

Biodiversity Net-Gain Exemption Assessment

Homemoss House, Buxton - RWG, Fascia & Soffit replacement

Proposed Description of Works

AHR Building Consultancy have been issued an instruction by Firstport property Management Services Limited to carry out the replacement of Rainwater goods / Downpipes / Fascias and Soffits for one of their sites - Homemoss House. The scope of the contract comprises the complete renewal of the scheme's existing fascias, soffits, barge boards and rainwater goods for PVC-U

Justifiable Exemption - The Development is below a de minimis threshold.

This exemption applies to development that does not impact a priority habitat and impacts less than 25 square metres (e.g. 5m x 5m) of non-priority onsite habitat. This exemption is designed to ensure that BNG does not apply to either very small-scale development or development which does not impact habitat, through loss or degradation within the red line boundary. (GOV.UK, January 2024.)

Exemption of Biodiversity Net-Gain Requirement

Homemoss house is a property surrounded by garden which may be classed as a Habitats, however the works we are proposing to carry out consist of the replacement of:

- Rainwater goods
- Downpipes
- Fascias
- Soffits

The areas of work range from being seven to ten metres above ground level. These proposed works entail the removal and replacement of items that do not interact the surrounding habitats of the property. The proposed work **does not** impact a single square meter of any habitat(s) on site, justifying its exemption from the requirements for Biodiversity Net Gain.

GOV.UK. (2024.). Biodiversity net gain. [online] Available at: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/biodiversity-net-gain>.