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Dear Planning Officer

NESBReC report: Planning Reference APP/2021/0025

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A list of all the datasets used in the search process can be obtained directly from NESBReC and data can be summarised as designated, nondesignated and priority species, sites and habitats.

Results table:

Ref no	Data set	Interest	Locality	Grid Ref	Proposal
APP/2021/0025	Aberdeenshire Local Nature Conservation Sites	42 Feughside : Extensive area of geomorphological interest representing the best part of a more extensive fluvio- glacial complex. Clachnaben is a good example of a granitic tor. Locally rare plants in pine woodland and mire	An Teallach Finzean Banchory Aberdeenshire AB31 6NX	NO 60840 93405	Demolition of Existing Dwellinghouse and Erection of Dwellinghouse

Maps showing all the search results are included below.

Yours sincerely

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PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING NOTES:

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- 2) Search was done to within 100 metres of the area of interest. This is indicated on the map by a broken line around the site.
- 3) Search areas or centroids are highlighted in red.
- 4) The dots on any maps depicting the locations of a species are positioned at the centre of a square representing the resolution of the recorded grid reference. Care should be taken over interpretation
- 5) Due to the limits of the map display function, all records may not be visible on the species maps. However, all species are listed in the relevant table above the map and a full list of records can be supplied in Excel format.
- 6) Scientific names are only used to identify species on maps when no common name is in general accepted usage.
- 7) For maps without a key, the relevant information is provided in the table.
- 8) The ownership of the data within this report remains with the original recorder and is subject to the laws defining Intellectual Property Copyright.
- 9) This report and the data held within it are to be used solely for those purposes described under the terms of any agreement between the Planning Authority and NESBReC.
- 10) Some, or all of the data held within this report may be of a sensitive or confidential nature. Such information will be marked as such and if required an appropriate contact for further correspondence will be given (otherwise NESBReC should be contacted).
- 11) Although NESBReC makes every possible effort to ensure that the data it provides is accurate and up to date, this report should only be considered to represent the most recent version of each dataset as available at the time of the search.
- 12) For the purposes of planning reports NESBReC is returning data on Habitat Survey, Protected Species, Invasive Species and Protected Areas data only.
- 13) NE LBAP Locally Important Species are species that are not on existing designated species lists but have been identified as important in the local context.

For designated species, the following abbreviated sub-headings are used to describe different levels of importance: Protection of Badgers Act (1992)

- ANNEX 1, 2.1, 2.2 EC Birds Directive
- UK BAP UK BAP list of Priority Species
- SBL S2 Scottish Biodiversity List: International Obligations
- SBL S3 Scottish Biodiversity List: Nationally Rare at UK level, found in only 1-15 10km squares
- SBL S4 Scottish Biodiversity List: Present in 5 or fewer 10km squares or sites in Scotland
- SBL S5 Scottish Biodiversity List: Decline of 25% or more in Scotland in last 25 years

Note, a species may be designated under several of these lists, but will only be listed under its highest level designation within this report. The ranking order used here is Protection of Badgers Act (1992), ANNEX 1, ANNEX 2.1, UK BAP, ANNEX 2.2, SBL S2-SBL S5.

