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Dear ██████████

Re: Report of the initial ecological works conducted at Woolley Colliery

All tasks undertaken to deliver the criteria set out in the Biodiversity Management Plan (BMP) for the Woolley Colliery Road, Darton site that had the potential to affect wildlife present on site were supervised by a trained Ecological Clerk of Works (ECOW). Tasks were undertaken following best practice and the Keystone Environmental methodology for conducting these works.

Common lizard ECOW (Weeks: 26-29 May & 1-5 June 2026):

- An ECOW was present for all movement of potential common lizard habitat during this period (artificial boulder field and tree stumps).
- Checks were conducted prior to any materials being moved and at regular intervals during. None of the target species or other notable species were seen during these movements.
- Materials were moved immediately up to their desired final location where possible. When this was not possible, materials were stockpiled, spread out to reduce chance of creating secondary habitat.
- These works were carried out throughout the first 2 weeks at different times.

Kidney vetch translocation (27 May, 1 June & 3 June 2026):

- Kidney vetch plants were moved by a competent ECOW. This was done in three stages in the first two weeks. The kidney vetch was moved to a receptor site behind the boulder field and was replanted into the boulder field to best recreate its original habitat.
- In total, ~ 170 total clumps containing multiple individual plants were moved. Since translocation ~ 10 were noted to have gone into flower indicating a successful translocation.



Open mosaic (weeks: 1-5 June & 8-12 June 2026)

- Minimal birch scrub clearance was undertaken in areas marked for hummock creation. Nesting bird checks were carried out immediately before and during this creation activity using a combination of chainsaws and a Robotic Mower to sensitively clear these areas. The mulching head of the robotic mower was set to 150mm to avoid scalping the ground and impacting any concealed ground dwelling wildlife.
- Nesting bird checks were conducted by a competent ECOW, no nesting birds were found in the habitat creation works areas and sensitive vegetation works required to meet the BMP criteria proceeded.
- Hummocks, scrapes and invertebrate banks were created to the specifications outlined in the BMP methodology in the areas marked on the plans.
- Surveys of the grassland marked for soil depositions to expand on the open mosaic habitat showed high levels of wildflower diversity. This included notable species, such as the northern marsh orchid, bee orchid and common spotted orchid. Instead, areas of brambles on the edge of the grassland were chosen for these activities after ECoW checks determined low diversity and no nesting birds. Soil was used here to introduce some bare earth to the habitat, while minimising any destruction caused by plant tracking.

Yours sincerely

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