

## Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) Exemption Statement for non-provision

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1.1 The development site subject to this planning application is exempt from BNG as it does not impact a priority habitat and impacts less than:

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

The following scenario applies:

### **A development which only marginally impacts on a garden habitat**

1.2 The development consists primarily of change of use of an existing building with a small extension to the rear and therefore is predominantly on the footprint of an existing dwelling or otherwise its associated hardstanding with only a small loss of a grass lawn (of around 12sqm) in the garden to accommodate the extension.

1.3 The red line boundary for the development includes small trees and shrubs toward its rear which are not affected by the development. The development would be exempted from biodiversity net gain by the de minimis exemption as:

- the development does not impact on any onsite priority habitat;
- the existing dwelling and associated hardstanding would be classified as a developed land: sealed surface which has a biodiversity value of zero under the statutory biodiversity metric;
- the grass lawn would be classified as vegetated garden and would have a biodiversity value of greater than zero under the statutory biodiversity metric but the size of this habitat lost is less than 25 square metres; and
- the trees within the red line boundary would be classified as individual urban trees and would have a biodiversity value of greater than zero under the statutory biodiversity metric but are not impacted by the development.

1.4 As such the submission is BNG exempt.