



From: Hebe Smith
Sent: 19 May 2026 16:34
To: Planning Scanning
Subject: FW: Application R/65/26/PL - The Gilberts

Hello,

Please can this be uploaded to R/65/26/PL as planning correspondence – Confirmation re BNG.

Thanks very much,

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From: Jonathan Best <Jonathan.Best@arun.gov.uk>
Sent: 12 May 2026 10:43
To: Hebe Smith <Hebe.Smith@arun.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Application R/65/26/PL - The Gilberts

Hi Hebe,

Mandatory BNG would apply. Even though it is modified grassland it is still habitat.

I advise using the Small Sites Metric and changing the RLB to allow for some habitat creation such as shrub planting, wildflower meadow, or tree planting.

They may want to withdraw the application while the BNG assessment is undertaken.

Regards,

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Subject: Application R/65/26/PL - The Gilberts

Hello Jon,

I’ve just been given application R/65/26/PL which is for new parking spaces for some flats, which will replace several small areas of existing grass. The agent has acknowledged that the area exceeds the 25sqm, but has argued that BNG isn’t required because the areas which will be lost are low value. Could you take a look and confirm if you agree? The agent’s rationale is on the application form, if you want to look at it.

Thanks very much,

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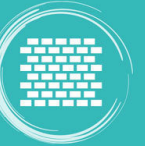
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