

997 – Reading Town Hall – Biodiversity Net Gain Exemption

Reasons For Exemption

This application is exempt from Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) for the following reasons:

- The proposal's external works only involves the repair or replacement of existing roof coverings and roof lanterns to stop rainwater ingress into the Grade II* listed building. The proposed works to the existing building's roof will also improve the building's thermal performance and minimise the ingress of vapour into the building's fabric.
- Any additional works as part of this application are strictly minor internal alterations, which do not include or impact any natural space.
- The proposed site does not include any natural space within its boundary, and therefore has a baseline Biodiversity Unit Value of zero. Additionally, no negative impact on any existing natural space will be caused, as the proposed conservation improvement works relate to the listed building only.
- The proposed conservation improvement works are contained within the original footprint of the existing building, and do not impact any external land.
- The appointed Ecological Consultant has advised that, due to the nature of the existing building, the existing site, and the proposed works, BNG should not apply.