

DE- Minimis Exemption:-

- Admittedly, the area of the site @ 37ha? exceeds the $5m \times 5m = 25m^2$ - Minor development, however:-
- The site is a former area of pre-fab type garage structures, ie a 'garage colony' in the middle of a large urban residential site primarily all social housing but now a mixture of private/social housing.
- As pointed out in both the planning and D+A statement, the land has been used as residential / recreational storage for 30+ years and the several containers and shed structures have occupied the spaces for the majority of this time on site.
- Apart from the usual urban wildlife of mice, Rats and potentially urban foxes etc there is no evidence of on-site habitat / wildlife - there are no areas of hedgerows, bushes, shrubs, trees. The site is bounded by wooden concrete fence panels and there are only small areas of low level grass areas to the periphery of the site. re: photos ① - ⑥ And there are no waterways, water courses such as brooks, rivers, canals etc passing through and / or adjacent to this site.
- As explained in both the planning application and the accompanying statements. This application is for the retrospective planning consent to continue to use the site / changed use from open air residential storage ONLY... There is no proposal for substantive building works.
- The use / proposal Does Not impact on any on-site priority habitat And there are NO other on-site habitats.