

Biodiversity Net Gain Exemption Statement

This application is to for an agricultural grain storage building as is shown on the accompanying drawings. The building is of a similar design to the adjoining buildings. The area of the proposed building is at present a stone hard standing area and there will be no vegetation loss and it therefore follows that as such there is no loss to the biodiversity. The building is of a modern design and as such are not suited for wildlife to accommodate them. The existing buildings are for the most part positioned away from hedgerows and therefore have no impact on these with regard to any impact on bat foraging routes or the root zone for the hedgerows and trees. There is no artificial light installed within or on any of the proposed building. As the farm building site is currently all developed with no biodiversity impact and the proposed building extension sits within this developed site, it is considered to be De Minimis.

The applicants are already committed to a number of environmental improvements and management schemes that include the planting of marginal areas around their fields with scrub and wildflowers, flowers for wild bird encouragement, hedgerow management and tree planting. If it were deemed appropriate, the addition of bird nest boxes and bat boxes could be installed on the proposed and adjoining buildings, as well as additional planting for BNG improvement.