

BNG STATEMENT

PLANNING SUBMISSION DETAILS	
Date of submission	
Development site address	St Ippolyts Recreation Ground, Orchard Close, Hitchin SG4 7RH
Type of development (Full, Outline or Reserved Matters)	Outline planning application
IS THE APPLICATION SUBJECT TO BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN CONDITION WHEN PERMISSION GRANTED	
Yes	✓
No*	
*If No to the above – please provide the exemption criteria	
DATE OF METRIC COMPLETION AND SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION	
Metric completion date	08.07.24
Application submission date	
Please provide an explanation for use of an earlier dated metric to date of submission	N/A
PRE-APPLICATION ADVICE	
Have you taken any pre-application BNG advice from the Council?	No
Is yes to the above, what was it (i.e. ecological report etc) and what is the pre-app reference number?	N/A
BNG METRIC – Major Applications	
Has the pre-development biodiversity value of the onsite habitat been submitted via the latest <u>Statutory Biodiversity Metric</u> Calculation Tool in Excel format (not pdf or other form)? Note: No other previous versions of the Metric or any other metrics are allowable (e.g. Metric 3.0, 3.1 or 4.0).	N/A – site is considered a minor development.
Has the BNG metric been completed by a competent ecological consultant?	N/A
If yes to the above, please provide details.	
Please confirm whether the biodiversity value of the onsite habitat is lower on the date of	N/A

application when compared with the date of the site survey, because of the carrying out of activities and site degradation.	
BNG METRIC – Minor Applications	
Has the latest <u>Statutory Small Sites Biodiversity Metric</u> (SSM) Calculation Tool been submitted in Excel format (not pdf or other form)? Note: The following criteria need to be met to use the SSM: • where only the habitats available in the SSM are present on-site • where no priority habitats are present on-site • where no statutory protected sites or habitats are present • where no European protected species are present	Yes – Statutory Metric has been used as SSM has technical faults.
PRE-DEVELOPMENT BASELINE	
How many onsite Units are recorded in the Biodiversity Metric pre-development baseline? (Please include the units for habitats, hedgerows and watercourses if applicable or n/a)	Number of Habitat Units: 0.25 Number of Hedgerow Units: N/A Number of Watercourse Units: N/A
Does the site include any Irreplaceable habitats?	No
If 'yes' to the above, please provide a brief description of the irreplaceable habitats and their extent.	N/A
Does the site include any high distinctiveness habitats as measured by the Biodiversity Metric (with a value equal to or higher than six)?	No
BIODIVERSITY GAIN HIERARCHY	
Do you intend to avoid or mitigate adverse effects on onsite habitats with a distinctiveness score of 4 and above?	N/A – there are no habitats on site with a distinctiveness score of ≥ 4 .

Do you intend to avoid or mitigate effects to medium / low distinctiveness habitat onsite?	Yes
Do you intend to enhance the distinctiveness or condition of any onsite habitats?	No
Do you intend to create any new onsite habitats?	Yes
OFFSITE UNIT PROCUREMENT	
Do you intend to procure offsite biodiversity units to achieve 10% BNG for your application?	No
If yes, what percent of units do you anticipate will be provided offsite? (within nearest 5%)	N/A
Do you have a specific Unit provider or scheme in mind?	N/A
If so have you explored the local biodiversity unit providers?	N/A