

Site Inspection Report

Woolley Colliery Road



Site Inspection reference	SI-8088-01	Date of inspection	11/05/2026 12/06/2026
Inspected by	Tom Gibbins, Field Ecologist		
Task description	An Ecological Clerk of Work (ECoW) visited Site on 11th and 12th May 2026 to carry out commencement checks for nesting birds and badger and provide a tool-box talk to vegetation clearance contractors prior to works commencing. The TBT covered the details set out in the CEMP-B (Brooks Report ref. ER-8088-07, May 2026). <u>Nesting Bird Survey (Control 2 & 3)</u> A nesting bird survey was undertaken by a suitably trained and experienced ecologist, to determine whether the proposed vegetation clearance works risk impacting upon nesting birds and committing offences under the Wildlife and Countryside Act (1981). The survey involved periods of prolonged observation to watch for bird nesting behaviour, followed up by direct observations of accessible areas to attempt to physically identify nests. <u>Directional clearance (Control 6)</u> Advice was given to vegetation clearance contractors of the methodology to adopt when cutting the grassland. <u>Pre-start Badger Check (Control 7)</u> A pre-start badger check was undertaken by a suitably trained and experienced Ecologist, to determine whether the proposed vegetation clearance works risk impacting upon badger setts and committing offences under the Protection of Badgers Act (1992).		
Legislation	Under the Wildlife and Countryside Act (1981) (Part 1 - Protection of Birds), it is an offence for anyone to intentionally (a) kill, injure or take any wild bird; <u>(b) take, damage or destroy the nest of any wild bird while that nest is in use or being built;</u> or (c) take or destroy an egg of any wild bird. Under the Protection of Badgers Act (1992) it is illegal to kill, injure or take badgers or to interfere with a badger sett, interfering with badger setts can mean physically tampering with them or disturbing badgers while in their sett.		
Limitations	The nesting bird survey was carried out within 3 hours of dawn when birds are most active and during suitable weather conditions.		
Survey Area	The survey encompassed the areas of vegetation scheduled for clearance within the northern phase of development, marked yellow on the plan overleaf.		



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**Figure 1 -
Survey Area**

Yellow area =
survey extent.

Black line =
Line of tree
protection
fencing to be
installed



Results

Nesting birds

Survey commenced at approximately 07:00AM, with prolonged periods of observation finding moderate levels of activity across the Site.

The following species were recorded on, or foraging over, the red line boundary; blue tit, willow warbler, wren, dunnock and magpie.

Despite moderate levels of bird activity being recorded, and several old nests disused nests being identified, all of the sections of vegetation scheduled for removal were clear of active nests. These areas can be cleared up to 48-72hr following this nesting bird check, after which time updating checks are recommended due to the risk of new nests being established.

Badgers

No evidence of badger activity as noted within the red line boundary of the northern phase.

Reptiles

The methodology for directional clearance (progressing east to west), over two phases (first cut at 200mm and second cut to ground level) was discussed with

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	contractors and site. This was agreed with all parties and will be undertaken as specified in the CEMP.
Further actions	Areas marked highlighted in Figure 1 should be cleared up to 48-72hr following this nesting bird check. If vegetation is not cleared within this window, an updating survey should be completed to check for any new nests. Vegetation will be cleared in a directional manner and in two phases, as agreed on Site.



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