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Subject: DOC/2022/0065 Land Adjacent To The Haulage Yard
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Dear Sir / Madam,

We have reviewed the Badger Survey (Rachel Hacking Ecology, 2022) submitted to discharge Condition 16 of HPK/2020/0201. There appear to be several typos / cut and paste errors in the report, including the 2021 date of the update survey in Section 2.3, reference to a Brook and agricultural land in section 2.4, and reference to a newly created sett in Section 4.2. These should be reviewed and amended to eliminate any points of confusion.

The mammal holes previously recorded on the spoil mound were not found during the 2022 survey, however it is not clear if this is because of the continuous scrub and tall ruderal vegetation potentially obscuring the holes. A mammal path was recorded at the boundary, crossing the boundary wall, indicating that badgers may still move across the site and given the dense vegetation, the presence of hidden holes cannot be ruled out.

The report recommends that the vegetation is cleared carefully to check for holes, however this measure is not included within the Reasonable Avoidance Measures set out in Section 4.2 and there is no instruction detailing destruction of the mound under supervision, as required in the condition wording.

The RAMS should be revised to provide clear instruction to contractors and address all points in the condition wording, prior to discharge of this condition.

With best regards,

Libby.

Please note, I do not work Fridays.

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