

York Potash | Discharge of Planning Conditions NYMNPA56-Species Rich Grassland in Roads and Verges Doves Nest Farm

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NYMNP 56 Species Rich Grassland in Roads and Verges

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Introduction


This document has been prepared on behalf of York Potash Ltd (YPL) and provides a scheme for the protection of species rich grassland in roads and verges for all construction phases of the works at the Doves Nest Farm mine site, specifically, the area identified by the North York Moors National Park Authority (NYMNP) as 'Important Verge No. 10'; the location of which is shown in Figure 1. This scheme is required to discharge condition 56 of the NYMNP planning permission NYM/2014/0676/MEIA.

This report only details the works required at the Doves Nest Farm site.

The information provided in this submission assumes that funding will be available for the project to meet its current programme.

Compliance with Condition

The wording of planning condition 56 and where the necessary material has been provided within the report is set out in the table below:

NYMNP 56	Compliance with Condition 56
<p>Schemes shall be put in place to avoid damage to species rich grassland in roadside verges in the vicinity of Doves Nest Farm and Lady Cross Plantation and Preparatory Works shall not be allowed to commence until these schemes have been established and agreed in writing by the MPA.</p>	<p>A Species Rich Grassland Plan has been provided for Doves Nest Farm only.</p> 
<p>The schemes shall cover the construction periods and shall identify precisely the species rich grassland roadside verge areas covered by the schemes and the means by which damage shall be avoided, and shall include the provision for monitoring by the MPA and appropriate mitigation of any damage that does occur.</p>	<p>This Condition will be adhered to.</p>

Consultation

YPL's proposed approach to compliance with this condition has been discussed as part of pre-submission consultation meetings with both the NYMNP and Natural England. The scheme and extent of the species rich grassland presented in this document reflects the agreements reached.

1. Measures to Minimise Risk of Damage

1.1. Avoidance of Physical Barriers

This scheme has been developed to avoid the use of physical barriers, as these have the potential to result in damage to the verges they protect and represent a risk to users of the highway. This approach was agreed during the pre-submission consultation meetings.

1.2. Driver Training

All drivers delivering to the Doves Nest Farm site will hold a Driver Certificate of Professional Competence, which is a set of standards established by the European Union to ensure all professional drivers are both competent and proficient. Inductions on the requirements of the Construction Traffic Management Plan will be carried out for drivers who will be delivering frequently to the construction site. Driver inductions will be undertaken off-site in advance of deliveries commencing. This induction will also clearly inform drivers of the importance of not driving or parking on the roadside verges and that sanctions noted below will apply for non-compliance.

- Drivers found not to be acknowledging restrictions shall be banned from site and their employer informed.
- Repeat transgressions from the same company will result in that company being removed from site.

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1.3. Driver Information Pack

A driver information pack will be issued to all drivers delivering to the site on a regular basis. The pack will be a convenient size so it can be stored in a truck cab. The pack will include key information on delivery routes, procedures for dealing with emergencies and disciplinary measures for non-compliance.

1.4. Use of Traffic Regulation Orders

It has already been agreed with North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) and set out in NYMNPA Condition 37 that Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) will be in place on the B1416 during the full construction period. The TRO's include a temporary 40mph speed limit and a clearway along the identified extent of Important Verge No. 10, to provide mitigation for the Moors to Sea Cycle Route. This will further reduce the potential for damage to the verges, as vehicles will be travelling at a reduced speed and will not be allowed to stop on the carriageway.

2. Condition Survey, Monitoring and Remediation

Prior to the commencement of each phase of work, a condition survey will be undertaken to record the current condition of the verges. The survey will cover the full extent of the verge shown in Figure 1. The condition survey will include:

A walk-through condition survey will be carried out between the construction contractor, the Client's Representative and, if desired, a representative of NYMNPA.

Photographs will be taken to record the condition of the verges.

A report will be generated, in the form of a word document, to record the findings of the initial walk-through survey and submitted to the Client's Representative and NYMNPA for agreement.

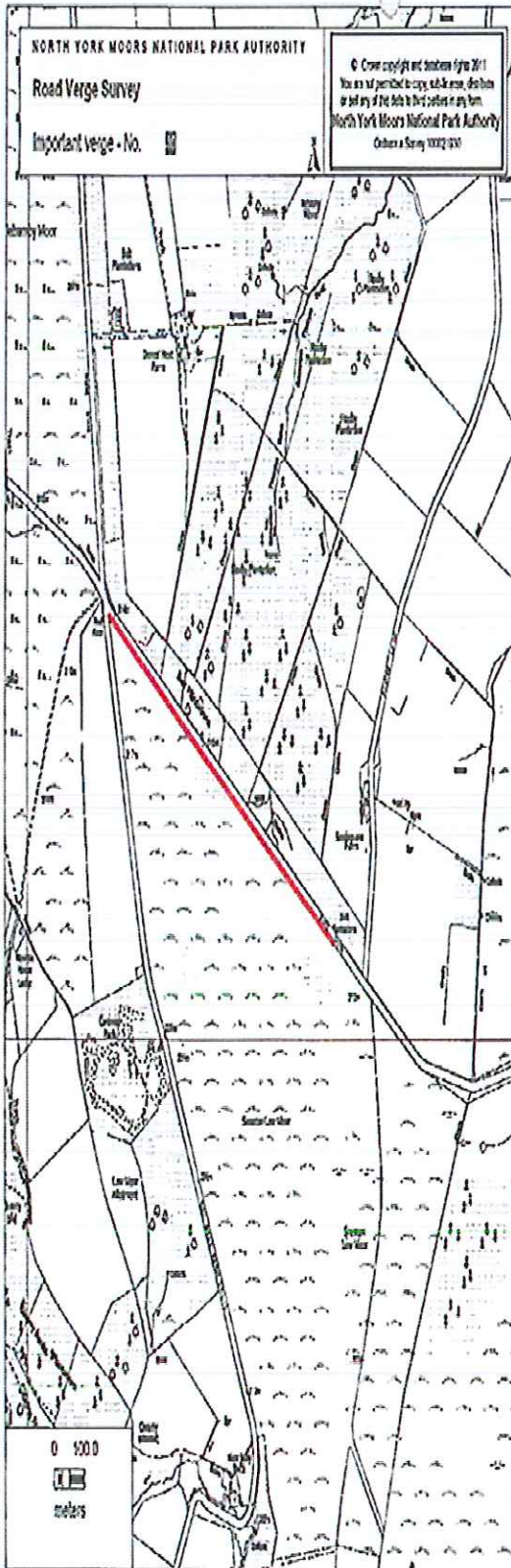
The condition survey will not include any specific botanical survey, as the measures to protect the verge will be applied regardless of species composition.

The condition survey will be repeated on a monthly basis, with visual monitoring carried out every week in order to maintain an auditable record and to ensure that any impact, attributable to the Works is identified and recorded as soon as possible.

On completion of each phase of work, the full condition survey will be repeated and any damage that has occurred will be remediated. A specific method statement for any necessary remediation will be prepared and its content agreed with the NYMNPA prior to implementation.



Figure 1. Verge protection extents survey



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