open the box and clean out any droppings.