BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN STATEMENT

For

PROPOSED REDEVELOPMENT OF FORMER BUTCHER'S FACTORY SITE

At

FOUNDRY LANE
SPALDING
LINCOLSHIRE

For

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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).

Referring to www.gov.uk/guidance/biodiversity-net-gain-exempt-developments we would conclude that this development is exempt on the following basis

The application is for the demolition and recladding of derelict buildings. In all cases the area of demolition is already floor slab which is hard surfaced and as such has a biodiversity value of zero. The recladding of a store will have no impact on biodiversity. Therefore the area of biodiversity to be impacted upon is less than $25m^2$. This therefore falls below the threshold for BNG.

Further, referring to www.gov.uk/biodiversity-net-gain-exempt-developments we would conclude that the site is exempt in that it is a de minimis exemption which falls below the threshold:

A development that does not impact a priority habitat and impacts less than:

25 square meters (5m by 5m) of on-site habitat.
5 metres on on-site linear habitats such as hedgerows.

On the above basis it is considered that no further statement is necessary for this application.