

Project Ref: WAC 2084

Date: 17th June 2025

BNG Exemption Statement

Site Address: Kirkheaton Primary School, New Road, Kirkheaton, Huddersfield HD5 0HR

Client Name: South Pennines Academy

Reference: Biodiversity Net Gain

Date: 17/06/2025

Background:

Kirkheaton Primary School via South Pennine Academies are seeking to increase the site security and pupil safety by improving by replacement the existing inadequate fence panels, with a 2m high anti climb fencing, and pass gates for pedestrian and vehicles.

Methodology:

As the site's baseline value is zero and <25m² of existing scrub is being removed from the northeastern most corner, it is exempt from demonstrating a 10% biodiversity net gain (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/biodiversity-net-gain-exempt-developments>). The development is not anticipated to affect any of the off-site adjacent grassland or trees. Any post-development enhancements relating to biodiversity are valuable and encouraged, however it is not necessary for the site to demonstrate a 10% net gain.

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