Technical Appendix 7.2
Protected Species Survey Report
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CONFIDENTIALITY REQUEST: This confidential report contains sensitive information on the location and activity of badger. Badgers are protected under the Protection of Badgers Act 1992 (as amended by the Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act 2004 (as amended)). Its distribution should therefore be limited to 3REnergy relevant project staff, NatureScot, Scottish Badgers, South Lanarkshire Council and Scottish Ministers.

1.1 Confidential Survey Results

Species Survey Results and Discussion

1.1.1 The confidential protected features identified during the field surveys for the Proposed Development are detailed in **Table 1.1** and presented on **Figures 7.5g-j**. Confidential signs recorded relate only to badger.

1.1.2 Eight badger setts were recorded within the Survey Area during protected species surveys and other ecological surveys between 2022 and 2025 (Sett A - H). As badgers are a mobile species, the setts recorded in 2022 were revisited in 2025 by experienced ecologists to re-assess the sett's respective use classifications (**Table 1.1**) following Scottish Badgers guidance[1].

1.1.3 One sett was classified as a main sett, with three subsidiary setts and three outlier setts; one artificial sett was also recorded. The setts recorded [redacted] (**Figure 7.5C**).

1.1.4 Additional and accompanying field signs included badger sightings, feeding signs/snuffle holes, latrines and dung (see **Technical Appendix 7.2** and **Figures 7.5a-f** of the Environmental Impact Assessment [EIA] Report).

Table 1.1 – Confidential Survey Results - Badger

Sign (ID)	Grid Reference (NGR)	Survey Date	Distance to Nearest Proposed Infrastructure	Notes
Subsidiary Sett (Sett A)	[redacted]	13/06/2022 and 23/06/2025	[redacted]	[redacted]
Subsidiary Sett (Sett B)	[redacted]	09/05/2022, 13/06/2022 and 24/06/2025	[redacted]	[redacted]
Outlier Sett (Sett C)	[redacted]	13/06/2022, 20/06/2024 and 23/06/2025	[redacted]	[redacted]

[1] *Scottish Badgers (2018). Surveying for Badgers: Good Practice Guidelines. Version 1.*

Sign (ID)	Grid Reference (NGR)	Survey Date	Distance to Nearest Proposed Infrastructure	Notes
				[redacted]
Outlier Sett (Sett D)	[redacted]	15/08/2023 and 23/06/2025	[redacted]	[redacted]
Artificial Sett (Sett E)	[redacted]	18/06/2024 and 23/06/2025	[redacted]	[redacted]
Outlier Sett (Sett F)	[redacted]	20/06/2024 and 23/06/2025	[redacted]	[redacted]
Main Sett (Sett G)	[redacted]	14/04/2025 and 23/06/2025	[redacted]	[redacted]
Subsidiary Sett (Sett H)	[redacted]	24/06/2025	[redacted]	[redacted]

1.2 Photographs

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1.3 References

Scottish Badgers (2018). *Surveying for Badgers: Good Practice Guidelines.* Version 1.