

Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) Statement

Wiltshire Throwback Festival 2026

Site: Oakfields Rugby & Football Grounds, Melksham

Applicant: Jarboom Ltd

Proposal: Wiltshire Throwback Festival 2026 (Temporary Event)

Application Reference: PL/2026/01809

1. Overview

This statement has been prepared to address Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) requirements in relation to the above application.

The proposed development relates to the operation of a **temporary outdoor event** (Wiltshire Throwback Festival 2026), taking place over a limited duration, with associated short-term build and breakdown periods.

2. Nature of Development

The event comprises:

- Temporary infrastructure (staging, fencing, welfare units, concessions)
- Short-term use of existing grassed areas for event and parking purposes
- No permanent structures or alterations to the land
- No excavation, groundworks, or changes to site levels
- No removal of vegetation, trees, or habitats

All infrastructure will be installed temporarily and removed following the event.

3. Biodiversity Impact

The site consists of established sports pitches and managed grassland which are routinely used and maintained for recreational purposes.

The proposed event will:

- Not result in any permanent loss of habitat
- Not alter the ecological value of the site
- Not involve any works that would trigger measurable biodiversity loss

Any minor short-term disturbance during the event period will be temporary in nature and fully reversible.

4. Reinstatement

Following the event, the site will be returned to its pre-event condition.

This includes:

- Removal of all temporary infrastructure
 - Clearance of all materials and waste
 - Reinstatement of any areas subject to wear through standard ground maintenance practices
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5. Conclusion

Given the temporary nature of the development and the absence of any permanent impact on habitats or ecological features, it is considered that:

The proposal does not give rise to any measurable biodiversity loss and therefore does not require a Biodiversity Net Gain calculation.

Accordingly, the BNG requirement is considered **not applicable in this instance.**

Submitted on behalf of Jarboom Ltd

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