

# Hampton Wick Cricket Club - Pavilion Rebuild

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## Confirmation of BNG Provision

This letter is intended to confirm that the Hampton Wick Cricket Club Pavilion Rebuild Application will result in the delivery of BNG in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework (updated December 2023)<sup>1</sup>, the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames Adopted Local Plan (2018)<sup>2</sup> and the London Biodiversity Action Plan<sup>3</sup>.

LUC was invited by Aros Architects on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024 to provide a fee proposal for ecological support to inform proposals at Hampton Wick Royal Cricket Club, Bushy Park, Park Rd, Hampton Wick, Kingston upon Thames, KT1 4AZ (hereafter referred to as 'the Site').

Ecological input was required to support the Rebuild Pavilion Application and as a result a Site visit was undertaken on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024, which included an Extended Phase 1 Habitat Survey and BNG assessment, all taking into account the proposed plans for the Site.

A Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (PEA) for the Site<sup>4</sup>, which is provided separately, was produced in order to set out key ecological considerations, including any notable and protected species and sites of nature conservation interest, along with opportunities to maximise biodiversity value, and any further survey and/or avoidance and mitigation requirements.

The PEA concluded that, considering the proposed plans for the Site, only negligible areas of hardstanding, such as the road, pavement and area previously occupied by the burnt down cricket pavilion will be affected by the works involving the construction of a new cricket pavilion. Moreover, it was determined that the remaining habitats with low to moderate ecological value on Site will be retained after construction with no loss to biodiversity.

In order to achieve >10% of biodiversity net gain (BNG), the proposals include two areas of biodiverse green roof comprising approximately 12m<sup>2</sup> each, which can be seen on the proposed first floor plan for the new cricket pavilion. These areas of biodiverse green roof will allow the Site to achieve >10% BNG, benefit biodiversity and create more opportunities for

<sup>1</sup> Gov.UK (2023) National Planning Policy Framework. Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities, London.

<sup>2</sup> London Borough of Richmond upon Thames (2018). Local Plan, London, Richmond upon Thames.

<sup>3</sup> City of London (2021) Biodiversity Action Plan 2021-2026.

<sup>4</sup> LUC (2024). Hampton Wick Cricket Club – Pavilion Rebuild Preliminary Ecological Appraisal. LUC, London.

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invertebrates and as a consequence for bats and birds recorded in proximity to the Site. We are confident that more than 10% BNG will be achieved given the DEFRA Statutory Metric calculations completed to date confirm this. LUC is currently finalising the necessary documents so they can be ready for issue.

The complete BNG report and Habitat Management and Monitoring Plan (HMMP) will follow after the submission stage and will be included as part of the Pavilion Rebuild Application. In the meantime, we would be happy to discuss this further with the council in more detail if it would be helpful.

Yours sincerely

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