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Enforcement Notice Appeal relating to Land at Mickleden Edge, Midhope Moor, Bradfield, South Yorkshire, S36 4GX

Regarding the alleged unauthorised 'engineering operations consisting of the laying of geotextile matting and wooden log 'rafts' on the Land to form a track'.

Proof of Evidence Addendum June 2021
on behalf of the Appellant Dunlin Ltd
for Ecology and Habitats Regulations Assessment

By
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1 Introduction

- 1.1 With the delay in the hearing dates for this appeal almost a year has now passed since I first became involved with this case. I first visited the site on September 9th 2020, almost ten month ago. With the passage of time I felt it prudent to revisit the site to check on the status of the track and its surrounds and to evaluate if there have been any significant changes to the ecology of the site.
- 1.2 I revisited the site on June 14th 2021. During my time on site I walked the length of the track and carried out a visual inspection. I did not carry out a detailed condition assessment but rather gained a general understanding of the status of the track.

2 Condition of the track.

- 2.1 I have been informed that further remedial work has been carried out on the track comprising, the addition of more steel pins, addition of lime and fertiliser, reseeding, laying of heather brash and work to the junction of the track with the Cut Gate bridle way.
- 2.2 I can confirm that the condition of the track has not substantially changed since my last site visit in September 2020. The vegetation, which covers much of the track, had not changed significantly and while the addition of lime is evident the sward has not grown substantially probably because of the cold Spring weather which has significantly delayed the growing season this year. Equally, I found no evidence that the track has degraded in any way since my last visit. If the track has been used in the intervening time the use has not caused any damage either to the track or to the adjacent habitats.
- 2.3 I can confirm that my evidence that has been presented to the inquiry remains valid and there is no need for me to update or change the evidence that I have already presented to the inquiry.