

Biodiversity Net Gain Exemption Statement

The De-Minimis Exemption

Property: Land to the East of 4 Derwentwater Close, Millom

Proposal: Ground clearance / restoration as Private Garden and Wildlife Enhancement

1. Site Overview

The garden area was unmanaged waste ground, featuring:

- Overgrown with brambles, nettles and weeds.
- Cluttered with dumped rubbish and debris (building rubble – glass bottles – plastic containers – garden waste – pieces of metal – tents – discarded poo bags – wire netting and barbed wire etc)
- A couple of established Trees which will be retained (to be trimmed – for safety)

2. Works

The piece of ground is now enclosed by a concrete panel fence.

The goal is to tidy and restore the space with the aim of creating a peaceful retreat that supports native wildlife and plant species – and a space for relaxation and reflection

Planned actions include:

- Clearance of invasive vegetation and rubbish
- Preservation of trees for wildlife habitat – nesting and perching
- Addition of bird feeders and nest boxes to encourage more birds
- Installation of water butt to harvest rainwater for the plants, birds etc
- Planting of Wildflowers, shrubs etc to support pollinators, butterflies etc
- Addition of log piles, stones and damp corners to attract insects, hedgehogs and amphibians

3. Conclusion

This private garden restoration represents a de minimis intervention with a clear intent to improve biodiversity in a subtle, sustainable way. By retaining trees, introducing pollinator-friendly plants and creating simple wildlife features, the garden will evolve into a peaceful, ecologically supportive space for personal enjoyment and quiet observation of nature.