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Biodiversity Net Gain Exemption Statement

**Conversion of Former Telephone Exchange to Dwelling
at:**

**Telephone Exchange,
Common Road,
Whaplode Drove,
PE12 0UF**



As of 2nd April 2024 it has been a requirement of Schedule 7A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 that developers of small sites to meet the requirements of the Biodiversity Net Gain legislation, this ensures that habitats for wildlife are left in a measurably better state than they were before the development.

There are however a number of exemptions from this legislation, one of which being self-build and custom build applications which has the following conditions:

- Consists of no more than 9 dwellings
- On a site that has an area no larger than 0.5 hectares
- Consists exclusively of dwellings that are self-build or custom housebuilding as defined in section 1(A1) of the Self-build and Custom Housebuilding Act 2015

Based on the above criteria it can be assumed that the applicant would come into this category of exemption due to them looking to develop their own site which complies with all of the above criteria. The application is for the conversion to a single dwelling that is to be for the use of the applicant and the site is under the 0.5 hectare maximum size allowance.