Biodiversity Metric – Exemption Explanation

Site: 34 North Hill Drive, Romford, RM3 9AQ

Proposal: Proposed dropped kerb and vehicle crossover to the existing paved residential driveway.

Application site area: 17.05 square metres, as recorded in the draft planning application.

The applicant considers that the proposal qualifies for the statutory biodiversity net gain exemption for development sites of 0.2 hectares or less, on the basis that the works will not adversely affect any on-site priority habitat.

The proposed works are confined to the existing raised kerb and paved public footway. The driveway is already paved. No grass, planting, trees or other vegetation is proposed to be removed.

Reason a completed metric is not supplied: A biodiversity metric calculation is not required where the statutory biodiversity net gain exemption applies. This document is supplied in place of a metric solely because the online application portal requires an upload in the metric category. It is not a completed biodiversity metric.

The applicant requests that the local planning authority considers the claimed exemption and confirms whether any additional information is necessary to validate the application.

Important qualification: This explanation is subject to confirmation of the site boundary, the accuracy of the site area, and the absence of adverse effects on on-site priority habitat.