



DJOGS Limited

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BIODIVERSITY NO NET LOSS STATEMENT

Land rear of Grove House, Burbage, Leicestershire

1. Purpose of this statement

This statement has been prepared by DJOGS Limited to provide written evidence that the submitted landscape and ecological proposals demonstrate no net loss and measurable biodiversity enhancement for the residential development at land rear of Grove House, Burbage. It should be read alongside the submitted Statutory Biodiversity Metric v1.04, Baseline Habitat Map, Post Development Habitat Map, Planting Plan and Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (LEMP).

The statement also confirms how the submitted information responds to the matters raised by the Local Planning Authority ecologist in relation to the LEMP and Biodiversity Net Gain evidence.

2. Planning and biodiversity position

The scheme is not required to deliver mandatory 10% Biodiversity Net Gain. The biodiversity requirement for the scheme is to demonstrate no net loss and to maintain the measurable biodiversity enhancements shown on the approved drawings and secured through the LEMP.

The submitted Statutory Biodiversity Metric v1.04 has therefore been used as a transparent means of demonstrating the no-net-loss position, rather than as evidence of a mandatory 10% statutory Biodiversity Gain requirement.

3. Baseline evidence

The baseline has been assessed using a pre-degradation baseline because the site was found to have been degraded at the January 2026 site visit. The pre-degradation baseline date is identified as 21 April 2020, using Google Earth imagery, previous Phase 1 habitat survey information and the earlier Biodiversity Impact Assessment evidence. This is considered to provide the most robust available evidence of the ecological baseline prior to site degradation.

Baseline feature	Extent / condition
Existing site area	2,730 sq m
Buildings	150 sq m
Hard surface	330 sq m
Bare ground	50 sq m, poor condition
Other neutral grassland	760 sq m, poor condition
Modified grassland	1,440 sq m, poor condition
Native hedge	56 m, poor condition
Non-native hedge	25 m, poor condition
Existing tree	1 no. very large tree, moderate condition

4. Post-development biodiversity proposals

The post-development proposals retain and strengthen boundary vegetation, introduce new native hedgerow planting, provide new tree planting, create other neutral grassland areas and include integrated bird and bat features. These measures are proportionate to the scale and character of the development and are secured through the Planting Plan, Post Development Habitat Map and LEMP.

Post-development feature	Extent / specification
Buildings	580 sq m
Hard surface	1,305 sq m
Vegetated garden	650 sq m
Other neutral grassland	190 sq m, moderate condition, British Flora BFS8 General Meadow Mix
New native hedge	96 m, poor condition target in metric, planted as double staggered native hedge
Existing hedge retained	H2 non-native hedge 11 m; H3/H4 native hedge 55 m
New trees	14 no.
Ecological features	Swift and bat boxes

5. Metric headline results

The submitted Statutory Biodiversity Metric v1.04 demonstrates that the scheme achieves a positive net change in area habitat units and hedgerow units. The metric also confirms that the trading rules are satisfied.

Metric item	Result
On-site baseline area habitat units	0.7228
On-site post-intervention area habitat units	0.7329
Area habitat net change	+0.0101 units / +1.40%
On-site baseline hedgerow units	0.2640
On-site post-intervention hedgerow units	0.4163
Hedgerow net change	+0.1523 units / +57.68%
Trading rules	Satisfied
Overall conclusion	No net loss achieved, with measurable on-site biodiversity enhancement

Note: the metric spreadsheet retains a 10% target setting within the statutory metric workbook; however, the applicable requirement for this scheme is no net loss. The positive percentage changes above demonstrate that no net loss is achieved for both area habitats and hedgerows.

6. Delivery route and long-term management

The biodiversity enhancements will be delivered on site through the approved landscape and ecological proposals. The delivery route includes retained boundary vegetation, 96 m of new native hedge, 14 new trees, 190 sq m of other neutral grassland, vegetated garden and shrub planting, and integrated swift and bat boxes.

The accompanying LEMP secures proportionate establishment, management, monitoring and remedial measures over a 30-year period. The LEMP includes management prescriptions for retained hedges and trees, new native hedgerow, new trees, other neutral grassland, shrub and labiate planting, amenity grass, and integrated swift and bat boxes.

7. Response to LPA ecologist comments / Condition 11

Condition 11 requirement	How it is addressed
A. Details of BNG percentage gain	Metric headline results are provided in this statement and the LEMP: +1.40% area habitat gain and +57.68% hedgerow gain. The scheme is assessed against no net loss, not mandatory 10% BNG.
B. Description and evaluation of features to be created/enhanced	The LEMP describes and evaluates retained boundary vegetation, new native hedge, 14 trees, 190 sq m other neutral grassland, vegetated garden planting, amenity grass, swift boxes and bat boxes.
C. Aims and objectives of management	The LEMP sets out clear objectives for establishment, habitat connectivity, meadow management, tree and hedge survival, ecological features and adaptive management.
D. Appropriate management options	The LEMP identifies appropriate establishment and long-term management options including watering, weed control, gapping-up, cut-and-collect meadow management, hedge cutting and tree inspections.
E. Prescriptions for management actions	The LEMP provides specific prescriptions for each retained, created and enhanced feature.
F. Work schedule	The LEMP includes a phased work schedule for Years 0-2, Years 3-5 and Years 6-30, with 5-yearly review.
G. Species/seed mixes to be planted/sown	The LEMP identifies the principal hedge, tree, shrub, labiate and meadow seed mixes and refers to the approved Planting Plan for the full BFS8 meadow mix and sowing specification.
H. Ongoing monitoring and remedial measures	The LEMP includes monitoring frequency, targets, triggers and remedial actions for hedge, trees, grassland, shrubs, retained vegetation, amenity grass and bird/bat boxes.

8. Conclusion

The submitted Statutory Biodiversity Metric v1.04 demonstrates no net loss, with a positive net change of +1.40% for area habitats and +57.68% for hedgerows. The trading rules are satisfied. The scheme is therefore considered to achieve the required no-net-loss biodiversity position and to provide measurable biodiversity enhancement on site.

The accompanying LEMP provides a proportionate 30-year management and monitoring framework and addresses Condition 11 items A-H. Subject to implementation in accordance with the approved drawings and LEMP, the submitted package provides suitable written evidence for the LPA ecologist that the no-net-loss position will be delivered and maintained.

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