

## **APPENDIX 7.1**

### **BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLANS**

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### Introduction

- 7.1 The ecological impact assessment has been undertaken within the context of relevant planning policies, guidance documents and legislative instruments (see main Chapter text). Due consideration has been given to habitats and species for which action plans have been prepared in the North York Moors National Park and Ryedale Biodiversity Action Plans (BAPs).
- 7.2 The Local BAPs identifies local priorities for conservation action and determines the contribution they can make to the delivery of the UK BAP Species and Habitat Action Plan targets.

### Ryedale Biodiversity Action Plan 2007 – 2012

- 7.3 The Ryedale BAP lists the following species and habitats that are considered rare or threatened in the county and for which species and habitat action plans respectively have been prepared. Those species and habitats which are considered to be of potential relevance to the proposed pipeline are summarised in Table 7.1A below.

**Table 7.1A: Ryedale BAP**

Habitat/ Ryedale BAP	Species on	Relevance to Proposed Pipeline
Water vole		Likely to be present on River Derwent and potentially present in drainage ditches crossed by the pipeline.
Farmland birds		Likely to be present in habitats affected by the route.
White-clawed crayfish		Highly likely to be present in River Derwent.
Arable field margins		Present in arable fields crossed by the route south of the River Derwent.

### North York Moors National Park Biodiversity Action Plan 2008 – 2012

- 7.4 The North York Moors National Park BAP lists the following species and habitats that are considered rare or threatened in the county and for which species and habitat action plans respectively have been prepared. Those species and habitats which are considered to be of potential relevance to the proposed pipeline are summarised in Table 7.1B below.

**Table 7.1B: North York Moors National Park BAP**

<b>Habitat/ Species on North York Moors National Park BAP</b>	<b>Relevance to Proposed Pipeline</b>
Water vole	Likely to be present on River Derwent and potentially present in drainage ditches crossed by the pipeline.
Bats	Likely to be present in habitats affected by the route.
Farmland birds	Likely to be present in habitats affected by the route.
Moorland birds	Potentially present in habitats affected by the route.
White-clawed crayfish	Highly likely to be present in River Derwent.
Rivers and Streams	River Derwent crossed by the pipeline route.
Farmland	Crossed by the pipeline route
Woodland	Crossed by the pipeline route