



ECOLOGICAL ADVICE SERVICE

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SUBJECT: Grange Travel Ltd, Gravesend 20250452

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Any additional information, queries or comments on this advice that the applicant or other interested parties may have must be directed in every instance to the planning officer, who will seek input from the EAS where appropriate and necessary.

NO ECOLOGY (NONE NEEDED)

No ecological information has been submitted with this application. As a result of reviewing the data available to us and the information submitted with the planning application, we advise that none will be needed. This is due to the small scale/urban setting of the proposals and limited potential for impacts to protected species. The onsite building is made of corrugated metal which is largely unsuitable for roosting bats.

BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN - DE MINIMIS (APPLICABLE)

Having reviewed the proposals we consider this application to be exempt from mandatory biodiversity net gain, so that mandatory biodiversity net gain of 10% will not apply. We consider this application exempt because:

- The development will not impact any onsite priority habitat; AND
- The development will not impact more than 25 square metres of onsite habitat with a biodiversity value greater than zero; AND
- The development will not impact more than 5 metres of onsite linear habitat.

The site is dominated by hardstanding and it is considered that no habitats with a baseline value higher than zero will be lost to facilitate development.

If you have any queries regarding our comments, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Nancy Inman
Biodiversity Officer

This response was submitted following consideration of the following documents:

- Proposed Block Plan (George Henshaw, April 25)