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# 1. Introduction

## 1.1 Overview

- 1.1.1 National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (here on referred to as National Grid) is making an application for development consent to reinforce the transmission network between Bramford Substation in Suffolk, and Twinstead Tee in Essex. The Bramford to Twinstead Reinforcement ('the project') would be achieved by the construction and operation of a new electricity transmission line over a distance of approximately 29km comprising of overhead lines, underground cables and grid supply point substation. It also includes the removal of 25km of the existing distribution network and various ancillary works.
- 1.1.2 For a full description of the project reference should be made to Chapter 4 of the Environmental Statement (ES): Project Description (**application document 6.2.4**).
- 1.1.3 This Badger Survey Report has been produced to support the draft licence application for badger (*Meles meles*), which can be found in Annex A (**application document 6.3.7.9.1**), and will be submitted to support the application for development consent and the accompanying ES under the Planning Act 2008.

## 1.2 Structure of this Report

- 1.2.1 The report comprises the results of a desk study and field surveys. Chapter 2 describes the methodology and criteria used to undertake the desk study and field survey. Survey limitations are also detailed. Chapter 3 sets out the results of the desk study and field survey.

## 1.3 Legislation and Policy

- 1.3.1 Badger are afforded protection in the UK under the Protection of Badgers Act 1992 making it an offence:
- To wilfully kill, injure or take, or attempts to kill, injure or take, a badger;
  - To cruelly ill-treat a badger, dig for badger, using badger tongs, using a firearm other than the type specified under the exceptions within the Act;
  - To interfere with a badger sett by intentionally or recklessly damage or destroy a badger sett or any part of it, or obstruct access to it; and to disturb a badger when it is occupying a sett; and
  - To sell a live badger or offer to sell or to have a live badger.
- 1.3.2 Licences to permit otherwise prohibited actions can be granted under Section 10 of the Protection of Badgers Act, 1992. This includes licences to interfere with a badger sett for the purposes of development as defined by Section 55(1) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. Licences may be granted in order to shut badger setts, or parts of setts, prior to development or to permit activities close to a badger sett that might result in disturbance. A licence is required if a sett is likely to be damaged or destroyed during development or if the badger(s) occupying the sett will be disturbed.

## 2. Methodology

### 2.1 Desk Study

2.1.1 A request for protected and notable species records within 1km of the project was made in 2021 and local record centre data updated in June 2022. Records of badger were returned from the following sources:

- North East Essex Badger Group (NEEBG) (2021);
- Essex Wildlife Trust (EWT) (2022);
- Suffolk Biodiversity Information Service (SBIS) (2022b); and
- Essex Field Club (EFC) (2022).

2.1.2 Designated site citations/descriptions within 1km of the project were also reviewed for mention of badger.

2.1.3 Badger surveys that were undertaken in 2012/2013 as part of the extended Phase 1 habitat survey at the time are reported as part of the desk study results.

### 2.2 Field Survey

2.2.1 The field survey for evidence of badger presence was undertaken between March and June 2022. The surveys were undertaken within the optimum survey period for this species. Whilst badger surveys can be carried out at any time of the year, autumn, winter and spring are considered to be the optimal survey periods. These coincide with periods when badger territorial activity is highest and lower levels of vegetation cover to allow for increased visibility of badger field signs.

2.2.2 The study area is defined as the Order Limits plus 30m. Given the nature of the project, badger setts more than 30m from the Order Limits were not considered likely to be subject to direct impacts, which is a widely accepted distance at which effects could occur.

2.2.3 Surveys followed the methodology outlined in the following guidance:

- Badgers: surveys and mitigation for development projects (Natural England, 2015);
- Scottish Natural Heritage's (SNH's) Best Practice Badger Survey Guidance Note (Scottish Natural Heritage, 2003);
- Competencies for species surveys: Badger (Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management (CIEEM), 2013);
- Classification of badger setts (*Meles meles*) in the UK: A review of guidance for surveyors (Andrews, 2013); and
- Surveying badgers (Harris *et al.*, 1989).

2.2.4 The field survey was not undertaken in areas with habitats considered wholly unsuitable for badger, such as areas of made ground, sealed surface, buildings and water courses.

2.2.5 The badger field survey recorded the following badger field signs:

- Setts (a network of underground tunnels and chambers with entrances/holes);

- Dung pits and latrines (collection of dung pits), often used to mark territory boundaries;
- Pathways and runs (well-worn paths in undergrowth or earth);
- Foraging signs such as snuffle holes (holes in the ground where badgers have dug up food);
- Hairs (distinctive banded guard hairs with an ovoid cross-section);
- Bedding material (dry vegetation visible at sett entrances that has been pulled out of underground chambers); and
- Footprints.

2.2.6 Information including the location, a description of the type of evidence (i.e. pathway or burrow) and where applicable any signs of current use were recorded. Where encountered, other mammal excavations were also recorded during the survey, in particular evidence of rabbit and fox activity.

2.2.7 The locations and orientations of all sett entrances (both active and inactive) were recorded. Setts which did not appear to be in current use by badger were still recorded as they have the potential to be used in the future. Locations of all setts and field signs of badger, and any other mammal species, were recorded using an iPad to map global positioning system derived co-ordinates.

2.2.8 Where setts were recorded, the sett status and level of activity were noted. Sett status was broadly classified in accordance with guidance (Harris *et al.*, 1989) as described in Table 2.1. Setts where all entrances were disused were assigned as ‘inactive’.

**Table 2.1 – Badger Sett Type Classification (Harris *et al.*, 1989)**

<b>Sett Type</b>	<b>Definition</b>
Main	Support a large number of active holes with conspicuous spoil heaps, and well used paths to and from the sett and between sett entrances. Although normally the breeding sett for the dominant female and in continuous use, it is possible to find a main sett that has been disused due to excessive interference. Disused main setts are particularly common in areas of low badger density.
Annexe	Located in close proximity to a main sett (less than 150m). Usually connected to the main sett by at least one well-worn paths. Annexes usually have several holes, but may not be in use all the time, even if the main sett is very active.
Subsidiary	Often have only a few holes, approx. 3–5 on average. Usually sited more than 50m from a main sett, and do not have an obvious path connecting with another sett. Subsidiary setts are not continuously active.
Outlier	Few entrances (approx. 1–2) that are only used sporadically with little spoil outside and no obvious path connecting with another sett. May be taken over by foxes or rabbits when not in use by badgers.

2.2.9 Although outlier setts can be easily identified as standalone features, it is acknowledged that the classification of main, annexe and subsidiary setts may not be clear without an extended survey effort around setts and bait marking surveys (Andrews, 2013). Therefore, main, annexe, and subsidiary setts are described as ‘provisional’ where classification to the above criteria was not possible during the survey.

- 2.2.10 Not all types of sett will be present in a particular area, as these can depend on badger density, habitat and food availability. Many social groups will not have an annexe sett, and areas of poor habitat may not have a main sett that wholly matches the description in Table 2.1. These factors were considered in a wider context before making a final decision on sett classification.
- 2.2.11 Sett activity level was categorised during field surveys using the criteria set out in the Mammal Society guidance as described in Table 2.2. Dung pits or latrines were assigned a classification of age, either fresh or old, to assist with the assessment of current badger activity within the survey area.

**Table 2.2 – Badger Sett Activity Level Classification (Harris *et al.*, 1989)**

<b>Activity Level</b>	<b>Definition</b>
Very High	Display large volumes of freshly excavated soil, discarded bedding and numerous footprints (where conditions are appropriate) on spoil heaps. No vegetative encroachment on the entrance or spoil and a well swept path will feature from some or all of the sett entrances. Where substrate and topography are suitable, the frequency of passage of the badgers may lead to the tunnel walls and pathways taking on a smoothed or “polished” appearance as they are regularly brushed by the animals’ coats. Such a sett will be in constant / near constant occupation by badgers.
High	Entrances are clear of leaf-litter and debris and significant volume of freshly excavated spoil present on the spoil heap (however, very old setts in stable substrates may be highly active without having large volumes of fresh spoil). Fresh paw prints and large volumes of discarded bedding may be present. No vegetative encroachment around the entrances and a well-worn path is visible from the tunnel mouth across the spoil heap. In regular use, on a weekly basis.
Moderate	Entrances either clear of leaf-litter or display a scattering of freshly gathered debris. Some evidence of recent spoil excavation and discarded bedding material, dropped bundles of bedding may also be present. Regular badger passage may have formed a path across the spoil heap into the entrance. In regular use, approximately on a monthly to weekly basis.
Low	Significant volumes of leaf-litter and other natural debris present within the entrances as not regularly cleared, but the tunnel will not usually be blocked and badgers will be able to gain access. Scattering of freshly excavated spoil may be present but not significant volumes. There may also be some vegetation encroachment on the spoil heap or sett entrance. In use approximately once per month.
Very Low	Entrances are either partially or entirely blocked with vegetative or woody debris. Vegetation will most likely be encroaching onto the spoil heap with no sign of freshly excavated spoil or discarded bedding. Estimated to be used by badgers on an average of only once every two or more months or less but displays evidence of use within the preceding twelve months. No field signs of recent badger activity but cannot conclusively ascertain it has been inactive for a period of more than three months.
Inactive	Few physical indicators of sett activity as may only be used for a short period each year. Supports conclusive evidence to ascertain it has been disused for a period greater than twelve months.

## **2.3 Camera Trap Survey**

- 2.3.1 An assessment was undertaken of all badger setts found during the 2022 field survey and compared to the Order Limits and Limits of Deviation. Sixteen setts were identified as

requiring more information about the sett activity levels and an updated field survey was undertaken on 01 September 2022.

2.3.2 Camera traps were deployed if recent activity was recorded. Ten camera traps were deployed across six setts, for eight nights (01 September to 09 September 2022), see Table 2.3 for details.

2.3.3 Camera traps were deployed, with a view of one or more tunnel entrances, and where possible a clear mammal path leading to other nearby setts. Where possible camera traps were attached to fixed points in the landscape such as trees or fence posts. Where none were present, tripods or fixed posts were fashioned using materials found on site.

**Table 2.3 – Camera Trap Deployment Locations**

<b>Ref</b>	<b>Camera Trap No.</b>	<b>Deployment Description</b>
126	Camera 4	Deployed facing south-east towards two active tunnels. Hole 1 adjacent to fencepost. Hole 2 spoil spilling onto farm track.
	Camera 5	Attached to fence post facing north-east at tunnel, a single hole on edge of sett 126. Mammal path that leads to sett 126.
127	Camera 6	Facing north-east toward active hole and mammal path leading to further hole locations
	Camera 7	Camera facing south-west toward two holes with recent spoil and mammal path.
128	Camera 3	Facing north-east along fence line towards hole with activity. Mammal path along fence line heading north towards sett 127
131	Camera 9	Facing south towards hole entrance on Order Limits boundary, which had recent spoil.
143	Camera 8	Facing south at embankment with freshly dug tunnel and mammal path heading north-west along woodland edge
148	Camera 1	Deployed facing mammal path and clear tunnel entrance. Facing north-east. Active holes also located to the east and active latrine to the west, further into the woodland.
	Camera 2	Deployed facing south-east with holes to the east and south. Camera covers a mammal path across the main sett mound in centre of the complex.
	Camera 10	Deployed at the sett edge facing east towards holes in farm track and camera covers a mammal path crossing the arable field, connecting to sett 151 to the east.

## **2.4 Limitations**

### **Field Survey**

2.4.1 Field survey was not possible across the entire survey area due to land access restrictions. As land access for the project was well over 90%, this is not considered a significant constraint. In addition, a pre-construction badger survey of the Order Limits



(plus 30m) will be undertaken to inform the final badger licence application, should the project receive consent.

- 2.4.2 There have been further design changes that took place after the original badger survey was completed, including the temporary access route that passes through Section G: Stour Valley and Section H: Grid Supply Point (GSP) Substation. Areas not covered by the original survey will be subject to a pre-construction badger survey as described above.
- 2.4.3 ES Figure 7.9.2 (**application document 6.4**) details all the locations within the study area which have not been surveyed.

## Camera Trap Survey

- 2.4.4 The ground conditions were challenging during the camera trap surveys due to the drought that was being experienced at the time of survey. Signs such as fresh prints and worn paths in fresh vegetation were hard to discern due to the hard ground and lack of fresh vegetation.
- 2.4.5 Poor weather during the mornings of the 3 and 4 September 2022 obscured the camera for several hours. However, this is not thought to have significantly affected the results across the locations at which cameras were deployed.
- 2.4.6 At sett 143, the tripod to which camera 8 was secured fell over on the 4 September 2022, resulting in a reduced surveillance time at this location. From the species observed at this location it is not thought to have been a significant factor in assessing this sett.

## 3. Results

### 3.1 Desk Study

- 3.1.1 Records supplied from NEEBG, EFC, EWT and SBIS confirmed the presence of badger within the study area. Badger are specifically mentioned in the citations for Layham Pit Woodland and Meadows County Wildlife Site (CWS) and Sproughton Park CWS (refer to Figure 7.1.2 (**application document 6.4**)). Figure 7.9.1 (**application document 6.4**) shows the location of all the badger records provided.
- 3.1.2 The results of the 2012/2013 badger surveys identified the presence of badger, including setts, within the Order Limits. Setts were recorded across all sections of the project but no attempt was made at the time to classify the sett types. The location of setts and other field signs found during the 2012/2013 surveys are shown on Figure 7.9.1 (**application document 6.4**).

### 3.2 Field Survey

- 3.2.1 The field survey identified 159 badger setts, 75 of which were within the Order Limits and a further 84 were within 30m of the Order Limits. The number of each type of sett found is summarised in Table 3.1. The full survey results with sett descriptions and distances are found in Table 3.2. Distances were calculated from the closest sett hole. All badger setts are shown on ES Figure 7.9.2 (**application document 6.4**).

Table 3.1 - Badger Setts Present Within the Survey Area

Type of Sett	No. within Order Limits	No. within 30m of Order Limits
Main sett	6	4
Annexe sett	4	4
Subsidiary sett	12	9
Outlier sett	36	47
Disused sett	17	20

- 3.2.2 Other field signs of badger activity recorded within the survey area are also presented in ES Figure 7.9.2 (**application document 6.4**). These include footprints, live sighting and footprints.

Table 3.2 – 2021/2022 Badger Survey Results

Sett No.	Easting	Northing	Provisional Sett Type	Activity Level	Number of Holes	Notes	Approximate Distance to Order Limits (m)
2	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Disused Outlier	Inactive	1	Disused sett entrance blocked with branches, located in slope at edge of woodland. Debris in tunnels.	[REDACTED]
5	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Outlier	Low	2	Two holes but are not the standard D shape typical for badgers, but the hole is big enough to be suitable. Located on the southern bank of ditch opposite garden. Debris present in tunnels.	[REDACTED]
6	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Annexe	Moderate	4	Four holes spread approximately 5m along the hedge. Fresh bedding, clean tunnels but no spoil present.	[REDACTED]
7	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Outlier	Moderate	1	Fresh spoil and hairs. On western bank of ditch. Ditch west of road.	[REDACTED]
9	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Disused Subsidiary	Inactive	4	Four disused holes. Tunnels collapsed with vegetation debris.	[REDACTED]
10	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Disused Outlier	Inactive	1	Located on bank of ditch leading into woodland, with overgrown vegetation blocking entrance.	[REDACTED]
11	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Disused Outlier	Inactive	1	Disused hole on edge of woodland. Bare ground surrounding suggests previous use. Other collapsed entrances nearby. Debris in tunnels.	[REDACTED]
12	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Disused Outlier	Inactive	1	Debris in tunnels.	[REDACTED]
13	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Disused Outlier	Inactive	2	Two holes into bank, potentially one on top.	[REDACTED]

Sett No.	Easting	Northing	Provisional Sett Type	Activity Level	Number of Holes	Notes	Approximate Distance to Order Limits (m)
14	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Disused Outlier	Inactive	1	Debris in tunnels.	[REDACTED]
15	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Disused Outlier	Inactive	4	Four holes, facing north and south. Disused and overgrown vegetation.	[REDACTED]
16	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Outlier	Low	1	Two latrines and one hole. Fresh bedding present.	[REDACTED]
17	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Outlier	Low	2	In hedgerow going north. Opposite of track other side of dry ditch. Two holes, with one collapsed. Fresh spoil heap.	[REDACTED]
18	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Outlier	Moderate	1	Smooth polished tunnels.	[REDACTED]
19	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Outlier	Low	1	On bank going up to the north. Other side of wet ditch. Fresh spoil only. Hole suitable size.	[REDACTED]
24	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Disused Outlier	Inactive	1	One hole which is disused	[REDACTED]
26	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Outlier	Moderate	1	Single burrow tunnel under road. Fresh spoil heap.	[REDACTED]
27	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Disused Subsidiary	Inactive	1	Disused, lots of leaf litter and debris within tunnel, no fresh spoil heap or pathway noted, activity level inactive.	[REDACTED]
28	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Disused Outlier	Inactive	2	Two holes, full with debris.	[REDACTED]
29	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Outlier	High	1	Well-worn path, fresh spoil, smooth polished tunnels.	[REDACTED]
31	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Outlier	Low	2	Two holes, one disused. Signs of possible larger sett. Fresh spoil heap.	[REDACTED]

Sett No.	Easting	Northing	Provisional Sett Type	Activity Level	Number of Holes	Notes	Approximate Distance to Order Limits (m)
32	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Outlier	Very high	1	Hair, fresh spoil heap, bedding material, well used path, polished tunnel.	[REDACTED]
33	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Disused Outlier	Inactive	1	Debris in tunnel.	[REDACTED]
34	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Outlier	Low	1	Single hole. Fresh spoil heap present.	[REDACTED]
40	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Outlier	Moderate	3	Three sett entrances along bank, smooth polished tunnels.	[REDACTED]
41	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Annexe	Moderate	10	Ten holes of size and shape suitable for badger. Four active, located on sandy southeast facing bank. Smooth polished tunnels.	[REDACTED]
42	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Outlier	Low	2	Two holes, one with debris, one with smooth tunnel entrance.	[REDACTED]
43	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Outlier	Moderate	2	Two holes, one on right doesn't lead anywhere. Orange tipped white hairs in debris outside hole. Debris in tunnels.	[REDACTED]
44	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Main	High	15	Assumed main sett. 15 active holes, smooth polished tunnels.	[REDACTED]
45	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Main	Very high	18	14 active, four disused holes. Fresh spoils heaps, well used pathways. Hair, bedding material, polished tunnels.	[REDACTED]
46	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Subsidiary	Low	1	In centre of field, several holes. Initial entrance looks small however entrance into tunnel is D shaped and larger. Vegetation growing in entrance. Sandy fresh spoil.	[REDACTED]
49	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Outlier	Low	1	Fresh spoil heap in sand outside sett entrance. No obvious badger prints. Smooth tunnels, little debris in tunnel, no bedding present. Activity level low.	[REDACTED]

Sett No.	Easting	Northing	Provisional Sett Type	Activity Level	Number of Holes	Notes	Approximate Distance to Order Limits (m)
52	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Subsidiary	Moderate	3	Fresh spoil heap.	[REDACTED]
53	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Subsidiary	Moderate	5	Well used pathways, fresh bedding. Entrance suitable shape and size for badger.	[REDACTED]
59	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Outlier	Moderate	1	Large entrance hole, leading to smooth tunnel. Fresh small spoil heap. Rabbit droppings indicate use by rabbits at time of survey.	[REDACTED]
66	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Outlier	Low	1	Appeared to be occupied by rabbits at time of survey.	[REDACTED]
67	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Outlier	Moderate	1	In bank on side of road. Well used pathways.	[REDACTED]
68	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Annexe	Moderate	2	Recent bedding with tunnel which was quite polished with fresh soil heaps nearby but some vegetation growing over entrance. Badger holes approximately 2m apart. Path and tunnel well used.	[REDACTED]
70	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Subsidiary	High	1	Large fresh spoil heap and polished tunnel, well used pathways.	[REDACTED]
73	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Outlier	High	1	Fresh spoil, badger print in spoil, in the middle of nettle and bramble scrub.	[REDACTED]
74	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Outlier	Moderate	1	Large fresh spoil heap, in bramble scrub, might be occupied by rabbits as well.	[REDACTED]
76	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Outlier	Very low	1	Hole within rabbit warren, has droppings and rabbit fur outside however is a classic badger hole shape and size with fresh spoil outside. No debris in tunnel. No other evidence of badger use.	[REDACTED]
77	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Outlier	High	1	Fresh spoil, polished tunnels, in middle of field.	[REDACTED]

Sett No.	Easting	Northing	Provisional Sett Type	Activity Level	Number of Holes	Notes	Approximate Distance to Order Limits (m)
82	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Outlier	Moderate	1	Single hole borderline size suitable for badger, smooth polished tunnels.	[REDACTED]
84	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Outlier	Low	1	Single hole size for badger and fresh bedding present.	[REDACTED]
85	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Subsidiary	Moderate	4	Four holes all active at field boundary. Smooth polished tunnels.	[REDACTED]
86	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Outlier	Low	1	Single hole size for badger and fresh bedding present.	[REDACTED]
87	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Outlier	Low	1	Three holes adjacent to each other, only one of suitable size for badger. No spoil heap or other signs of badger. Smooth polished tunnels.	[REDACTED]
88	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Subsidiary	Moderate	5	Four active holes, one disused. Well used pathways. Spoil heap seems reasonably fresh and a clear pathway has been worn. Holes marked as moderate to very low potential.	[REDACTED]
89	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Subsidiary	Low	2	One active hole, one disused. Well used pathways	[REDACTED]
91	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Outlier	High	1	Fresh spoil heap present.	[REDACTED]
92	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Subsidiary	Low	4	Well used mammal path to and from entrance. Some debris in tunnel suggesting not frequently used. One active hole, three disused.	[REDACTED]
93	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Subsidiary	Low	2	Debris within tunnel. Well used pathways. One active hole, one disused.	[REDACTED]
94	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Outlier	Moderate	3	Three active holes located within bank of woodland. Some fresh bedding in entrances and pathway seems used. Large spoil heap	[REDACTED]

Sett No.	Easting	Northing	Provisional Sett Type	Activity Level	Number of Holes	Notes	Approximate Distance to Order Limits (m)
						outside, however recent rainfall made it difficult for surveyors to assess recency. Some debris in tunnel.	
95	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Outlier	Low	1	Entrance in bank of woodland hidden in nettles. Fresh bedding in front of entrance, smooth polished tunnel. Spoil heap not fresh. Smooth polished tunnels.	[REDACTED]
96	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Outlier	Very Low	1	Small entrance with some debris in. No spoil heap outside, smooth tunnels.	[REDACTED]
97	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Outlier	Moderate	1	Fresh bedding in entrance, well used pathway and some fresh spoil outside entrance.	[REDACTED]
99	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Outlier	Low	3	Two to three holes, one at least active recently.	[REDACTED]
100	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Outlier	Low	2	Vegetation in entrance, some bedding material.	[REDACTED]
101	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Subsidiary	Moderate	10	Six active holes and four inactive. Most holes have debris and leaf litter in entrance but there were some with smooth, clear tunnels. One had bedding material.	[REDACTED]
102	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Main	High	13	13 active holes, activity levels ranging from very low to high. Well used pathways, smooth polished tunnels. Bedding material, fresh spoil, hair.	[REDACTED]
103	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Outlier	Moderate	2	Large old spoil heap, some bedding material, partly overgrown. One active hole, one disused. Well used pathways.	[REDACTED]
104	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Outlier	High	4	Well used pathways. Fox droppings in fresh spoil, and fox-like smell around hole, could currently be occupied by fox.	[REDACTED]



Sett No.	Easting	Northing	Provisional Sett Type	Activity Level	Number of Holes	Notes	Approximate Distance to Order Limits (m)
105	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Outlier	Low	1	Vegetation growing around sett entrance with no sign of recent use.	[REDACTED]
106	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Outlier	High	1	Fresh spoil in front of sett entrance. Suitable sized hole to support badger.	[REDACTED]
107	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Outlier	Very Low	1	Dense vegetation obscuring sett entrance.	[REDACTED]
108	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Main	High	14	Badger sett on adjacent land parcel (no access but within 5m of perimeter fence). Active holes with fresh spoil and clear paths. 14 holes visible from adjacent land parcel. Smooth polished tunnels.	[REDACTED]
109	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Disused Subsidiary	Inactive	3	One intact badger sized hole with debris in tunnel. Two further collapsed tunnels within 3m.	[REDACTED]
110	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Outlier	Moderate	2	Two holes on bank at woodland edge. Fresh spoil heap.	[REDACTED]
111	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Disused Outlier	Inactive	1	One burrow on woody bank. Debris in tunnels.	[REDACTED]
112	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Outlier	Low	1	Small hole, just about badger size. Located in hedgerow. Fresh spoil heap.	[REDACTED]
113	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Outlier	Low	1	Badger hole along hedge.	[REDACTED]
114	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Outlier	Moderate	2	Fresh spoil heap, bedding, evidence of recent use. Well used pathway but tunnel doesn't seem to be that polished. Tree root encroaches on entrance however still seems large enough for badger. Hairs found suggesting recent use.	[REDACTED]
116	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Outlier	Very Low	2	One active hole, one disused. Overgrown vegetation. Very low activity level if used at all. No fresh spoil heap, no badger scat	[REDACTED]

Sett No.	Easting	Northing	Provisional Sett Type	Activity Level	Number of Holes	Notes	Approximate Distance to Order Limits (m)
						present within area, some vegetation growing in front of entrance suggesting no regular use. Debris within tunnel entrance. Suitable size and shape for badger.	
117	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Outlier	Moderate	1	Fresh bedding in entrance, typical D shape. Rabbit droppings present within holes nearby (too small for badger)	[REDACTED]
118	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Outlier	Low	1	One hole typical badger D shape, with polished tunnel. Sett maybe used by rabbits, as other small rabbit holes were found within immediate area.	[REDACTED]
119	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Outlier	Moderate	1	Large single entrance hole, typical badger shape/size. Fresh bedding within tunnel, and tunnels appear polished, slightly well used path leading to entrance however, not well excavated. No fresh spoil and vegetation growing on mound. Smooth polished tunnels. Some rabbit droppings close by.	[REDACTED]
120	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Outlier	Moderate	1	One hole with polished tunnel and fresh soil heap.	[REDACTED]
121	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Annexe	Moderate	2	Large typical badger shape entrance with wide tunnels. Well used pathway from entrance, some fresh spoil. Maybe used by rabbit as a rabbit dropping found in entrance. Another entrance to sett west higher up bank.	[REDACTED]
122	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Disused Outlier	Inactive	2	Two disused holes with vegetation partly blocking entrances. Sett located within the middle of grassland and active mammal paths nearby.	[REDACTED]
124	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Disused Outlier	Inactive	2	Disused outlier sett, debris and vegetation blocking entrance.	[REDACTED]

Sett No.	Easting	Northing	Provisional Sett Type	Activity Level	Number of Holes	Notes	Approximate Distance to Order Limits (m)
125	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Outlier	Low	3	Two active holes, one disused. Some leaves in entrance, partly overgrown, located in the middle of grassland, on active badger pathways.	[REDACTED]
126	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Annexe	Very High	12	Ten active holes, two disused. Edge of grassland, on active badger pathways, spoil heaps of varying size. Lots of hair on barbed wire fence. Smooth polished tunnels.	[REDACTED]
127	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Main	High	8	Very fresh spoil with footprints. Well used mammal pathways present, however lots of debris in some of the tunnels. One disused hole, seven active, different activity levels for each hole but sett has a high activity level. Hole to the west is on a different land parcel, and surveyors did not have access to survey this hole fully.	[REDACTED]
128	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Subsidiary	Very High	3	Sett within grassland with different activity levels for each hole, large spoil heap and located on an active pathway. A lot of hair located on barbed wire fence nearby.	[REDACTED]
129	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Subsidiary	Very High	5	Located on edge of grassland, under hedge, on active badger pathways, very large spoil heap.	[REDACTED]
131	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Subsidiary	Very High	5	Located on edge of grassland, under hedge, on active badger pathways, very large spoil heap, hair and fresh footprints.	[REDACTED]
132	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Subsidiary	Moderate	4	One active holes, three disused. Located on edge of grassland, under hedge, on active badger pathways.	[REDACTED]
133	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Outlier	High	1	Located within grassland, large spoil heap. Likely to be rabbit.	[REDACTED]
135	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Outlier	High	2	Located within grassland, large spoil heap, along badger path.	[REDACTED]

Sett No.	Easting	Northing	Provisional Sett Type	Activity Level	Number of Holes	Notes	Approximate Distance to Order Limits (m)
136	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Outlier	Moderate	2	Located within grassland, slightly overgrown, along badger path, small spoil heap. One active and one disused holes.	[REDACTED]
138	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Outlier	Very high	1	Single outlier within the woodland edge, under brash pile into embankment, not frequently used.	[REDACTED]
139	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Outlier	Very high	3	Located within grassland, some bedding in entrance, along badger path, small spoil heap. Likely to be rabbit – small entrance hole size.	[REDACTED]
141	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Subsidiary	Very High	8	5 Active holes and 3 inactive. Located within woodland, along badger path, very large spoil heap, prints and hairs in soil. Lots of fresh rabbit droppings were present at these setts suggesting use	[REDACTED]
142	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Disused Outlier	Inactive	1	Debris within entrance and no fresh evidence of badger use.	[REDACTED]
143	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Outlier	Very low	2	One inactive and one active badger holes with debris. Active hole showed signs of recent activity due to large spoil heap present. Rabbit warren nearby.	[REDACTED]
146	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Subsidiary	Very High	5	Along well used badger path, hair in entrance, between arable field and shrubland, bedding material in entrance. Smooth polished tunnels. Large spoil heap present. Activity level of holes ranging from very high to moderate.	[REDACTED]
147	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Outlier	Moderate	2	One active hole, one disused. Between arable field and shrubland.	[REDACTED]
148	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Main	High	14	12 active holes, two disused. Edge of woodland and along field track. Smooth polished tunnels and well used pathways.	[REDACTED]

Sett No.	Easting	Northing	Provisional Sett Type	Activity Level	Number of Holes	Notes	Approximate Distance to Order Limits (m)
149	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Outlier	Moderate	2	In woodland, spoil outside entrances. Smooth polished tunnels.	[REDACTED]
151	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Disused Outlier	Inactive	1	Single burrow on ditch side, overgrown vegetation.	[REDACTED]
153	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Outlier	High	1	Single entrance directly under pylon, fresh spoil heap.	[REDACTED]
154	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Outlier	High	2	Large fresh spoil heap, located on edge of woodland, prints on spoil. Smooth polished tunnels.	[REDACTED]
155	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Subsidiary	Moderate	3	Fresh spoil heap, smooth polished tunnels.	[REDACTED]
156	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Outlier	Low	1	Badger hole with limited activity, spoil heap outside entrance. Debris located within entrance.	[REDACTED]
157	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Disused Outlier	Inactive	1	Overgrown vegetation.	[REDACTED]
158	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Disused Outlier	Inactive	3	Three disused holes, overgrown vegetation.	[REDACTED]
159	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Disused Outlier	Inactive	3	Vegetation growing within sett.	[REDACTED]
160	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Outlier	Low	3	Entrance is overgrown with vegetation, however well used pathways present.	[REDACTED]
164	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Outlier	Very high		No access to survey fully, on adjacent land parcel. Outlier sett in riverbank, spoil heap present and located on a badger path	[REDACTED]

Sett No.	Easting	Northing	Provisional Sett Type	Activity Level	Number of Holes	Notes	Approximate Distance to Order Limits (m)
165	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Outlier	Very High	1	Located within riverbank, lots of bedding material, fresh spoil, on badger path.	[REDACTED]
167	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Outlier	Moderate	2	Located within bramble, fresh spoil heap present and surrounded vegetation has been flattened.	[REDACTED]
171	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Outlier	High	3	Three-hole badger sett within field margin and hedgerow. Holes have mixed activity levels ranging from low to high. Fresh spoil heap present.	[REDACTED]
172	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Disused Outlier	Inactive	1	Debris in tunnel and no evidence of use.	[REDACTED]
174	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Disused Outlier	Inactive	1	Debris in tunnel and no evidence of use.	[REDACTED]
175	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Subsidiary	High	6	Series of holes along field boundary, with varying activity level from moderate to high. Some holes had fresh spoil outside and smooth polished tunnels.	[REDACTED]
177	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Main	unknown	N/A	Probably main badger sett, along whole edge of field, could not survey because did not have access to this land parcel.	[REDACTED]
178	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Outlier	Low	2	Two holes of size for badger, two smaller holes possibly rabbit.	[REDACTED]
179	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Disused	Inactive	4	Four badger burrows disused but open, and several possible collapsed tunnels within 5m. Worn path leading into woodland.	[REDACTED]
180	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Disused Subsidiary	Inactive	5	Five large holes with old spoil heaps. Lots of leaf litter and debris within entrances, so likely disused.	[REDACTED]

Sett No.	Easting	Northing	Provisional Sett Type	Activity Level	Number of Holes	Notes	Approximate Distance to Order Limits (m)
181	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Outlier	High	1	Located within hedgerow, and fresh spoil heap present.	[REDACTED]
182	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Subsidiary	High	3	Lots of bedding and fresh spoil heap outside entrance to sett.	[REDACTED]
183	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Outlier	Low	1	Fresh spoil heap outside entrance to sett.	[REDACTED]
184	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Outlier	Moderate	4	Fresh spoil outside hole of sett.	[REDACTED]
185	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Subsidiary	Very Low	6	Small sett in hedgerow.	[REDACTED]
188	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Outlier	Moderate	2	Two holes to sett, located in bank under hedgerow on the side of road.	[REDACTED]
190	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Outlier	High	1	Recently excavated one hole sett with fresh spoil heap outside with a well-used pathway.	[REDACTED]
191	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Main	Moderate	5	Five hole sett, with one inactive. Fresh spoil heap outside entrances and well worm mammal paths between holes.	[REDACTED]
192	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Disused Subsidiary	Inactive	2	Two hole inactive sett with overgrown vegetation blocking entrances.	[REDACTED]
195	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Disused Subsidiary	Inactive	5	Five holes, large excavation but debris in tunnels suggests no longer in use.	[REDACTED]
197	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Disused	Inactive	2	Two holes, debris in tunnels.	[REDACTED]
198	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Outlier	High	2	Two holes with clear mammal path running through tree line.	[REDACTED]
199	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Outlier	Moderate	1	Single hole with bedding on spoil heap.	[REDACTED]
200	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Annexe	Moderate	6	Six entrances to sett, fresh bedding and well used paths.	[REDACTED]

Sett No.	Easting	Northing	Provisional Sett Type	Activity Level	Number of Holes	Notes	Approximate Distance to Order Limits (m)
201	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Annexe	Moderate	2	Annexe with two holes within close proximity to the Main.	[REDACTED]
202	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Main	High	9	Nine-hole sett on bank connected by well used mammal paths, fresh spoil in large entrances.	[REDACTED]
203	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Disused Outlier	Low	2	Overgrown with signs of rabbit use, on steep bank adjacent to footpath.	[REDACTED]
204	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Outlier	Moderate	1	One hole sett with smooth polished tunnels.	[REDACTED]
205	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Outlier	Moderate	1	Tunnel into bank.	[REDACTED]
206	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Outlier	Low	2	Two holes, with leaf litter within entrances.	[REDACTED]
209	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Main	High	21	Small hill with 21 active, typical badger sett burrows. Likely Main, but unable to survey due to access issues. Surveyed from adjacent field. Fresh spoil heaps, latrines, well-worn paths.	[REDACTED]
210	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Outlier	Low	1	Small hole at edge of garden. Located underneath conifers.	[REDACTED]
211	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Disused	Inactive	2	Two holes of right size and shape for badger, located by fishing lake - one on bank facing lake, one on other side of bank facing away from lake. Possible snuffle holes present but no clear mammal paths.	[REDACTED]
212	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Outlier	Low	1	Fresh spoil present outside hole, however, vegetation in front of entrance with no clear pathway.	[REDACTED]
213	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Disused	Inactive	1	No evidence found to show activity/use.	[REDACTED]



Sett No.	Eastings	Northing	Provisional Sett Type	Activity Level	Number of Holes	Notes	Approximate Distance to Order Limits (m)
214	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Subsidiary	Moderate	13	13 holes, four seem active due to fresh bedding, well used pathways between holes, and polished tunnels. All located on the edge of woodland, one hole on bank of ditch. Disused holes had debris in tunnel. Hole directions east and west.	[REDACTED]
215	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Disused Outlier	Inactive	1	Evidence of badger setts with hole at base of tree and other disturbed ground in garden. Surveyors unable to access to survey further. Anecdotal evidence from adjacent farm owner suggests previous use by badger approximately 12 months ago.	[REDACTED]
216	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Outlier	Moderate	1	One entrance hole, fresh spoil heap and obvious path to entrance. Slightly narrow but tall entrance, tunnel maintains size to fit badger. Potential badger active. No evidence of use by other mammals.	[REDACTED]
217	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Disused	Inactive	1	Hole at base of tree in hedgerow. Debris and leaf litter located within entrance.	[REDACTED]
218	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Disused	Inactive	2	Two holes along hedgerow. Overgrown and tunnels full of debris.	[REDACTED]
220	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Disused	Inactive	2	Two holes. Potential to be rabbit but with badger features mainly spoil and hole size.	[REDACTED]
221	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Disused	Inactive	1	Single hole at based of tree in hedge. Overgrown with vegetation and entrance filled with leaf litter.	[REDACTED]
222	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Disused	Inactive	1	Hole at top of bank, overgrown with grass, cleavers and nettles.	[REDACTED]
223	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Annexe	Moderate	8	Sett comprising eight entrances. Approximately two holes inactive. Other entrances are the standard D shape, with fresh bedding in	[REDACTED]

Sett No.	Easting	Northing	Provisional Sett Type	Activity Level	Number of Holes	Notes	Approximate Distance to Order Limits (m)
						front of entrance. Main outside survey area to south (Sett 224). Entrance has fresh spoil heap and well-used pathway	
225	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Outlier	Inactive	1	Series of holes which could be part of rabbit warren. One hole is large enough to be a potential badger hole. Reasonably fresh spoil otherwise no evidence of badger use nearby. Well used pathway but some debris present within entrance.	[REDACTED]
226	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Outlier	Moderate	2	Two holes. Second is a potential due to smaller size which may be too small for badger at present. Other hole has fresh spoil heap outside and little/no debris in tunnel, and well-used pathway suggesting semi-frequent use.	[REDACTED]
232	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Outlier	Moderate	1	Some fresh spoil, located within hedgerow.	[REDACTED]
234	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Outlier	Very Low	3	Three holes on mound near base of large ash. One hole well used and large enough for badger. Clear entrance. Some rabbit droppings adjacent to holes.	[REDACTED]
237	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Outlier	Moderate	1	Some fresh spoil, in small woodland.	[REDACTED]

## 3.3 Camera Trap Survey

### Updated Field Survey

3.3.1 The badger sett survey undertaken on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022 found that of the 16 setts surveyed, six showed signs of recent use. The remaining ten setts showed no signs of recent use or change in structure, compared to data collected during the initial survey in April 2022. The updated results are summarised in Table 3.3.

Table 3.3 – Badger Sett Survey– September Update

<b>Sett No.</b>	<b>April 2022 Assessment (Sett Type: Activity Level)</b>	<b>September 2022 Assessment (Sett Type: Activity Level)</b>	<b>Comment</b>
125	Outlier: Low	Outlier: Disused	Debris gathered in entrance and partially overgrown.
126	Annexe: Very High	Annexe: Very High	Recent spoil at three holes within sett, clear mammal paths and tunnel entrances
127	Main: High	Main: High	Recent spoil at three holes within sett, clear mammal paths and tunnel entrances
128	Subsidiary: Very High	Subsidiary: Low	Holes still open but with debris gathered in entrance and partially overgrown.
129	Subsidiary: Very High	Subsidiary: Very Low	Some holes starting to collapse with debris gathered in entrance and partially overgrown.
131	Subsidiary: Very High	Subsidiary: Low	Many holes showing little to no use, but one hole open with spoil heap. Signs of minor use when compared to April 2022 survey data.
132	Subsidiary: Moderate	Subsidiary: Disused	No signs of use by badger, with debris in some entrances and now within vicinity of rabbit warren.
133	Outlier: High	Outlier: Low	Tunnel entrance open but no new badger signs present.
135	Outlier: High	Outlier: Low	Tunnel entrance open but no new badger signs present.
136	Outlier: Moderate	Outlier: Very Low	Tunnel open but no new badger signs present. Debris partially blocked the entrance and rabbit droppings present on spoil heap.
138	Outlier: Very High	Outlier: Very Low	Tunnel open but no new badger signs present. Debris blocked the entrance and rabbit droppings present on spoil heap.
139	Outlier: Very High	Outlier: Low	Tunnel open but no new badger signs present.

<b>Sett No.</b>	<b>April 2022 Assessment (Sett Type: Activity Level)</b>	<b>September 2022 Assessment (Sett Type: Activity Level)</b>	<b>Comment</b>
141	Subsidiary: Very High	Subsidiary: Low	Some tunnels showing infrequent use, old dry bedding scattered away from hole, many holes with no new signs present. Debris blocking some entrances and rabbit droppings present on spoil.
142	Outlier: Disused	Outlier: Disused	No sign of recent use with debris and partial wall collapse evident.
143	Outlier: Disused	Outlier: Moderate	One hole at this location with new spoil present, on scrub edge with mammal paths leading toward woodland.
148	Main: High	Main: High	Clear mammal paths leading to several open clear tunnel entrances and away from the sett to the east and west. Fresh deposits at latrine on the western edge of the sett.

## Camera Trap Deployment

3.3.2 Table 3.4 and Table 3.5 summarise the evidence collected from the deployment of camera traps at the six setts.

Table 3.4 – Camera Trap Deployment Results

<b>Sett No.</b>	<b>Camera Trap No.</b>	<b>Deployment Description</b>
126	4	Badgers were observed emerging from and digging within tunnels across five of the recorded nights. The data suggests there were at least two badgers using this sett at the time of recording.
	5	A badger was observed emerging from and digging at this tunnel on one night during the survey period. Badgers were also observed using the mammal path heading to and from the other hole locations of sett 126.
127	6	Badgers were observed using the mammal paths between holes of this sett across two nights during the survey period. The sett entrances in frame were not used during this time.
	7	Two badgers were observed emerging from sett entrance on every night during the survey period. Badgers were observed using the mammal paths that head north and south through sett 127 and connect to nearby setts.
128	3	Badgers were observed commuting along the mammal path at sett 128 across seven nights during the survey period. No direct evidence of sett use was observed.
131	9	Badgers were observed using the mammal path at Sett 131 on 05/09/2022. However, they did not associate with the tunnel entrance, which was likely to be used as a rabbit warren.

Sett No.	Camera Trap No.	Deployment Description
143	8	One badger was observed snuffling on the embankment on 03/09/2022 and did not associate with the sett entrance. The sett is likely used as a rabbit warren. Frequent activity of rabbit was recorded.
148	1	Badgers were observed using the main mammal path every night during the survey period. The evidence suggests at least three badgers were captured at this location. Whilst the tunnel entrance in frame was used by rats, the tunnel entrance in close proximity to the south-east is thought to be used by badger. This tunnel was also well worn and the camera captured evidence of badgers dragging nest material in the direction of the tunnel.
	2	At least two badgers were observed using this defined mammal path on five nights, to move between the tunnels on the arable field edge into the main sett area within the woodland. The two holes in the frame were not used during this period.
	10	Badgers were observed across seven nights during the survey period. Two badgers were observed emerging from a tunnel on the south-east edge of the sett, adjacent to the arable field. Another badger was observed investigating a sett entrance within the farm access track. On 07/09/2022 two badgers were observed approaching sett 148 from sett 151 to the east, across the arable field. This mammal path crosses the Order Limits.

Table 3.5 – Photographic Evidence of Sett Activities

Sett Number	Camera Trap No.	Photographic Evidence
Sett 126	Camera 4	

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Sett Number	Camera Trap No.	Photographic Evidence
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Camera 5



Sett 127

Camera 6



Camera 7



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Sett Number	Camera Trap No.	Photographic Evidence
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Sett 128      Camera 3



Sett 131      Camera 9



Sett 143      Camera 8



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Sett Number	Camera Trap No.	Photographic Evidence
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Sett 148

Camera 1



Camera 2





Camera 10



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