

Biodiversity Net Gain Statement

In support of an application for the change of use of land to domestic curtilage at 2 Sussex Avenue, Bury BL9 7JE

The biodiversity gain planning condition does not apply in relation to planning permission for development which meets the first and second conditions.

(2) The first condition is that the development does not impact an onsite priority habitat.

(3) The second condition is that the development impacts—

(a) less than 25 square metres of onsite habitat that has biodiversity value greater than zero; and

(b) less than 5 metres in length of onsite linear habitat.

(4) For the purposes of this regulation—

(a) “priority habitat” means a habitat specified in a list published under section 41 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006;

(b) a habitat is impacted where the habitat is lost or degraded such that there is a decrease in the biodiversity value of that habitat;

(c) “linear habitat” means the types of hedgerow habitat or watercourse habitat identified for the purposes of the biodiversity metric (which are measured by length (expressed in kilometres) rather than area).

The proposal is for a change of use with no development taking place. Therefore, the proposal will not impact any habitats (including priority habitats), hedgerows or watercourses.

Therefore, in accordance with Regulation 4 (De minimis exemption) of The Biodiversity Gain Requirements (Exemptions) Regulations 2024, the proposal is exempt from biodiversity net gain.

I trust this letter is sufficient to satisfy any validation requirements from the local planning authority.