



Application Reference: 4/26/2108/0F1

Proposal: RETENTION OF EXISTING STORE AND INSTALLATION OF NEW GARDEN STORE WITH TRELLIS SCREENING

Site: BECK BOTTOM COMMUNITY GARDEN, RIBTON MOOR SIDE, WHITEHAVEN

The proposed installation of a new garden store and retention of our existing garden store is exempt from Biodiversity Net Gain requirements as it is less than 25 square metres in total. The existing store is 3m x 2.1m and the proposed store is 2m x 2.1m = 10.5 square metres in total.

Although we consider ourselves exempt from BNG regulations, as a community gardening group, biodiversity is central to all of our activities.

Recently, we have established a native hedge adjacent to the existing garden store, featuring species such as dog rose, hawthorn, hazel, crab apple, and dogwood.

One of the primary reasons for additional storage space for gardening equipment is necessary is due to our planned project this spring: the enhancement of a 360 square metres of wildflower meadow.

This will involve planting 1,500 wildflower plugs, including:

- Meadow Buttercup
- Red Campion
- Cowslip
- Cuckooflower
- Black Knapweed
- Yarrow
- Devil's Bit Scabious
- Selfheal
- Meadow Cranesbill
- Ragged Robin
- Foxglove