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To whom it may concern,

Bowersgate School – Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) Exemption

This letter has been prepared to confirm that the proposed development at Bowersgate School is exempt from the statutory Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) requirements introduced under Schedule 7A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended).

The development site extends to approximately 0.0623 hectares.As the site area is less than 0.2 ha, the development qualifies for exemption from the mandatory requirement to deliver a minimum 10% Biodiversity Net Gain, subject to meeting the relevant exemption criteria in force from 6 August 2026.

Accordingly, there is no requirement to demonstrate the delivery of a 10% biodiversity net gain through the statutory BNG process.

Notwithstanding this exemption, ecological surveys have been undertaken to inform the planning application and to identify any ecological constraints and appropriate measures for the protection and enhancement of biodiversity, where applicable.

Should you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

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