

3 Webber Road, Knowsley Industrial Park, Kirkby Knowsley L33 7SW

Justification For No BioDiversity Net Gain Report/Metric

- The proposed works comprise the replacement of an existing gravel-surfaced area with tarmac within an established hardstanding footprint, with no extension of the surfaced area and no encroachment into vegetated or priority habitat.
- The proposal is a like-for-like replacement of hard surfacing, not development resulting in habitat loss.
- The existing gravel area functions as developed land / hardstanding with negligible ecological value and does not constitute a habitat supporting measurable biodiversity units under the statutory biodiversity metric.
- The proposal does not result in a change in habitat type, habitat extent, or habitat condition and therefore does not decrease biodiversity value.
- No priority habitat, hedgerows, trees, watercourses, or other ecological features are affected.
- As there is no loss of habitat with biodiversity value greater than zero, the development can reasonably be considered exempt from mandatory BNG requirements under the de minimis exemption (Schedule 7A, Town and Country Planning Act 1990, as inserted by the Environment Act 2021), or alternatively does not generate a measurable BNG requirement because baseline biodiversity value is zero