BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN STATEMENT

For

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PLANNING APPLICATION ISSUE

Biodiversity Net Gain Statement

The mandatory requirement for Biodiversity Net Gain was introduced through the NPPF in January 2024 (see also Environment Act 2021) and was amended on 6th August 2026.

Considering the requirements relative to this project, it is considered that the proposals will be exempt on the following grounds:

1. The works do not impact upon any biodiversity and therefore fall below the 25m^2 and 5m / linear impact thresholds.

2. The site is not a priority habitat.

3. The site area is less than 0.2 hectares.

Referring to www.gov.uk/guidance/biodiversity-net-gain-exempt-developments - we consider that this proposal is exempt under the small sites exemption and in addition falls below the impact threshold, and is not a priority habitat site.

The Gov.UK website guidance states:

Development of 0.2 hectares or below
From 6th August 2026, BNG does not apply to planning applications for developments where the site area within the red line boundary is 0.2 hectares or below.

The above being the case it is considered that the requirement is not relevant for this application and therefore no further submission is required beyond this statement.