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BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN STATEMENT
FOR THE PROPOSED BALL STOP NETS,
AT READ CRICKET AND BOWLING CLUB,
WHALLEY ROAD,
READ,
BB12 7PN

FOR READ CRICKET AND BOWLING CLUB

REF:- 174

Date:- 18th February 2026

SITE DESCRIPTION

The site is located to the South of Whalley Road in the village of Read. The proposals involve the installation of 14 no poles at the boundary of the cricket pitch, so that during the cricket season nets can be hung between the poles preventing balls landing on Whalley Road.

The biodiversity gain planning condition does not apply in relation to this development due to the proposals meeting the first and second conditions of the De Minimis Exemption.

“The first condition is that the development does not impact an onsite priority habitat.”,
there is not an onsite priority habitat, so this condition is met.

“The second condition is that the development impacts—

(a)less than 25 square metres of onsite habitat that has biodiversity value greater than zero; and

(b)less than 5 metres in length of onsite linear habitat.”

In relation to (a), the existing site where the poles will be located is the grass of the cricket pitch, due to the small scale of the proposals less than 25 square meters will be impacted, and therefore this criterion is met.

In relation to (b), there is no linear habitat onsite, therefore this criterion is met.



Image above showing where the ball stop net will be located.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, for the reasons listed above the Biodiversity Net Gain planning condition does not apply to this application.

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