

## **BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN DE-MINIMUS STATEMENT**

This statement has been prepared to address Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) requirements in accordance with the Environment Act 2021 and accompanying statutory guidance. The proposed development results in a very small-scale habitat impact, falling below the threshold at which mandatory BNG applies.

### **Summary of Works**

The development will require the removal of no more than 20sqm of existing grassed area to accommodate the proposed works.

### **De-Minimis Qualification**

- The area of grassland affected is below the 25sqm minimum measurable habitat size set out in the statutory biodiversity metric.
- As such, the development qualifies as de-minimis, meaning it does not trigger mandatory BNG assessment, metric calculations or a formal Biodiversity Gain Plan.
- The grass affected comprises low-value amenity grassland, and no priority habitats, protected species, or irreplaceable habitats are present within the area of impact.
- No material loss of biodiversity is anticipated as a result of the proposed development

### **Conclusion**

Given the limited extent of habitat loss (<20sqm) and the absence of any priority or sensitive ecological receptors, the proposal meets the definition of BNG de-minimis development. The project is therefore exempt from statutory BNG obligations, and no further BNG documentation is required in support of this application.