

BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN EXEMPTION STATEMENT
53-54 HIGH STREET, CLEATOR MOOR, CA25 5AA



Image 001: Existing shopfront



Images 002 and 003: Existing side and rear elevations

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1.0 Introduction

1.1 On 2nd April 2024 BNG regulations were introduced for all small scale developments. However exemptions are provided for developments that will have a 'de minimis' impact on BNG. These include:-

1. Development which only impacts on onsite habitat with a biodiversity value of zero so no gain would be required if there was no exemption;
2. Developments where there is only a de minimis impact on other onsite habitat to ensure biodiversity net gain is applied proportionally;
3. Minor development in established areas of habitat where the development would have less than 25 square metres (or less than 5 metres for linear habitat) impact on this habitat (unless priority habitat); and
4. Change of uses to development where there is no or only a de minimis impact on onsite habitat.

1.2 It is considered that this planning application is within the scope of the de minimis exemption and the main reasons are:-

- This is predominantly an application for new signage, shopfront, window frames, and replacement air conditioning condenser units, where there is no impact on onsite habitat
- There is no net increase in the footprint of the building and effectively translates to being 25 m² below the threshold of minor development requiring a BNG assessment.

Signed Applicant

Date 15 October 2024