



DJOGS Limited

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BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN (BNG) STATEMENT

DJOGS reference: 2477

Planning application: To accompany a new planning application

Site: Land South of Dukes Copse Community, Bramble Lane, Thakeham, West Sussex RH20 3DZ

Applicant: Sam Ripley

Proposal: Two traveller pitches, each accommodating a mobile home and associated day room, with access, parking, hardstanding and landscaping.

Assessment basis

DJOGS Ltd has reviewed the Preliminary Ecological Appraisal prepared by Ecology & Habitat Management Ltd (28 July 2026), the DJOGS Baseline Habitat Map (drawing 2477.1), the Statutory Biodiversity Metric 4.1 (2477SM rev0, completed 7 September 2026) and the revised Landscape and Ecological Enhancement Scheme (drawing 2477.2 rev0, 7 September 2026).

Metric outcome

The metric records 1.0128 baseline area habitat units and 0.9802 post-intervention area habitat units, an onsite change of -0.0326 units (-3.22%). The total required to achieve 10% gain is 1.1141 units, leaving a residual requirement of 0.1339 area habitat units. The separate hedgerow module records 115 m of new native hedgerow in poor condition, creating 0.2220 hedgerow units from a zero baseline; no offsite hedgerow units are required.

Registered gain-site provision

The statutory 10% Biodiversity Net Gain will be achieved through the onsite habitat measures shown on drawing 2477.2 and the purchase and allocation of sufficient offsite area habitat units from a registered biodiversity gain site. The selected allocation will, after application of the spatial risk multiplier, provide at least the outstanding 0.1339 area habitat units and will satisfy the applicable trading requirement associated with the loss of medium-distinctiveness bramble scrub.

The gain-site registration and allocation references, unit type and quantity, spatial relationship and updated metric will be submitted with the Biodiversity Gain Plan. The offsite habitats will be legally secured and managed for at least 30 years through the registered gain-site arrangements. Development will not commence until the Biodiversity Gain Plan has been approved by the local planning authority.

Conclusion

Subject to completion of the registered gain-site allocation and approval of the Biodiversity Gain Plan, the development has a clear and deliverable route to achieve the statutory minimum 10% Biodiversity Net Gain and meet the metric trading rules. This statement confirms the proposed delivery mechanism; evidence of the final allocation will be provided at the Biodiversity Gain Plan stage.

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