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LLD3492, Paw Paddock, Kingscote, East Grinstead - Biodiversity Gain Statement

A preliminary ecological appraisal was completed by this company on the 13th of March 2025 for the above-mentioned project.

The proposals are for a 10-year leased site on a poor condition modified grassland field. The site lies c. 3km south-west of East Grinstead, and adjacent to the Bluebell Railway.

The site lies within the bug life b-lines, but is not within any other ecological designation, such as a Biodiversity Opportunity Area or Nature Improvement Area and none of the habitats present on site are directly referenced in any local plan or other such document. Habitats on site that are suitable to support invertebrates have therefore been classified as being of medium strategic significance, all other habitats have been classified as being of low strategic significance.

It is understood that the proposal comprises of the installation of fencing for a dog walking area, associated parking area, a pedestrian pathway through the site and, a field shelter. The BNG proposals have suggested enhancements to the low value grassland habitat.

Overall, the habitats on site are of low value, and the proposal itself is minimal in its impact. Additionally, it is highly likely that the habitats on site, once unmanaged, will return to at least the current baseline condition after the lease has expired, potentially remaining in an enhanced condition.

We believe it to be a reasonable request for the BNG monitoring period to match that of the lease at 10 years instead of 30 years. We understand that this is at the discretion of the Local Planning Authority therefore, we provide the endorsement of this BNG proposal only.

Yours sincerely,

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