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Dear Ms Teasdale

**Continued exploration to develop the abstraction and re-injection of groundwater for the extraction and processing of lithium at a pilot scale
Land at Ludwell Farm, Eastgate, Bishop Auckland**

Please find attached a planning application submitted on behalf of Northern Lithium Limited.

The planning fee of £2,340 has been paid separately by BACS (Other operations, winning and working of minerals excluding oil and gas £234 per 0.1ha or part thereof x 10).

A DEFRA biodiversity net gain calculation cannot be undertaken because the development is small scale and a temporary operation. However, to address this, the PEA includes not just restoration on completion of works, but additional biodiversity enhancement measures. This is explained in greater detail in section 4.1 of the PEA.

Should you require any further information or an accompanying site visit please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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