

Biodiversity Net Gain Exemption Statement

This exemption statement is in reference to the proposed project at Land east of 22 Davenport Road, Felpham, PO22 7JR. The project relates to the erection of a new 2-bedroom dwelling with existing parking for 2 cars.

Section 6 under the National Requirements of the Planning Application Validation Requirements 2024 states that all non-Major applications must submit a fully completed statutory small sites metric calculation tool (the latest available), showing the calculations, publication date and version of the biodiversity metric used. This is applicable to all areas of the district.

The Governments Guidance on Biodiversity Net Gain Exemptions states that there are exemptions for Self-Build and Custom Build Applications following the relevant criteria is met:

- *Consists of no more than 9 Dwellings*
- *On a site that has an area no larger than 0.5 hectares*
- *Consists exclusively of dwellings that are self-build or custom housebuilding as defined in section 1(A1) of the Self-build and Custom Housebuilding Act 2015*

The proposed project at the land east of 22 Davenport Road of a 2-bedroom dwelling, on a site that is no larger than 0.05 hectares and is in line with the descriptions stated in section 1 (A1) of the Self-Build and Custom Housebuilding Act 2015.

Section 1 (A1) of the Self-Build and Custom Housebuilding Act 2015 reads as follows:

“(A1) In this Act “self-build and custom housebuilding” means the building or completion by—

- (a) individuals,*
- (b) associations of individuals, or*
- (c) persons working with or for individuals or associations of individuals, of houses to be occupied as homes by those individuals.*

(A2) But it does not include the building of a house on a plot acquired from a person who builds the house wholly or mainly to plans or specifications decided or offered by that person.]”

In regard to the proposed project at the land east of 22 Davenport Road the applicant, Mr Wide, are Individuals who have originally owned the plot. They have not acquired the plot from a person who builds the house wholly or mainly to plans or specifications decided or offered by that person.

Therefore, the applicants case satisfies section 1(A1) of the of the Self-Build and Custom Housebuilding Act 2015, which in turn satisfies the Government guidance on Biodiversity Net Gain Exemptions criteria. All of which has been detailed in this statement.

For these reasons, we request that the proposed project at Land east of 22 Davenport Road, Felpham, PO22 7JR, is identified as Exempt from submitting a Biodiversity Net Gain statement, as explained in the Original Planning Application reference: FP/52/24/PL. Please could a response be sent to the Applicant to confirm this.