

Biodiversity Gain Statement

Telecommunications Mast on Moor Road (A5093), Knott End, Millom

Planning Application Ref: TA/2026/171

This statement accompanies a planning application for a telecommunications mast situated within the grass verge adjacent to Moor Road, Millom. The applicant has indicated on the planning application forms that the project is exempt from having to provide Biodiversity Net Gain. The purpose of this Statement is to explain why the applicant takes this view.

The Biodiversity Gain Requirements (Exemptions) Regulations 2024 outline specific categories of development that are exempt from mandatory biodiversity net gain requirements. Paragraph 7.4 sets out the De minimis exemption stating:

“This exemption will ensure the biodiversity net gain planning condition is not applied to development of such a small scale that it would result in negligible or no loss of habitat value. The de minimis threshold applies to the area or length of habitat impacted within a development, not the total development footprint. This is for sites containing impacted habitat of an area below 25m², and 5m for linear habitats such as hedgerows, but does not apply where priority habitat is impacted. If a development contains any priority habitat, the biodiversity net gain planning condition applies for all habitat within the development.”

The application site measures 20m², below the threshold identified above and is therefore exempt from the requirement to address BNG.