

BNG Exemption Statement

Site Address: Grey Court School, Ham House, Ham Street, Richmond, Surrey TW10 7HN

Client Name: The Every Child Every Day Academy Trust

Reference: Biodiversity Net Gain

Date: 08/11/2024

Background

The proposals are for the demolition of the existing Ingenium modular building.

The PEA Habitat Map showing the existing habitats on site is shown in Appendix 1.

A proposed site plan is shown in Appendix 2.

Results

There will be no increase in built land.

The grassland surrounding the building likely to be affected by the development (illustrated in Appendix 1) is already assessed to be in poor condition, as described in the Preliminary Ecological Appraisal and Roost Assessment (Arbtech, July 2024).

As such, less than 25m² of vegetated habitat and less than 5 linear metres of linear habitat is being affected to facilitate the proposed development, and therefore the project is exempt from BNG under the *de minimis* exemption (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/biodiversity-net-gain-exempt-developments>).

Any post-development enhancements relating to biodiversity are valuable and encouraged, however it is not necessary for the site to demonstrate a 10% net gain.

Suggested enhancements are to be given in the PEA-PRA report and could be secured by a pre-commencement planning condition.

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Appendix 1: Existing Site Plan



