Non-Statutory Designated Sites within 2 km



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TNEI on behalf of Field Legend

Survey Area

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Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)

Data Sources: Sites of Special Scientific Interest Local Nature Reserves

Notes:

Symbology similar to that used within the MAGIC Application

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APPENDICES



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APPENDIX B: TARGET NOTES & SURVEY DATA

Target Notes

Target Note	Description	Photographic Plates
TN1	Burn with heavily vegetated banks British National Grid (m): 262961E, 868748N WGS84 (Lat/Long): 57.6876°N, -4.3003°E	
TN2	g3c – Other neutral grassland Species List:	

Common Name	Latin Name	DAFOR
Creeping thistle	Cirsium arvense	2 - Abundant
Hogweed	Heracleum sphondylium	2 - Abundant
Yorkshire-fog	Holcus lanatus	2 - Abundant
Broad-leaved Dock	Rumex obtusifolius	3 - Frequent
Raspberry	Rubus idaeus	3 - Frequent
Broom	Cytisus scoparius	4 - Occasional
Common nettle	Urtica dioica	4 - Occasional
Creeping buttercup	Ranunculus repens	4 - Occasional
Gorse	Ulex europaeus	4 - Occasional
Meadowsweet	Filipendula ulmaria	4 - Occasional
Rosebay willowherb	Chamaenerion angustifolium	4 - Occasional
Tufted vetch	Vicia cracca	4 - Occasional
Broad-leaved willowherb	Epilobium montanum	5 - Rare
Lesser stitchwort	Stellaria graminea	5 - Rare
Meadow vetchling	Lathyrus pratensis	5 - Rare
White clover	Trifolium repens	5 - Rare





British National Grid (m): 262952E, 868758N

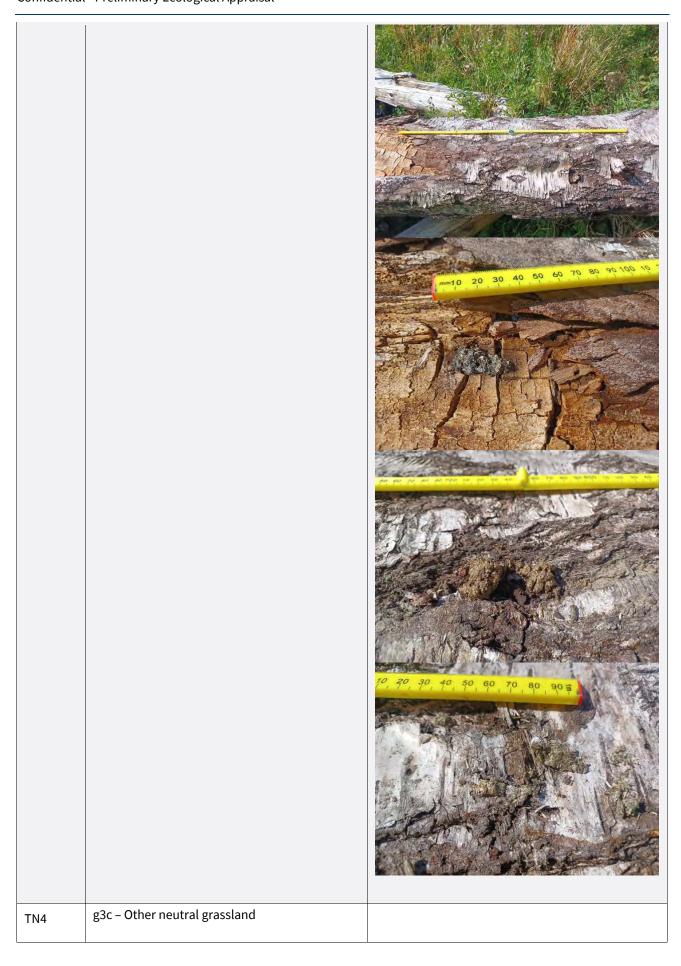
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Scat typical of pine marten

British National Grid (m): 262954E, 868735N

WGS84 (Lat/Long): 57.6875°N, -4.3004°E

TN3



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Species List:				
Common Name	Latin Name	DAFOR		
Broad-leaved Dock	Rumex obtusifolius	3 - Frequent		
Yorkshire-fog	Holcus lanatus	3 - Frequent		
Broom	Cytisus scoparius	4 - Occasional		
Common nettle	Urtica dioica	4 - Occasional		
Hogweed	Heracleum sphondylium	4 - Occasional		
Soft rush	Juncus effusus	4 - Occasional		
Tufted vetch	Vicia cracca	4 - Occasional		
Creeping bent	Agrostis stolonifera	5 - Rare		
Perennial rye- grass	Lolium perenne	5 - Rare		
Red campion	Silene dioica	5 - Rare		
Tufted hair- grass	Deschampsia cespitosa	5 - Rare		

British National Grid (m): 262946E, 868749N **WGS84 (Lat/Long):** 57.6876°N, -4.3005°E



TN5

g3a – Lowland meadows

Common Name	Latin Name	DAFOR
Crested dog's tail	Cynosurus cristatus	2 - Abundant
Yorkshire-fog	Holcus lanatus	2 - Abundant
Creeping bent	Agrostis stolonifera	3 - Frequent



Creeping thistle	Cirsium arvense	4 - Occasional
Broad-leaved Dock	Rumex obtusifolius	5 - Rare
Common ragwort	Jacobaea vulgaris	5 - Rare
Meadow vetchling	Lathyrus pratensis	5 - Rare
Tufted hair- grass	Deschampsia cespitosa	5 - Rare
White clover	Trifolium repens	5 - Rare

British National Grid (m): 262946E, 868752N **WGS84 (Lat/Long):** 57.6876°N, -4.3005°E



TN6

Thistle-dominated scrub

Common Name	Latin Name	DAFOR
Bramble	Rubus fruticosus agg.	4 - Occasional
Broad-leaved Dock	Rumex obtusifolius	4 - Occasional
Common nettle	Urtica dioica	4 - Occasional
Hogweed	Heracleum sphondylium	4 - Occasional
Rosebay willowherb	Chamaenerion angustifolium	4 - Occasional
Broad-leaved willowherb	Epilobium montanum	5 - Rare
Common sorrel	Rumex acetosa	5 - Rare



Creeping buttercup	Ranunculus repens	5 - Rare
Germander speedwell	Veronica chamaedrys	5 - Rare
Meadow vetchling	Lathyrus pratensis	5 - Rare
Wild angelica	Angelica sylvestris	5 - Rare

British National Grid (m): 262943E, 868760N **WGS84 (Lat/Long):** 57.6877°N, -4.3006°E



TN7

f2c – Upland flushes fens and swamps

Common Name	Latin Name	DAFOR
Meadowsweet	Filipendula ulmaria	
Horsetail	Equisetum sp.	3 - Frequent
Marsh pennywort	Hydrocotyle vulgaris	3 - Frequent



Soft rush	Juncus effusus	3 - Frequent
Duckweed	Lemna minor	4 - Occasional
Broad-leaved Dock	Rumex obtusifolius	5 - Rare
Broad-leaved willowherb	Epilobium montanum	5 - Rare
Marsh Woundwort	Stachys palustris	5 - Rare
Meadow buttercup	Ranunculus acris	5 - Rare
Meadowsweet	Filipendula ulmaria	5 - Rare
Bird's-foot	Ornithopus perpusillus	7 - Locally frequent

British National Grid (m): 262893E, 868754N **WGS84 (Lat/Long):** 57.6876°N, -4.3014°E



TN8

g3c – Other neutral grassland

Species List:

Species List:				
Common Name	Latin Name	DAFOR		
Broad-leaved Dock	Rumex obtusifolius	3 - Frequent		
Yorkshire-fog	Holcus lanatus	3 - Frequent		
Creeping buttercup	Ranunculus repens	4 - Occasional		
Creeping thistle	Cirsium arvense	4 - Occasional		
Soft rush	Juncus effusus	4 - Occasional		
White clover	Trifolium repens	4 - Occasional		
Common mouse-ear	Cerastium fontanum	5 - Rare		

British National Grid (m): 262957E, 868754N **WGS84 (Lat/Long):** 57.6877°N, -4.3004°E



TN9

g3c – Other neutral grassland

Species List:

Common Name	Latin Name	DAFOR
Yorkshire-fog	Holcus lanatus	2 - Abundant
Creeping bent	Agrostis stolonifera	3 - Frequent
Crested dog's tail	Cynosurus cristatus	3 - Frequent
Creeping thistle	Cirsium arvense	4 - Occasional
Soft rush	Juncus effusus	4 - Occasional
Broad-leaved Dock	Rumex obtusifolius	5 - Rare
White clover	Trifolium repens	5 - Rare

British National Grid (m): 262976E, 868790N **WGS84 (Lat/Long):** 57.688°N, -4.3°E



TN10

f2c – Upland flushes fens and swamps

Common Name	Latin Name	DAFOR
Hogweed	Heracleum sphondylium	2 - Abundant
Yorkshire-fog	Holcus lanatus	2 - Abundant
Marsh pennywort	Hydrocotyle vulgaris	3 - Frequent



Meadowsweet	Filipendula ulmaria	3 - Frequent
Thistle	Cirsium sp.	4 - Occasional
Horsetail	Equisetum sp.	4 - Occasional
Red campion	Silene dioica	4 - Occasional

British National Grid (m): 262922E, 868808N **WGS84 (Lat/Long):** 57.6881°N, -4.301°E



TN11

w1g – Other broadleaved woodland (Line)

British National Grid (m): 262977E, 868765N

WGS84 (Lat/Long): 57.6878°N, -4.3°E



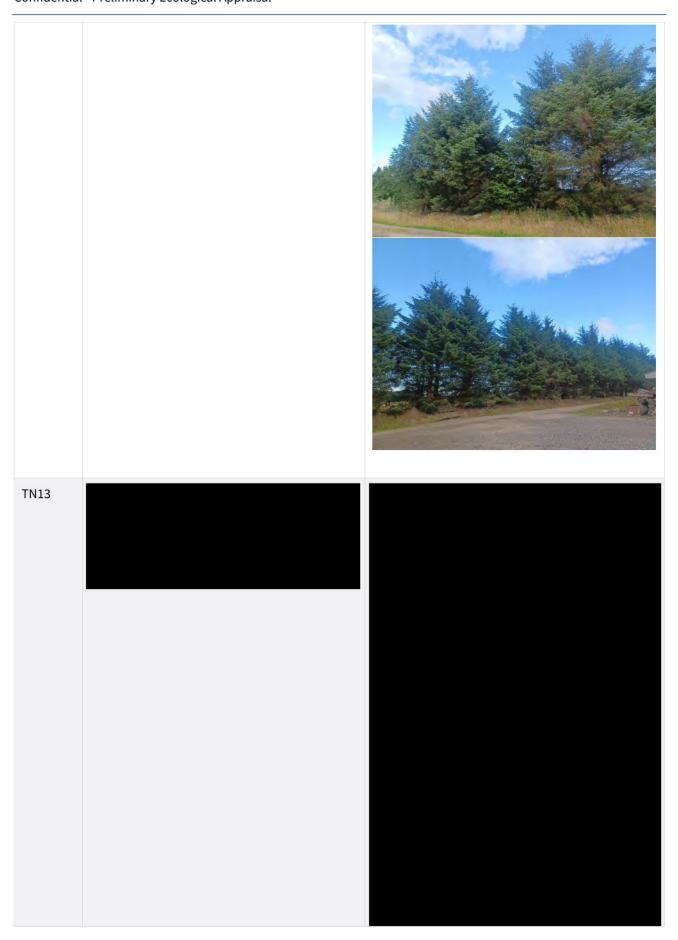
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Line of coniferous trees - Sitka with one cypress w2c – Other coniferous woodland

British National Grid (m): 262966E, 868725N

WGS84 (Lat/Long): 57.6874°N, -4.3002°E







Hardstanding – bare ground into concrete to south

u1b – Developed land, sealed surface

British National Grid (m): 263050E, 868616N **WGS84 (Lat/Long):** 57.6865°N, -4.2987°E





TN15 w1g – Other broadleaved woodland (Line)

British National Grid (m): 262906E, 868694N

WGS84 (Lat/Long): 57.6871°N, -4.3012°E





Dense broom and gorse scrub h3h – Mixed scrub

Common Name	Latin Name	DAFOR
Broom	Cytisus scoparius	1 - Dominant
Gorse	Ulex europaeus	2 - Abundant
Yorkshire-fog	Holcus lanatus	3 - Frequent



Bramble	Rubus fruticosus agg.	4 - Occasional
Broad-leaved Dock	Rumex obtusifolius	4 - Occasional
False oat- grass	Arrhenatherum elatius	4 - Occasional
Tufted hair- grass	Deschampsia cespitosa	4 - Occasional
Tufted vetch	Vicia cracca	4 - Occasional
Common knapweed	Centaurea nigra	5 - Rare
Common nettle	Urtica dioica	5 - Rare
Lesser stitchwort	Stellaria graminea	5 - Rare
Red campion	Silene dioica	5 - Rare

British National Grid (m): 262759E, 868600N **WGS84 (Lat/Long):** 57.6862°N, -4.3036°E



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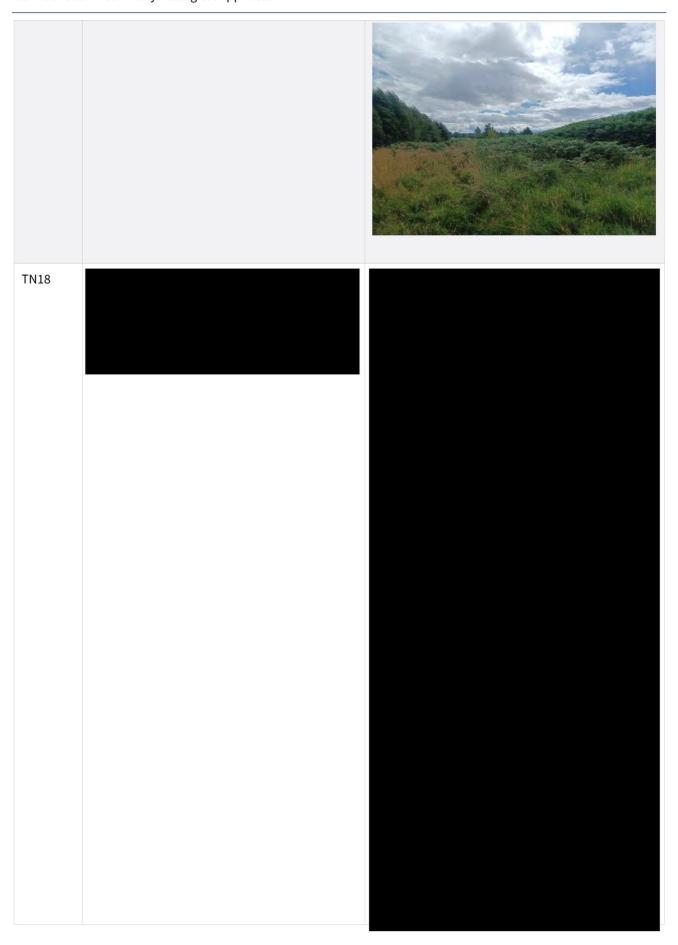
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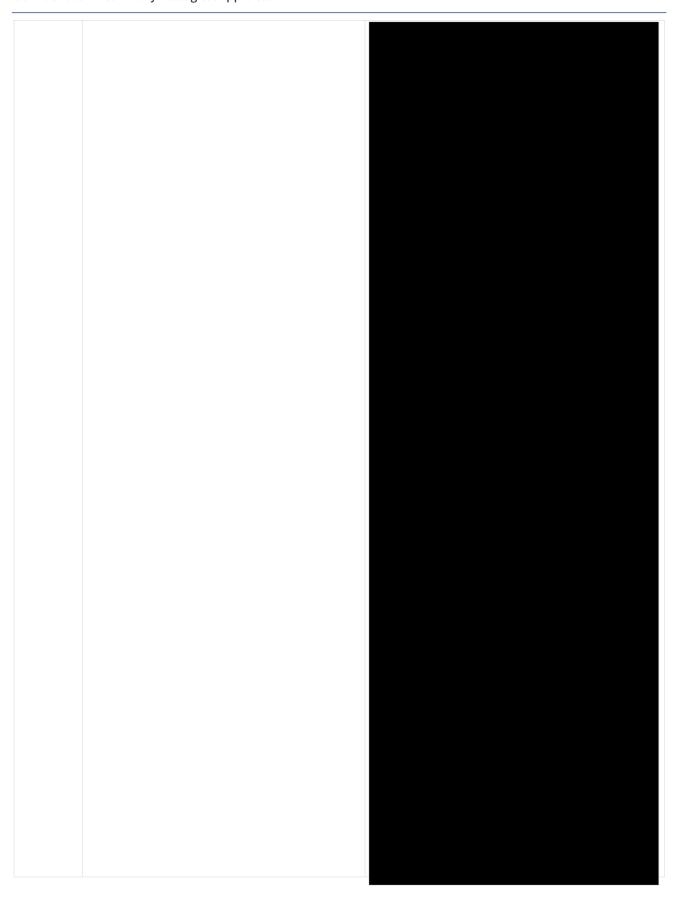
Species List:

Common Name	Latin Name	DAFOR
Bracken	Pteridium aquilinum	1 - Dominant
Cleavers	Galium aparine	3 - Frequent
Common nettle	Urtica dioica	3 - Frequent

British National Grid (m): 262848E, 868836N **WGS84 (Lat/Long):** 57.6884°N, -4.3022°E









g3c – Other neutral grassland Damp in places

Species List:

Common Name	Latin Name	DAFOR
Yorkshire-fog	Holcus lanatus	2 - Abundant
Creeping buttercup	Ranunculus repens	3 - Frequent
Soft rush	Juncus effusus	3 - Frequent
Common bent	Agrostis capillaris	4 - Occasional
Common ragwort	Jacobaea vulgaris	4 - Occasional
Creeping thistle	Cirsium arvense	4 - Occasional
White clover	Trifolium repens	4 - Occasional
Selfheal	Prunella vulgaris	5 - Rare
Tufted hair- grass	Deschampsia cespitosa	6 - Locally abundant
Broad-leaved Dock	Rumex obtusifolius	7 - Locally frequent

British National Grid (m): 262995E, 868949N **WGS84 (Lat/Long):** 57.6894°N, -4.2998°E





Large grass-covered mound Mosses throughout g3c – Other neutral grassland

Species List:

Common Name	Latin Name	DAFOR
Common bent	Agrostis capillaris	2 - Abundant
Creeping bent	Agrostis stolonifera	2 - Abundant
Yorkshire-fog	Holcus lanatus	2 - Abundant
Crested dog's tail	Cynosurus cristatus	4 - Occasional
Germander speedwell	Veronica chamaedrys	4 - Occasional
Perennial rye- grass	Lolium perenne	4 - Occasional
Tufted hair- grass	Deschampsia cespitosa	4 - Occasional
Common ragwort	Jacobaea vulgaris	7 - Locally frequent

British National Grid (m): 262984E, 868996N

WGS84 (Lat/Long): 57.6898°N, -4.3°E



TN21

Dense scrub at base of mound h3d – Bramble

Common Name	Latin Name	DAFOR
Bramble	Rubus fruticosus agg.	1 - Dominant
Common nettle	Urtica dioica	2 - Abundant
Raspberry	Rubus idaeus	2 - Abundant



Cleavers	Galium aparine	4 - Occasional
Creeping thistle	Cirsium arvense	4 - Occasional

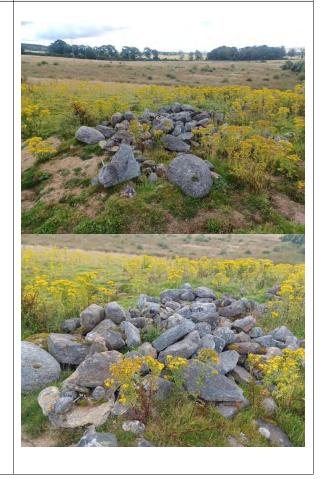
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TN22

Pile of rocks

British National Grid (m): 263012E, 869008N **WGS84 (Lat/Long):** 57.69°N, -4.2996°E



w1g – Other broadleaved woodland Juncus-dominated understory with creeping buttercup, broadleaved dock, creeping thistle, and raspberry.

British National Grid (m): 263042E, 868955N **WGS84 (Lat/Long):** 57.6895°N, -4.299°E





TN24

Line of young to semi-mature broadleaved trees w1g – Other broadleaved woodland (Line)

British National Grid (m): 263151E, 868861N **WGS84 (Lat/Long):** 57.6887°N, -4.2972°E





g3c – Other neutral grassland

Species List:

Common Name	Latin Name	DAFOR
Soft rush	Juncus effusus	2 - Abundant
Yorkshire-fog	Holcus lanatus	2 - Abundant
Creeping buttercup	Ranunculus repens	3 - Frequent
Common hogweed	Heracleum sphondylium	4 - Occasional
Common sorrel	Rumex acetosa	4 - Occasional
Creeping thistle	Cirsium arvense	4 - Occasional
Nettle	Urtica dioica	4 - Occasional
Lesser knapweed	Centaurea nigra	5 - Rare

British National Grid (m): 263139E, 869024N **WGS84 (Lat/Long):** 57.6901°N, -4.2975°E





g3c – Other neutral grassland with scattered silver birch, occasional scattered alder

Species List:

Common Name	Latin Name	DAFOR
Yorkshire-fog	Holcus lanatus	2 - Abundant
Common bent	Agrostis capillaris	3 - Frequent
Crested dog's- tail	Cynosurus cristatus	3 - Frequent
Creeping buttercup	Ranunculus repens	3 - Frequent
Common hogweed	Heracleum sphondylium	4 - Occasional
Common sorrel	Rumex acetosa	4 - Occasional
Creeping thistle	Cirsium arvense	4 - Occasional
Nettle	Urtica dioica	4 - Occasional
Soft rush	Juncus effusus	4 - Occasional
Common ragwort	Jacobaea vulgaris	5 - Rare

British National Grid (m): 262811E, 868904N **WGS84 (Lat/Long):** 57.689°N, -4.3029°E



g1c - Bracken edge, broadleaved woodland begins

British National Grid (m): 262789E, 868840N

WGS84 (Lat/Long): 57.6884°N, -4.3032°E



TN28

Young/scrubby birch woodland w1g – Other broadleaved woodland

British National Grid (m): 262826E, 868909N

WGS84 (Lat/Long): 57.689°N, -4.3026°E





TN29 Patches of dense gorse scrub h3h – Mixed scrub

British National Grid (m): 262868E, 869026N **WGS84 (Lat/Long):** 57.6901°N, -4.302°E





Standing water and stream, fed by ditch to east r1f6 – Other temporary ponds and scrapes

British National Grid (m): 262973E, 869106N **WGS84 (Lat/Long):** 57.6908°N, -4.3003°E



g3c – Other neutral grassland (as previous) **British National Grid (m):** 263025E, 869131N **WGS84 (Lat/Long):** 57.6911°N, -4.2994°E



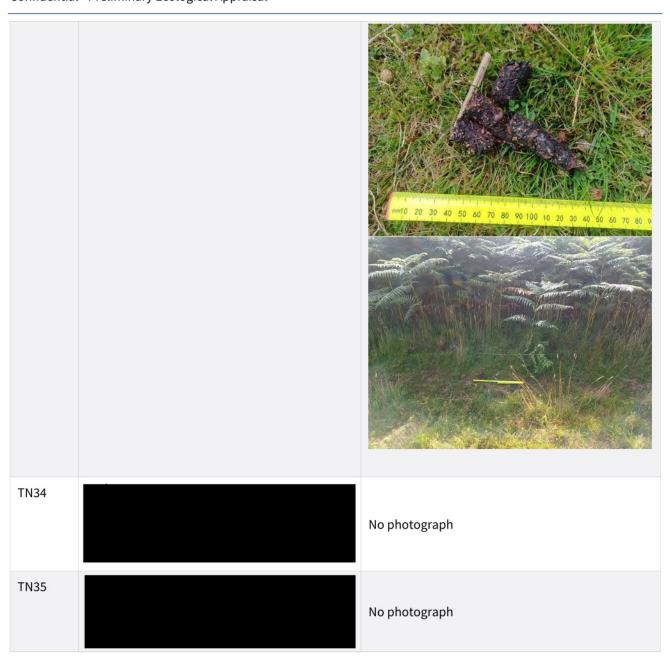
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Line of dense gorse and broom scrub h3h – Mixed scrub

British National Grid (m): 263029E, 869141N **WGS84 (Lat/Long):** 57.6912°N, -4.2994°E







APPENDIX C: KEY LEGISLATION

Habitats Directive

The Council Directive 92/43/EEC on the Conservation of Natural Habitats and of Wild Fauna and Flora, or the 'Habitats Directive', is a European Union directive adopted in 1992 in response to the Bern Convention. Its aims are to protect approximately 220 habitats and 1,000 species listed in its several Annexes.

In the UK, the Habitats Directive is transposed into national law via the Conservation (Natural Habitats, &c) Regulations 1994 (as amended) in Scotland, via the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended) in England and Wales, and via the Conservation (Natural Habitats, etc.) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995 (as amended) in Northern Ireland.

Birds Directive

The EC Directive on the Conservation of Wild Birds (791409/EEC) or 'Birds Directive' was introduced to achieve favourable conservation status of all wild bird species across their distribution range. In this context, the most important provision is the identification and classification of Special Protection Areas (SPAs) for rare or vulnerable species listed in Annex 1 of the Directive, as well as for all regularly occurring migratory species, paying particular attention to the protection of wetlands of international importance.

The Conservation (Natural Habitats etc.) Regulations 1994

Within Scotland, the primary legislation in relation to Habitats Regulations remains the 1994 statutory instrument.

All species protected under this legislation are European Protected Species and licensing is required for the undertaking of certain activities affecting these species. The protection is applied to all stages of the animals' life.

Under Regulations 39 of the Habitats Regulations it is unlawful to deliberately or recklessly:

- capture, injure or kill such an animal;
- harass an animal or group of animals;
- disturb an animal while it is occupying a structure or place used for shelter or protection;
- disturb an animal while it is rearing or otherwise caring for its young;
- obstruct access to a breeding site or resting place, or otherwise deny an animal use of a breeding site or resting place;
- disturb an animal in a manner or in circumstances likely to significantly affect the local distribution or abundance of the species;
- disturb an animal in a manner or in circumstances likely to impair its ability to survive, breed or reproduce, or rear or otherwise care
 for its young:
- disturb an animal while it is migrating or hibernating;
- take or destroy its eggs (in Scotland, this is relevant only to the great crested newt and natterjack toad); and
- disturb any cetacean (dolphin, porpoise, or whale).

If impacts to protected species are considered unavoidable then the works may need to be carried out under a site-specific licence from NatureScot. Certain displacement operations may be carried out under a Class licence by a registered person or a site-specific licence.

Species listed on Annex II of the Habitats Regulations are attributed further protection which means that Special Areas of Conservation (SAC) may be designated to internationally important sites for these species.

Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended)

This is the principal mechanism for the legislative protection of wildlife in the UK. This legislation is the chief means by which the 'Bern Convention' and the Birds Directive are implemented in the UK. Since it was first introduced, the Act has been amended several times.

The Act makes it an offence to (with exception to species listed in Schedule 2) intentionally:

- kill, injure, or take any wild bird;
- take, damage or destroy the nest of any wild bird while that nest is in use; or
- take or destroy an egg of any wild bird.

Or to intentionally do the following to a wild bird listed in Schedule 1:

- disturbs any wild bird while it is building a nest or is in, on or near a nest containing eggs or young; or
- disturbs dependent young of such a bird.

In addition, the Act makes it an offence (subject to exceptions) to:

- intentionally or recklessly kill, injure or take any wild animal listed on Schedule 5;
- interfere with places used for shelter or protection, or intentionally disturbing animals occupying such places; and
- The Act also prohibits certain methods of killing, injuring, or taking wild animals.

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Finally, the Act also makes it an offence (subject to exceptions) to: intentionally pick, uproot or destroy any wild plant listed in Schedule 8, or any seed or spore attached to any such wild plant; unless an authorised person, intentionally uproot any wild plant not included in Schedule 8; or sell, offer or expose for sale, or possess (for the purposes of trade), any live or dead wild plant included in Schedule 8, or any part of, or anything derived from, such a plant.

Following all amendments to the Act, Schedule 5 'Animals which are Protected' contains a total of 154 species of animal, including several mammals, reptiles, amphibians, fish and invertebrates. Schedule 8 'Plants which are Protected' of the Act, contains 185 species, including higher plants, bryophytes and fungi and lichens. A comprehensive and up-to-date list of these species can be obtained from the JNCC website.

Part 14 of the Act makes unlawful to plant or otherwise cause to grow in the wild any plant which is listed in Part II of Schedule 9.

It is recommended that plant material of these species is disposed of as bio-hazardous waste, and these plants should not be used in planting schemes.

Environmental Protection Act 1990

The Act imposes a classification of soil and other waste containing viable propagules of invasive non-native plant species as controlled waste. This has been applied to Japanese Knotweed *Reynoutria japonica*, with the result that waste containing this species must be disposed of in accordance with the duty of care set out in section 34 of the Act.

Birds of Conservation Concern

This is a review of the status of all birds occurring regularly in the United Kingdom. It is regularly updated and is prepared by leading bird conservation organisations, including the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO), Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC) and The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB).

The latest report was produced in 2021 (Stanbury *et al*, 2021) and identified 70 red list species, 103 amber species, and 72 green species. The criteria are complex, but generally:

Red list species are those that have shown a decline of the breeding population, non-breeding population or breeding range of more than 50% in the last 25 years.

Amber list species are those that have shown a decline of the breeding population, non-breeding population or breeding range of between 25% and 50% in the last 25 years. Species that have a UK breeding population of less than 300 or a non-breeding population of less than 900 individuals are also included, together with those whose 50% of the population is localised in 10 sites or fewer and those whose 20% of the European population is found in the UK.

Green list species are all regularly occurring species that do not qualify under any of the red or amber criteria are green listed.

Global IUCN Red List

The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Threatened Species was devised to provide a list of those species that are most at risk of becoming extinct globally. It provides taxonomic, conservation status and distribution information about threatened taxa around the globe.

The system catalogues threatened species into groups of varying levels of threat, which are: Extinct (EX), Extinct in the Wild (EW), Critically Endangered (CE), Endangered (EN), Vulnerable (VU), Near Threatened (NT), Least Concern (LC), Data Deficient (DD), Not Evaluated (NE). Criteria for designation into each of the categories is complex, and consider several principles.

Local Biodiversity Action Plan (LBAP)

Local Biodiversity Action Plans (LBAP) identify habitat and species conservation priorities at a local level (typically at the County level), and are usually drawn up by a consortium of local Government organisations and conservation charities.

Some LBAPs may also include Habitat Action Plans (HAP) and/or Species Action Plans (SAP), which are used to guide and inform the local decision making process.

Wild Mammals (Protection) Act 1996

This Act offers protects a form of protection to all wild species of mammals, irrespective of other legislation, and focussed on animal welfare, rather than conservation.

Unless covered by one of the exceptions, a person is guilty of an offence if he mutilates, kicks, beats, nails or otherwise impales, stabs, burns, stones, crushes, drowns, drags or asphyxiates any wild mammal with intent to inflict unnecessary suffering.

Its application is typically restricted to preventing deliberate harm to wildlife (in general) during construction works etc.

National Planning Framework

National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4) is the top tier of planning policy. The Framework provides guidance to local authorities and other agencies on planning policy and the operation of the planning system.

"Policy 1 gives significant weight to the nature crisis to ensure that it is recognised as a priority in all plans and decisions. Policy 4 protects and enhances natural heritage, and this is further supported by Policy 5 on soils and Policy 6 on forests, woodland and trees. Policy 20 also promotes the expansion and connectivity of blue and green infrastructure, whilst Policy 10 recognises the particular sensitivities of coastal areas.

Protection of the natural features of brownfield land is also highlighted in Policy 9, and protection of the green belt in Policy 8 will ensure that biodiversity in these locations is conserved and accessible to communities, bringing nature into the design and layout of our cities, towns, streets and spaces in Policy 14.

Most significantly, Policy 3 plays a critical role in ensuring that development will secure positive effects for biodiversity. It rebalances the planning system in favour of conserving, restoring and enhancing biodiversity and promotes investment in nature-based solutions, benefiting people and nature. The policy ensures that Local Development Plans (LDPs) protect, conserve, restore and enhance biodiversity and promote nature recovery and nature restoration. Proposals will be required to contribute to the enhancement of biodiversity, including by restoring degraded habitats and building and strengthening nature networks. Adverse impacts, including cumulative impacts, of development proposals on the natural environment will be minimised through careful planning and design, taking into account the need to reverse biodiversity loss. Development proposals for national, major or Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) development will only be supported where it can be demonstrated that the proposal will conserve, restore and enhance biodiversity, including nature networks, so they are in a demonstrably better state than without intervention. Proposals for local development will include appropriate measures to conserve, restore and enhance biodiversity."

See here for full details: https://www.gov.scot/publications/national-planning-framework-4/

Environmental Liability (Scotland) Regulations 2009

The Environmental Liability (Scotland) Regulations 2009 are designed to ensure that environmental damage is either prevented or remedied, with the costs borne by those responsible. These regulations require operators of certain activities to take preventive measures if there is an imminent threat of environmental damage and to undertake remedial actions if damage occurs. Additionally, operators must have financial guarantees to cover potential environmental damage. Competent authorities are designated to oversee and enforce these measures, aligning Scotland's efforts with the European Environmental Liability Directive to hold those causing environmental harm accountable.