

BNG Exemption Statement

Site Address: Site on Schofield Street, Heywood, Rochdale, Lancashire, OL10 1DH

Client Name: B & L Homes Limited

Reference: Biodiversity Net Gain

Date: 17/02/2025

Background

A PEA was carried out on the site (Site on Schofield Street, Heywood, Rochdale, Lancashire, OL10 1DH) on the 28th of January 2025 by Arbtech Consulting Ltd, and it was confirmed that the baseline habitat is comprised of developed land; sealed surface, artificial, unvegetated, unsealed surface and built linear features. All of these habitats have no value within the statutory biodiversity metric.

The proposed development is described as “The erection of nine dwellings with associated landscaping and car parking.”

Information

The proposed development is exempt from demonstrating a 10% biodiversity net gain (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/biodiversity-net-gain-exempt-developments>) as <25m² of habitat (of value) is being removed, which is one of the exemptions. The only habitats being impacted are of no biodiversity value (developed land; sealed surface and artificial, unvegetated, unsealed surface). There are no habitats with biodiversity value present within the site.

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.

The proposed development includes the addition of garden and landscaping areas, which are anticipated to provide biodiversity value to the site. Grass lawn and introduced shrubs provide suitable habitat for foraging and sheltering invertebrates, which in turn provides suitable prey for bats and birds. Furthermore, the garden areas will provide suitable foraging habitat for hedgehogs.

Some ways to achieve an additional uplift in biodiversity include:

- Addition of native hedgerows
- Addition of a hedgehog house
- Addition of integrated bat boxes within the proposed new buildings
- Erection of bird boxes on the exterior of the proposed new buildings
- Addition of small, native trees within the garden or landscaping areas



Figure 1: Habitat map from the Preliminary Ecological Appraisal produced by Arbtech Consulting Ltd.

Appendix 2



Figure 2: Site location

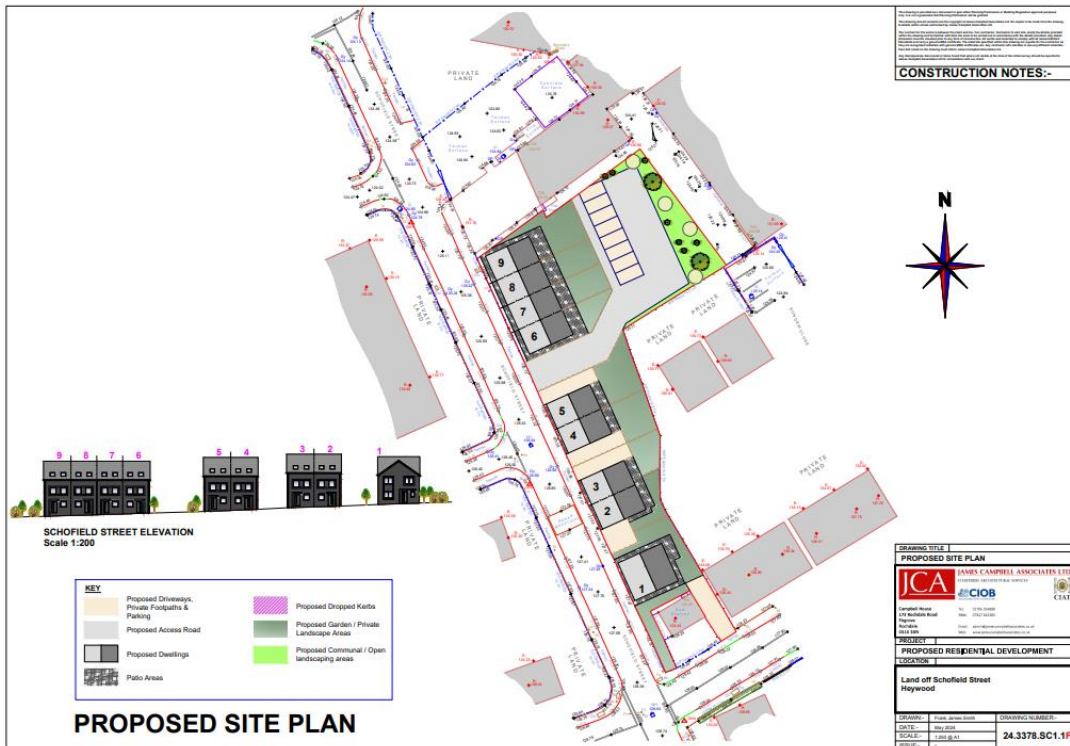


Figure 3: Proposed plan

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