

Biodiversity Net Gain Report

BNG Exemption

As the proposed shed will replace an existing 9.2 x 9.5m polytunnel structure, biodiversity net gain is unlikely to apply to the proposed development on the basis that no habitat will be lost or degraded by the erection of the new shed.

The images below illustrate the existing footprint of the polytunnel (outlined in red) and the clear absence of vegetation or habitat on the area surrounding the polytunnel. The ground beneath the polytunnel is covered with a semi-permeable membrane and 20mm granite chippings. This layer of membrane and chippings extends beyond the footprint of the polytunnel and forms the main bulk of the land on which the proposed new shed would be erected on.

It is clear from the images below that the proposed development site does not constitute a 'greenfield site'. Moreover, the presence of an existing structure on the proposed development site creates a strong argument that biodiversity net gain does not apply to the proposed development on the basis that no loss of vegetation or habitat will occur when carrying out the building works to erect the new shed.





Trees and Hedgerows

As shown in the aerial image above, there is a line of pittosporum trees which surrounds the yard and existing workshop on three sides. This tree line and hedges will remain untouched during the proposed building works, therefore preserving the natural habitat. Furthermore, every effort will be made to keep the trees and hedges on the premises in a healthy state.