

Lincoln Crematorium



Lincolnshire
Wildlife Trust

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RESPONSE TO 2025/0160/RG3: Continued use of a temporary chapel with associated facilities, vehicular and pedestrian access - City Crematorium, Washingborough Road, Lincoln.

Dear Mr K Manning,

Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust wishes to make the following comments regarding the above Planning Application.

The development is stated to be exempt from the mandatory Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) required by law due to it being subject to the de minimis exemption. The application form states: "Development is pre-existing - no habitat will be affected by the development". Considering that trees have been removed/are proposed to be removed, it is fair to say that the habitat provided by these trees will be affected (removed).

However, as the development in question was completed by 01/04/2021, mandatory BNG does not apply as legislation did not come into effect until 2024. Although we would hope that developers would seek to increase biodiversity regardless of legislation, there is no legal obligation to do so in this case due to the date of works. Therefore, we have no substantive comments to make regarding this application.

The Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust hopes these comments are helpful at this stage and welcomes further discussion relating to the points covered. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries or need clarification regarding the comments provided.

Yours sincerely,