BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN (BNG) EXEMPTION STATEMENT

Proposed Development: Single-storey rear extension measuring approximately 4.0 m × 5.0 m

Site Address: 5 Pascal Crescent, Shinfield, Wokingham, RG2 9FP

Dear Planning Officer,

This statement has been prepared in support of the above planning application for a proposed single-storey rear extension with a footprint of approximately 20 m².

In accordance with the Government's guidance on *Biodiversity Net Gain – Exempt Developments*, published by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra), the proposed development qualifies for an exemption from the mandatory Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) requirements under the householder development exemption.

The proposal comprises an extension to an existing dwelling and is being submitted as a householder planning application. Householder applications are exempt from the mandatory BNG requirements under the applicable legislation and government guidance.

Accordingly, the proposed development is not subject to the mandatory BNG requirement, and a Biodiversity Gain Plan is not required.

This statement is submitted in place of the requested **Biodiversity Survey and Report** to confirm that the proposed development is exempt from the mandatory Biodiversity Net Gain requirements. It is respectfully requested that this statement be accepted by the Local Planning Authority for the purposes of validating the planning application.

Yours faithfully,

Lidia Bernardes

Architect