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Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) Statement

PROPOSED EXTENSION AND INFILL EXTENSION TO EXISTING STORAGE WAREHOUSE INCLUDING NEW TWO STOREY OFFICES TO THE FRONT, RAISING THE EAVES AND RIDGE HEIGHT.

BNG Statement for the Extension / Infill Extension of Part of GNG Foam Converters existing Warehouse, creating new two storey offices, including raising the eaves and ridge height. GNG Foam Converters (Lancs) Ltd, Todmorden Road, Littleborough, Lancashire, OL15 9EG.

The proposed development at GNG Foam Converters, Todmorden Road, Littleborough, involves alterations to an existing building complex, including a front extension of approximately 1.5 meters, infilling a rear alcove area, raising the ridge and eaves height, and constructing new two-storey offices to the front of the building.

A full Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) report is not considered necessary for this proposal, as the development takes place predominantly on the existing building footprint. Approximately 95% of the works are confined to the existing built structure, with no impact on landscaped or natural areas within or adjacent to the site.

The following points justify why a full BNG report is not required:

Existing Built Environment:

The development site is almost entirely composed of the current warehouse structure, with no encroachment on any greenfield or landscaped areas.

No Habitat Loss:

As the proposal does not affect any vegetated or natural habitats, there will be no loss of biodiversity or habitat connectivity.

Minimal Ground Disturbance:

The rear infill and front extension require only localized groundworks within the existing developed area, ensuring no disruption to surrounding natural features.

Urban Setting:

The site is located within an industrial/commercial area, where biodiversity value is inherently limited.

Policy Compliance:

The proposed development aligns with local and national planning policies aimed at preserving biodiversity, as no adverse effects on ecological value are anticipated.

As the works are confined to an existing operational site and primarily involve alterations to an existing structure, the proposed development has no significant ecological impact. Any minor opportunities for enhancement, such as integrating bird or bat boxes into the design, can be considered if required to support biodiversity initiatives.

Based on the above, a full BNG report is not warranted, and the development poses no measurable impact on the site's biodiversity.