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# ECOLOGICAL IMPACT AND

# BNG EXEMPTION STATEMENT

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***Ecological Impact Statement***

Kirklees as part of the planning application have requested the following;

*For major applications and all other applications (excluding Housholders) that will affect a SSSI, aLocal Wildlife Site, Wildlife Habitat Network and a semi natural habitiat there will be arequirement to submit a Ecological Impact Assessment which includes a Biodiversity Net Gain Statement.*

In this instance the proposal has no ecological impact and is exempt from BNG.

- The development is an extension to an existing building. As the building and hardstandings are existing, as such there are no external works required that would create any ecological impact (area of extension shown below)



***What is biodiversity net gain?***

Biodiversity net gain is a way of creating and improving biodiversity by requiring development to have a positive impact ('net gain') on biodiversity.

In England, biodiversity net gain is required under a statutory framework introduced by Schedule 7A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (inserted by the Environment Act 2021). This statutory framework is referred to as 'biodiversity net gain' in Planning Practice Guidance to distinguish it from other or more general biodiversity gains.

***Exemption Statement***

Which planning permissions are exempt from biodiversity net gain?

- **Reason 1 - Development subject to the de minimis exemption.** Development that does not impact a priority habitat and impacts less than 25 square metres (e.g. 5m by 5m) of onsite habitat, or 5 metres of linear habitats such as hedgerows.

**Statement:**

This site is an extension of an existing building. The external works are minimal, the area of the extension is currently a hardstanding, and on site habitat effected is less than 25m2, and less than 5 linear metres of hedgerow. There is no effect an any planted / habitat areas.