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New Building Solar - BNG Statement

Planning Application for: **Solar farm with ancillary infrastructure, security fence, access, landscaping and designed to allow continued agriculture at New Buildings Farm Sandon Road, Sharpley Heath Stone**

Local Planning Authority: **Staffordshire Moorlands District Council**

Confirmation of BNG Requirement

This application is **subject to the Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) requirement** under the Environment Act 2021. A minimum 10% net gain in biodiversity value will be demonstrated using the DEFRA Biodiversity Metric.

Pre-Development Biodiversity Value

- **Habitat survey date:** 26/01/2023
 - **Biodiversity metric used:** Statutory Metric Version 1.0.3 released 23rd July 2024
 - **Baseline habitat units (pre-development):** 204.46
 - **Irreplaceable habitat present?:** No
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Completed Metric Calculation

A completed **DEFRA Statutory Metric (document reference MAN.3059.002.EC.R.002)** has been prepared and is submitted alongside this statement. It includes:

- Baseline habitat data
 - Proposed habitat creation/enhancement
 - Post-development unit totals
 - Net gain percentage achieved
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Statement on Habitat Degradation

No activities have been carried out on-site that would result in the degradation of biodiversity since 30 January 2020 (as per statutory requirements).

Irreplaceable Habitat

No irreplaceable habitats are present on the site.

Existing Habitat Plan(s)

Submitted with this application is a **UK Habitat Classification Map (Drawing Ref: MAN.3059.002.EC.D.001)** that meets the following:

- Drawn to scale: 1:10,000@A3
- Shows: Existing habitats present on the date of baseline survey
- Includes: Direction of North
- Identifies: Any irreplaceable habitat. In this instance there is none within the site boundary, though Ancient Woodland outside boundary is labelled
- Plan reference: UK Habitat Classification Map (Drawing Ref: MAN.3059.002.EC.D.001)

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