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BG Reference: BG24.433
29th November 2024

Dear Clifford,

RE: Biodiversity Net Gain Statement for the site known as Spalding Academy, Spalding

Brindle and Green Ltd were commissioned by Lindum Group Ltd to undertake a Preliminary Ecological Appraisal to facilitate the application for a new drama block within the existing car park of Spalding Academy. This was undertaken on the 23rd October 2024 (BG24.433 Spalding Academy, Spalding Preliminary Ecological Appraisal). As part of this appraisal, a baseline habitat assessment was undertaken to determine if the site was exempt from the statutory biodiversity net gain planning condition under the 'De minimis' exemption, as detailed in The Biodiversity Gain Requirements (Exemptions) Regulations 2024 – Regulation 4.

The Site is located at TF 25709 22644 within the town of Spalding. The site consists of a large area of hardstanding, amenity grassland verges, scattered trees, singular hedgerow and a small outbuilding. The current development plans involve the conversion of existing hard standing into a new drama classroom block. The hard standing is currently used as a staff car park. The application boundary is defined by the southeast corner of the car park and is approximately 363.57m² in extent, with the entire application area categorised as a 'developed land, sealed surface' under the baseline habitat assessment.

The application site meets both conditions of the De minimis exemption:

1. The development does not impact an onsite priority habitat;
2. The development impacts:
 - a) less than 25 square metres of onsite habitat that has biodiversity value greater than zero; and
 - b) less than 5 metres in length of onsite linear habitat.

The surrounding habitats such as amenity grassland verges, a singular hedgerow and building and scattered trees were all surveyed as they fall within the application boundary. However, they will not be impacted as the development of the new drama block is restricted to only hard standing, categorised as 'Developed land; sealed surface' approximately 363.57m² in extent. Hard standing has a biodiversity value of zero (as per Schedule 7a of the Town and Country Planning Act 2006). Please refer to Appendix 2 for current design illustrations and Appendix 3 for proposed drama block location overlayed onto the habitats plan.

Therefore, the application site is exempt from Biodiversity Net Gain requirements under the De minimis exemption, and the development proposals are not required to reach an onsite 10% net gain.

I trust the above is sufficient in demonstrating that this scheme is exempt from mandatory net gain, however if you have any further questions, please contact me using the details at the head of this page.

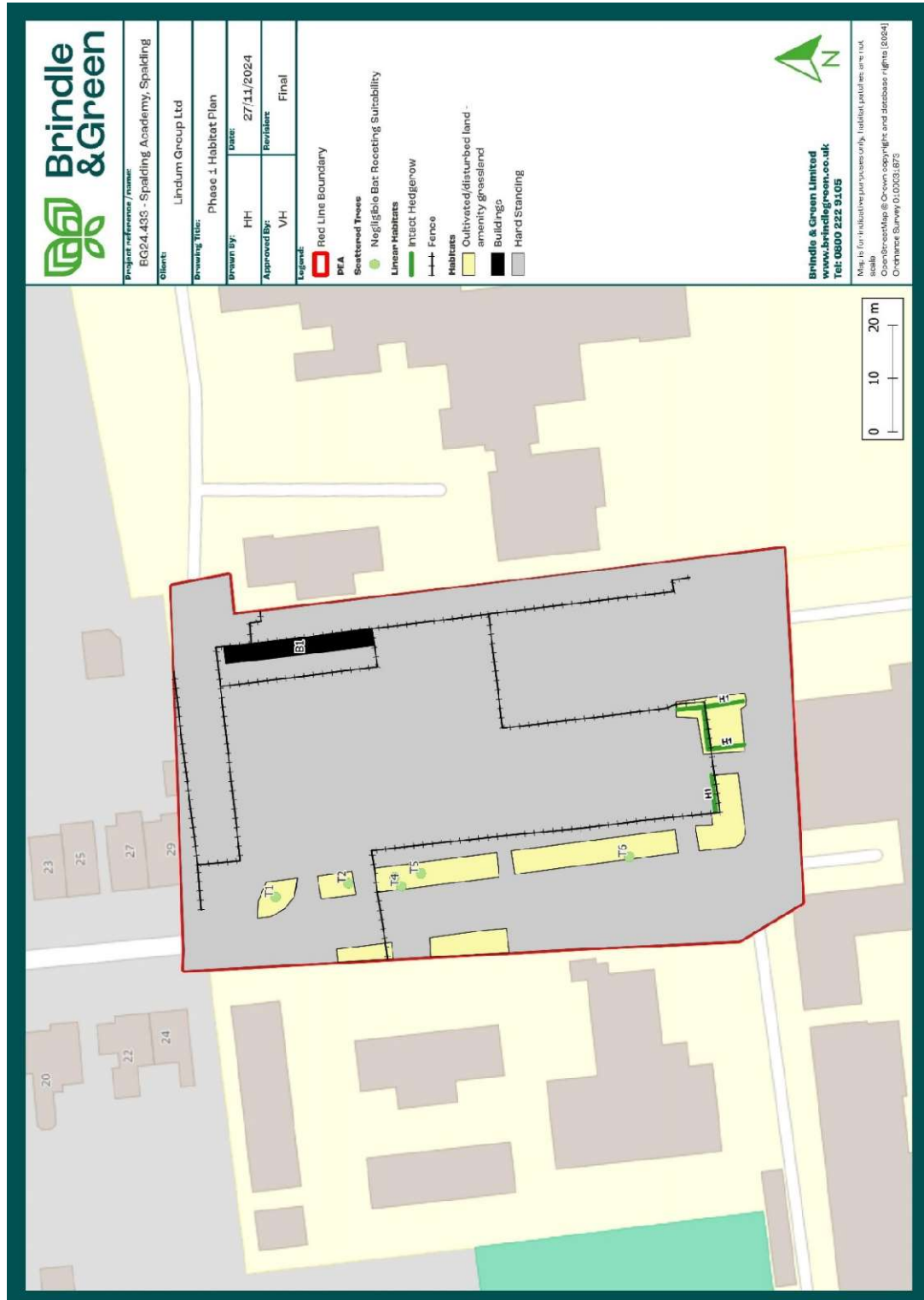
Yours sincerely,

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For and on behalf of Brindle & Green Ltd

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Appendix 1: Baseline Habitats



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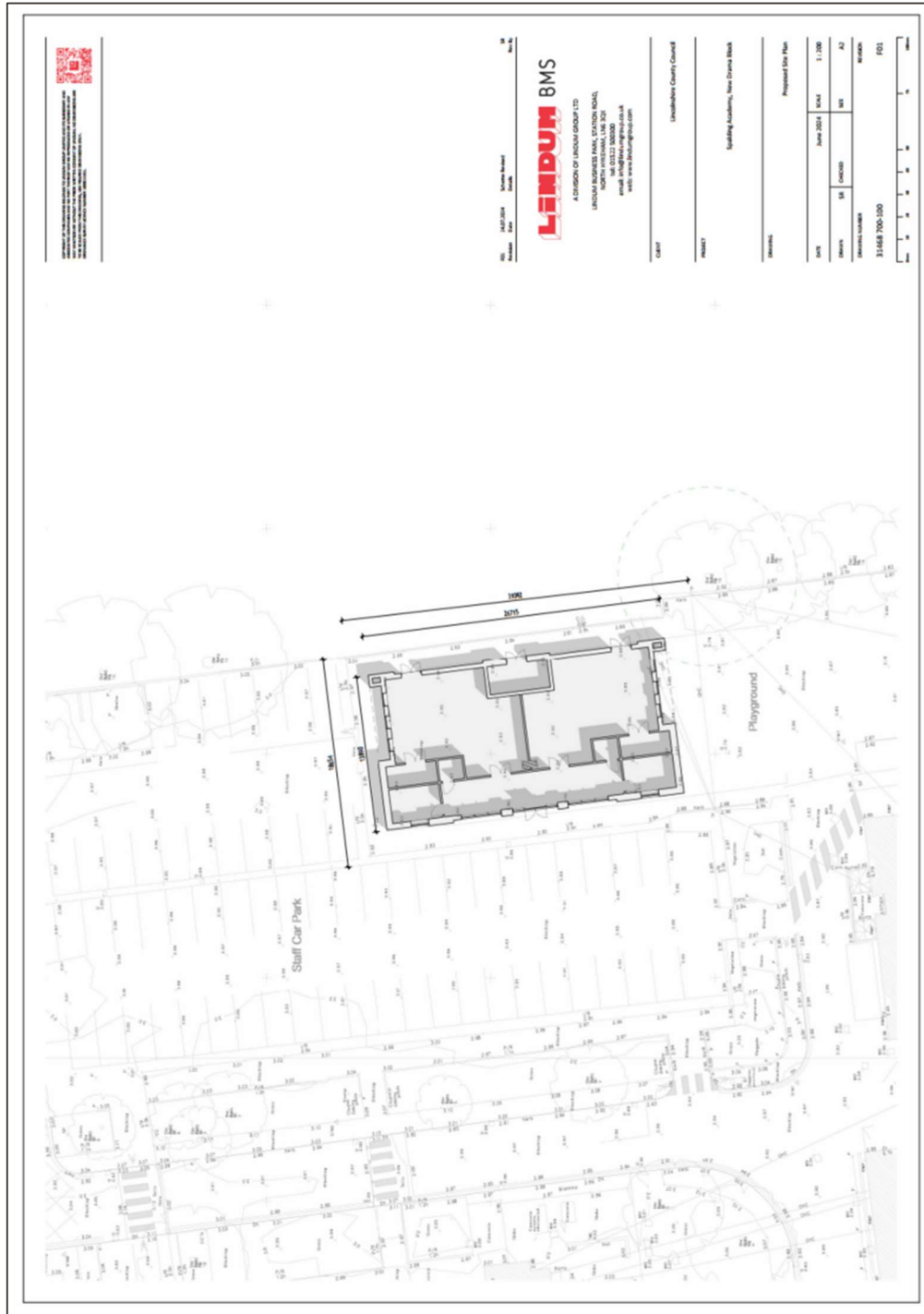


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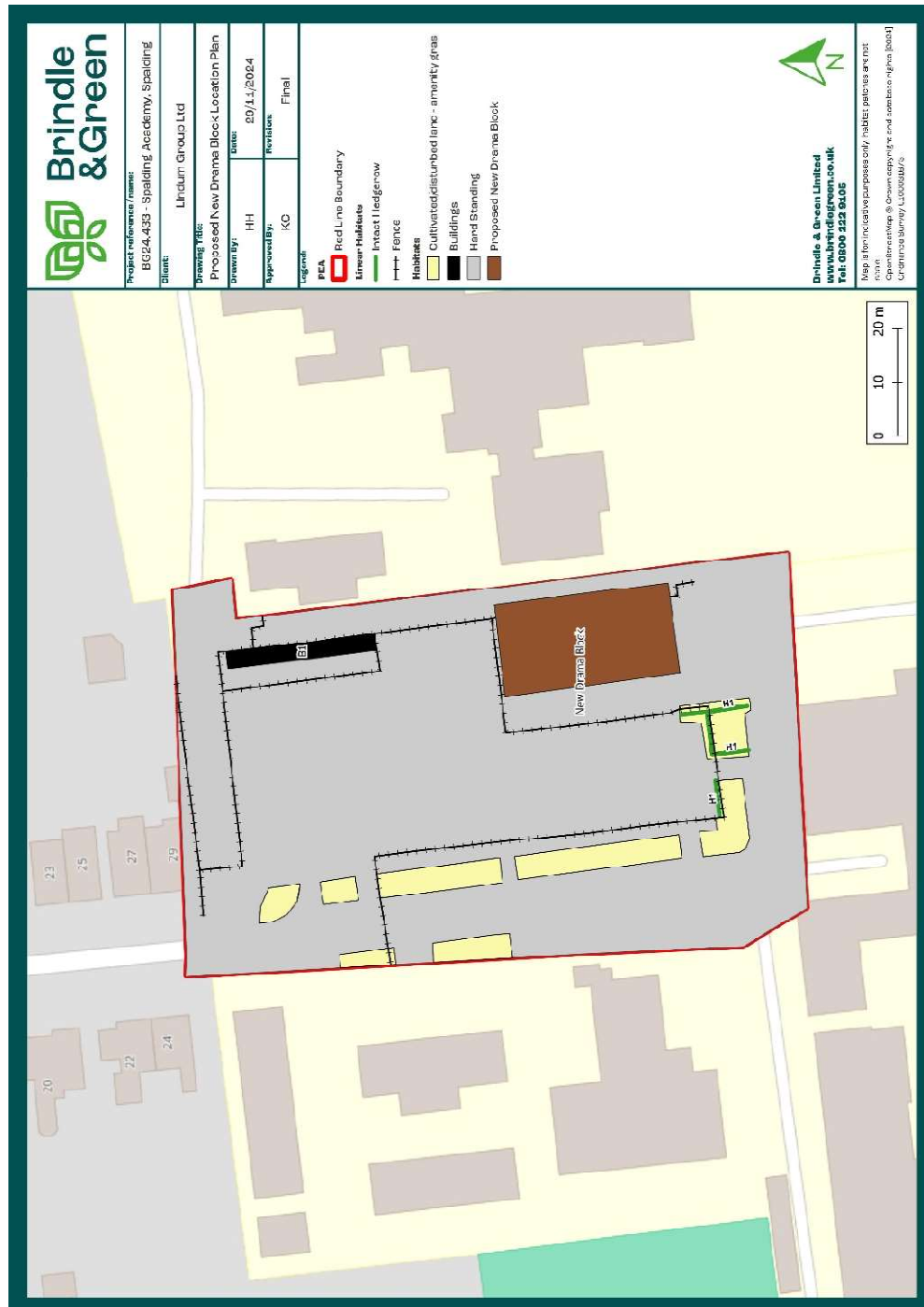
Appendix 2: Current Design Proposals (Lindum Group Ltd, 2024)



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Appendix 3: Proposed Location of New Drama Block



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