

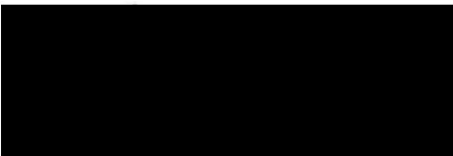
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White House Farm  
Weston Lullingfields  
Shrewsbury  
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The farm buildings at Weston Lullingfields were assessed in October 2023 by Ben Jones, of Greenscape Environmental at the time, details of which were presented in a letter dated 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024 (L23-09 214.2).

The question of Biodiversity Net Gain has since been raised. The site is currently exempt from Statutory Biodiversity Net Gain as it is subject to the de minimis exemption: "*Development that does not impact a priority habitat and impacts less than 25 square metres (e.g. 5m by 5m) of onsite habitat, or 5 metres of linear habitats such as hedgerows.*" A development 'impacts' a habitat if it decreases the biodiversity value. The habitats on site (hardstanding or buildings) all provide zero habitat units, and thus cannot be decreased.

Yours sincerely,



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