



# SIX OAKS RENEWABLE ENERGY PARK: WINTERING BIRD SURVEYS 2019-20

### Report to Ridge Clean Energy



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#### INTRODUCTION

- This report presents the results of bird survey work at the proposed Six Oaks Renewable Energy Park, Cambridgeshire, undertaken outside the breeding season to provide ornithological baseline data for the proposed development. It provides baseline data on the wintering bird populations, activity and flight paths within the vicinity of the proposed development site to inform subsequent ornithological impact assessment.
- 2. The specific objectives of this work were to:
  - Undertake wintering bird surveys of the proposed development site, to determine the numbers of birds present, and the flight activity of key target species.
  - Use this information to evaluate the importance of the site's wintering bird populations.
- 3. The surveys were designed to take into account Natural England (NE) standing advice<sup>1</sup> and Scottish Natural Heritage (2017) guidance. The surveys were undertaken by Keith Langdon and Mike Hoit, both highly experienced bird surveyors.

#### STUDY AREA

4. The site is located approximately 9km east of Cambridge, in Cambridgeshire. The wintering bird survey area was chosen to include all areas within the potential zone of ornithological influence of the renewable energy park. The survey area covered a total area of 14.1km² (see Figure 1). It is predominantly open arable farmland and lies mainly within the 'East Anglian Chalk' NE Natural Area.

 $<sup>^1</sup> https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wild-birds-surveys-and-monitoring-for-onshore-wind-farms \\$ 

#### WINTER BIRD SURVEY METHODS

#### **Wintering Bird Field Surveys**

- 5. The winter surveys included a field survey based on a simple 'look-see' method, counting the bird numbers within a pre-defined survey area (Gilbert *et al.* 1998) and a vantage point survey, monitoring bird flight activity to quantify movement rates across the survey area. The latter focused on the area in which the renewable energy park is located, and included daytime movements and dawn/dusk roost flights.
- 6. The field counts comprised regular counts of the birds within the wintering bird survey area. Twelve of these surveys were undertaken at approximately fortnightly intervals between October 2019 and March 2020. The counts were carried out as instantaneous counts, recording a snapshot of the birds present in each field at the time it was surveyed. One such count of each field was made each survey day, recording the numbers of all the key species present. Any additional records made outside this time were noted as supplementary records. These snapshot counts were organised to ensure that the full range of times of day were covered in each part of the survey area. The following species were recorded:
  - All ducks, geese, swans, cormorants, herons, coot and grebes;
  - All waders (including lapwing and golden plover);
  - All birds of prey and owls;
  - Large flocks (>100 birds) of other species (except woodpigeon and rook);
  - Any other notable species.
- 7. As well as counting each species, the behaviour of each flock was also recorded, e.g. feeding/roosting. Birds in flight over-flying the field during the snapshot were also recorded, together with an estimate of their height and direction.
- 8. Mapping of the habitats and crop types available in the survey area was carried out during the first visit and then again at approximately 2-month intervals through the season, so that habitat availability could be determined and any changes during the study period taken into account.
- 9. Weather conditions during all observations were recorded, and visits were made to cover a representative range of visibilities, wind speeds and directions (though avoiding extreme conditions where visibility is severely limited (i.e. fog, continuous heavy rain)).

#### Winter Vantage Point Surveys

- 10. These surveys enabled flight activity at the proposed development site to be quantified and inform the project impact assessment (SNH 2017). A single vantage point was sufficient, which gave a clear view over the site to a maximum 2km viewing distance (see Figure 1), looking forward from the VP (i.e. no need to look behind). A total of 36 hours surveys were carried out from the VP (including roost flight observations at dawn/dusk) over the October 2019 March 2020 survey period. All flight lines of target species were mapped, and the flight height of each flock recorded. Target species were the same as those for the field surveys set out above.
- 11. The VP was selected using the following criteria:
  - It gave a clear view across the development site, with all of the site within 2km of the VP visible as a minimum;

- The survey area could be observed by looking in a 180° arc forward from the vantage point (i.e. no need for the observer to look behind to cover the site) the focus of the surveys was looking into the development site from the VP.
- 12. All key birds seen were recorded, irrespective of their distance from the vantage point. Observations were carried out throughout daylight hours but not in periods of reduced visibility (<3km).
- 13. Vantage point surveys were carried out for a maximum of 3 hours in a single observer session. Where one surveyor carried out two three-hour blocks concurrently, there was a gap of at least 30 minutes rest period between these surveys (to follow best practice).
- 14. During the observation periods, all target species flights were mapped and cross-referenced to the recording form using a numbering system, and the flight height of each recorded. To estimate flight height as accurately as possible, the available reference features (e.g. existing power lines, radio masts) were used. Flight heights were recorded as accurately as possible, i.e. not summarised to height classes. Below 10m it was possible to estimate to 1m, between 10m and 20m to 2m, between 20m and 50m to 5m, and above 50m to 10m. In any case of uncertainty an estimate of the upper and lower range of height was recorded. When birds were observed over an extended period, estimates of flight height was recorded every 30 seconds. The activity during each flight (e.g. striking prey, displaying, food passing) was also recorded.

#### WINTERING BIRD SURVEYS 2019-20: RESULTS

#### Autumn/winter field count survey results

15. The bird populations found within the survey area during each of the fortnightly field count surveys are summarised in Table 1. The Table shows the numbers recorded during each survey, and the overall mean and peak counts.

TABLE 1.Autumn/winter bird populations in the Six Oaks survey area during October 2019 - March 2020.

Species	31/10/19	13/11/19	25/11/19	09/12/19	24/12/19	06/01/20	20/01/20	30/01/20	17/02/20	28/02/20	11/03/20	24/03/20	Mean 2019- 20	Peak 2019- 20
Sparrowhawk	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0.2	1
Marsh Harrier	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.1	1
Red Kite	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	4	0	0.6	4
Buzzard	3	2	0	1	1	5	4	3	2	1	7	5	2.8	7
Lapwing	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.4	17
Golden Plover	0	0	0	117	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9.8	117
Black-headed Gull	72	141	3	3	2	15	430	7	0	21	0	0	57.8	430

Species	31/10/19	13/11/19	25/11/19	09/12/19	24/12/19	06/01/20	20/01/20	30/01/20	17/02/20	28/02/20	11/03/20	24/03/20	Mean 2019- 20	Peak 2019- 20
Common Gull	86	8	23	87	25	24	198	29	0	2	0	0	40.2	198
Herring Gull	2	0	2	18	25	0	7	1	0	6	0	0	5.1	25
Yellow-legged Gull	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.1	1
Lesser Black- backed Gull	195	1	2	0	16	0	2	0	0	19	0	0	19.6	195
Barn Owl	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.1	1
Kestrel	2	4	1	2	0	1	1	2	0	0	2	3	1.5	4
Peregrine	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.1	1
Raven	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.1	1

#### **Vantage Point Survey Results**

16. The rates of bird flight movement observed across the survey area during the vantage point surveys from the single VP are summarised in Table 2. This gives the monthly mean flight rates observed, and the total number of flights recorded during the survey period.

TABLE 2. Bird flight rates recorded over the Six Oaks wintering bird survey area during October 2019 - March 2020 autumn/winter vantage point surveys. N = 36 hours total observation (6 hours/month).

		Total number of					
Species	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	flights
Greylag Goose	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	12
Mallard	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	1
Sparrowhawk	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	2
Red Kite	0.3	0.4	0.0	1.7	0.0	0.5	18
Buzzard	1.7	0.3	0.2	2.7	1.8	3.0	54
Lapwing	0.0	0.8	0.2	9.2	0.0	0.0	63
Golden Plover	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	0.0	0.0	12
Black-headed Gull	8.7	7.9	4.8	124.5	0.2	0.0	874
Common Gull	1.7	14.2	32.7	86.2	1.8	0.0	857
Great Black-			02.7	55.2	2.0	2.0	23,
backed Gull	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.0	3
Herring Gull	0.3	9.1	83.3	2.2	0.5	0.5	602

		Total number of flights					
	Oct	iligiits					
Species							
Lesser Black-							
backed Gull	17.3	17.9	2.8	2.7	2.5	0.2	262
Barn Owl	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1
Kestrel	0.0	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.5	0.2	15
Merlin	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	1
Peregrine	1.3	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.3	2.7	26
Raven	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	2

#### **Conservation Evaluation of Wintering Bird Populations**

17. The conservation value of the non-breeding bird populations was determined using the criteria specified in Table 3 (from Percival 2007). This includes the criteria adopted by Natural England in Guidelines for Selection of Biological SSSIs (Drewitt *et al.* 2020), using 1% of the resource to define international and national importance (Frost *et al.* 2021). An additional category of regional importance was assigned for species approaching the threshold for national importance and those for which the survey area held a notable concentration in a county context. A further category of 'local importance' was used for species that did not reach regional importance but were still of some ecological value. This included all species on the red or amber lists of the 'Birds of Conservation Concern' (Stanbury *et al.* 2021) that did not reach national or regional importance at the development site. National (GB) and International wintering waterfowl baseline populations have been taken from the most recently published population figures (Frost *et al.* 2021) from the national Wetland Birds Survey and other species from Woodward *et al.* (2020). In addition, listing on Annex 1 of the EU Birds Directive, Schedule 1 of the Wildlife and Countryside and UK Biodiversity Action Plan [BAP] priority species were all considered in the evaluation process.

TABLE 3.Definition of terms relating to the conservation value of the ornithological receptors at the site.

Sensitivity	Definition
VERY HIGH	Cited interest of SPAs, SACs and SSSIs. Cited means mentioned in the citation text for the site as a species for which the site is designated (SPAs/SACs) or notified (SSSIs).
HIGH	Other species that contribute to the integrity of an SPA or SSSI.  A local population of more than 1% of the national population of a species.  EU Birds Directive Annex 1, EU Habitats Directive priority habitat/species and/or W&C Act Schedule 1 species.  Ecologically sensitive species, e.g. large birds of prey or rare birds (<300 breeding pairs in the UK).
MEDIUM	Regionally important population of a species, either because of population size or distributional context.  NERC Act Section 41 priority species (if not covered above), red-listed species of conservation concern.
LOW	Any other species of conservation interest, e.g. species listed on the Birds of Conservation Concern not covered above. Local BAP species (if not covered above).

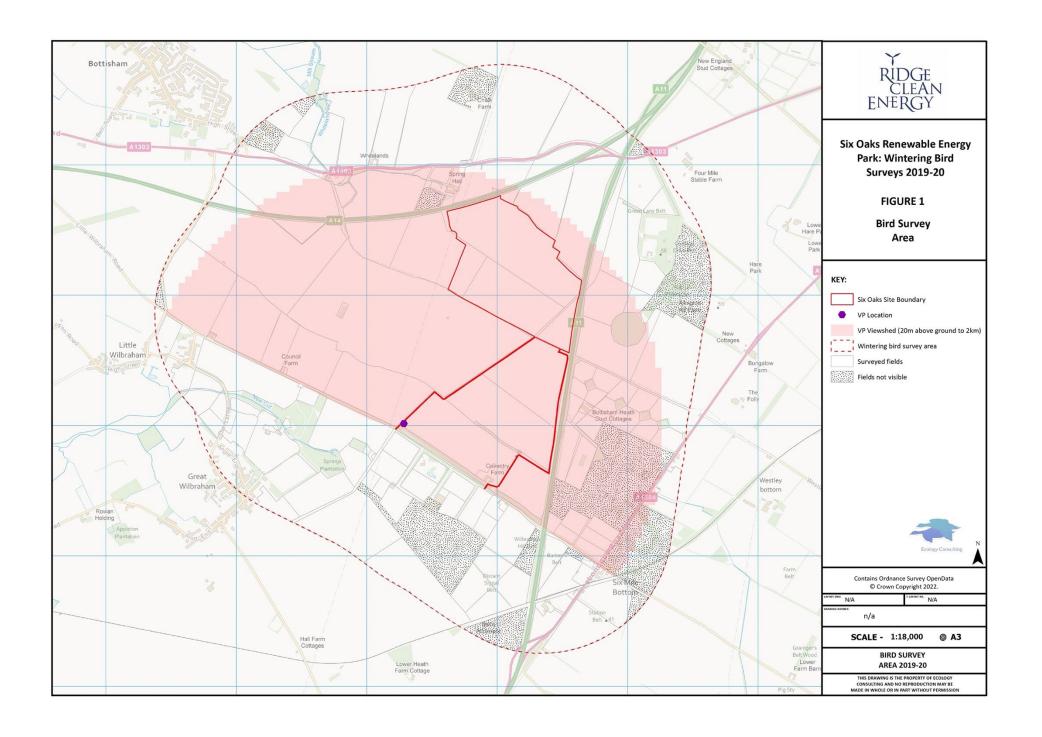
18. The conservation value of the wintering bird populations observed in the Six Oaks survey area during the wintering bird surveys has been summarised in Table 4 below. This included six high sensitivity species (marsh harrier, red kite, golden plover, barn owl, peregrine and merlin) that are EU Birds Directive Annex 1/Wildlife and Countryside Act Schedule 1 species, seven medium sensitivity species (UK BAP priority/red listed species of conservation concern and /or present in regionally important numbers; lapwing, black-headed gull, common gull, herring gull, yellow-legged gull, lesser black-backed gull and raven), and four low sensitivity species

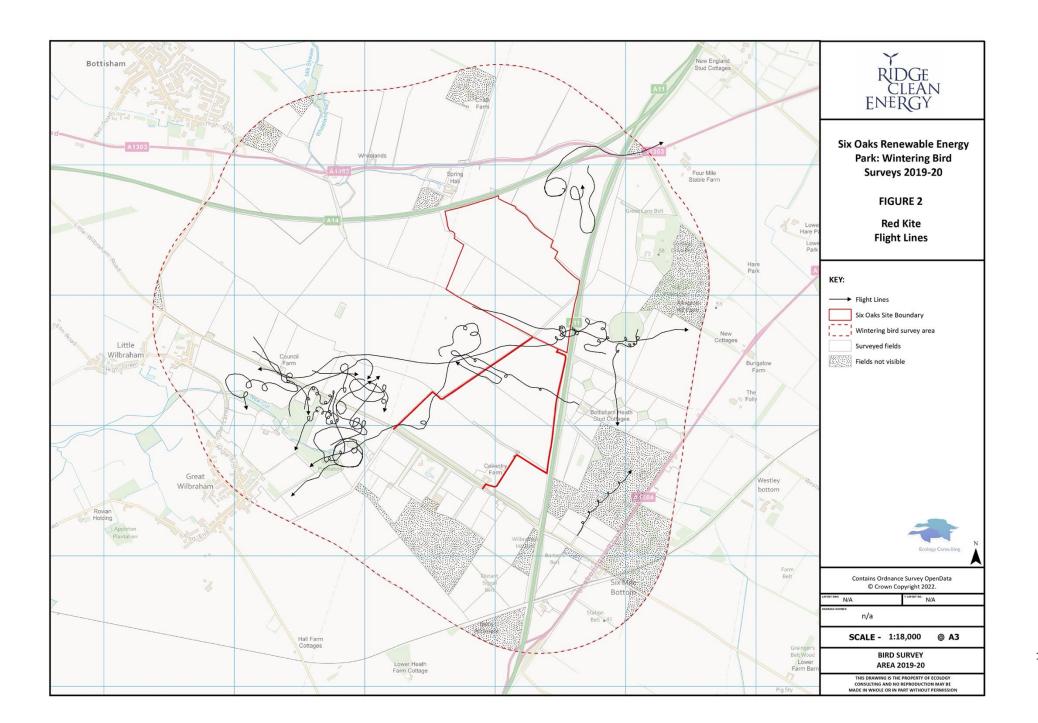
TABLE 4. Conservation evaluation of the wintering bird populations in the Six Oaks survey area.

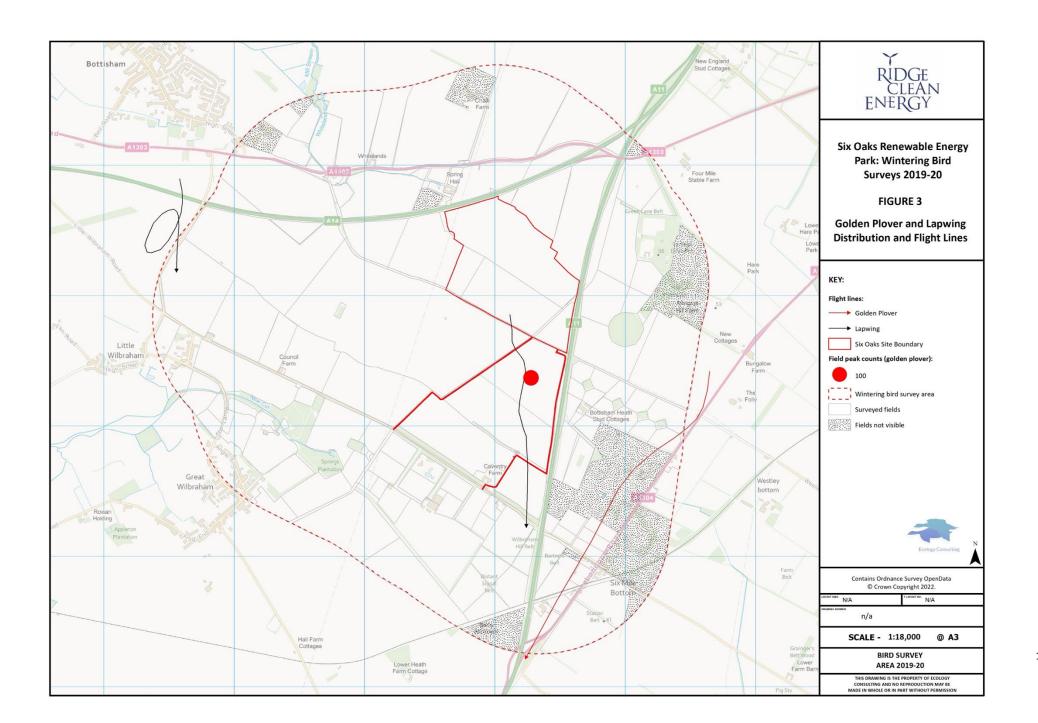
Species	Peak count	>1% regional population	EU Birds Dir Ann 1	W and C Act Sch 1	Red [R]/ Amber [A] List	NERC priority sp	Value
Greylag Goose	7				Α		Low
Mallard	2				Α		Low
Sparrowhawk	1						Nil
Marsh Harrier	1	✓	✓	✓	Α		High
Red Kite	4	✓	✓	✓			High
Buzzard	7						Nil
Lapwing	17				R	✓	Medium
Golden Plover	117		✓				High
Black-headed Gull	430	✓			А		Medium
Common Gull	198	✓			А		Medium
Herring Gull	25				R	✓	Medium
Yellow-legged Gull	1	✓			А		Medium
Lesser Black-backed Gull	195	✓			А		Medium
Great Black-backed Gull	1				Α		Low
Barn Owl	1	✓		✓			High
Kestrel	4				Α		Low
Peregrine	1	✓	✓	✓			High
Merlin	1	✓	✓	✓	R		High
Raven	1	✓					Medium

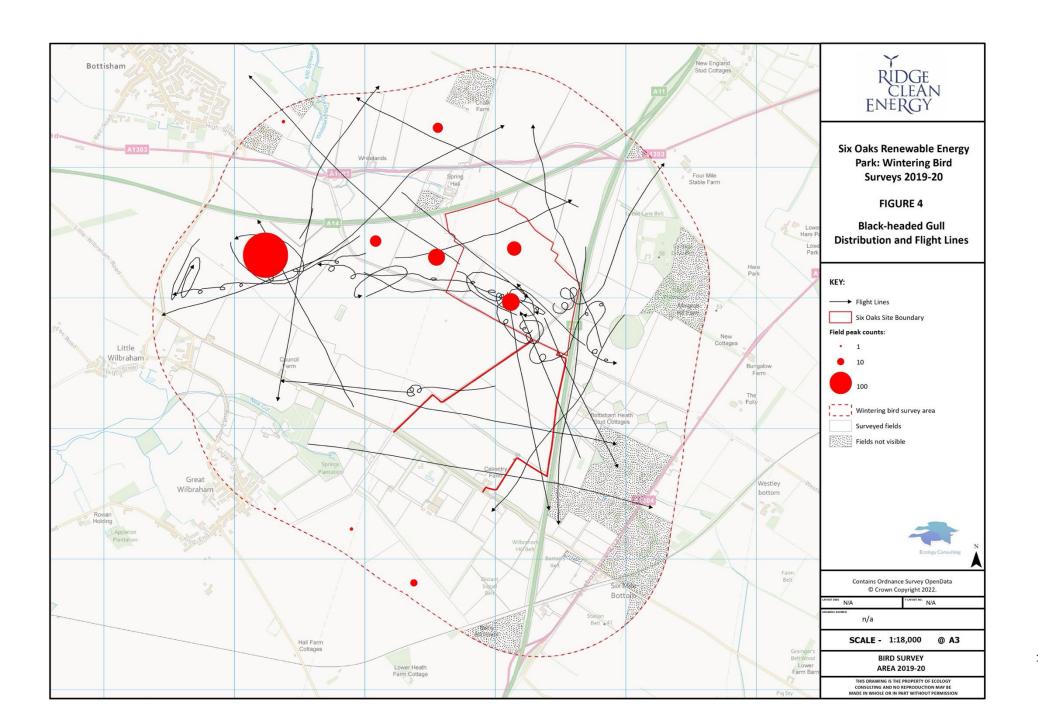
- 19. The key autumn/wintering birds recorded were as follows:
  - Marsh harrier there was a single record of an immature male seen over-flying during the field count survey on 24/3/20. A single bird would exceed 1% of the regional population, but with only a single sighting there was not any evidence that the survey area was ecologically important for this species.
  - Red kite red kites were regularly seen flying over the survey area, and the peak count of 4 birds would be regionally important. The flight lines observed during the VP surveys are shown in Figure 2.

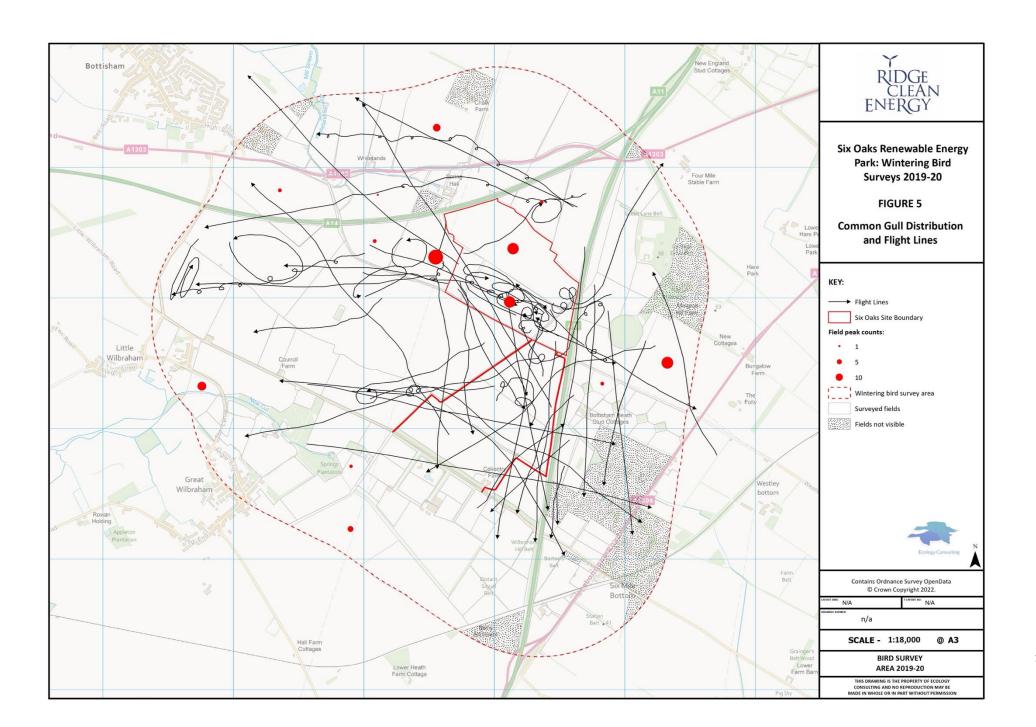
- **Golden Plover** and **Lapwing** peak numbers of both of these species were only locally important. The distribution and flight lines of golden plover are shown in Figure 3. More activity of both species was recorded in the central part of the survey area. No lapwing were seen on the ground during the field surveys. Their small number of flight lines are shown in Figure 3.
- Black-headed Gull and Common Gull both of these species were seen regularly feeding within and over-flying the site. Numbers of both were classed as regionally important (>1% regional population). Activity of both species was widely distributed over the survey area. The distribution and flight lines of black-headed gull are shown in Figure 4 and of common gull in Figure 5.
- Herring Gull this red-listed UK BAP priority species was seen over-flying and feeding within the survey area, with regular movements of birds over-flying the site, but only small numbers seen feeding within the survey area. Their flight lines and distribution during the field counts are shown in Figure 6. As for the other gull species, activity was widely distributed over the survey area.
- **Yellow-legged Gull** there was a single record of one bird during the field count survey on 31/10/19. A single bird would exceed 1% of the regional population, but with only a single sighting there was not any evidence that the survey area was ecologically important for this species.
- Lesser Black-backed Gull this species was seen in regionally important numbers, foraging within the survey area and regularly over-flying. Their flight lines and distribution during the field counts are shown in Figure 7. As for the other gull species, activity was widely distributed over the survey area.
- **Barn Owl** single records from the field count and VP surveys for this species, but could be indicative of a resident pair in the area, which would be regionally important.
- **Peregrine** 1-2 individuals were seen regularly during the surveys, which would be regionally important. Their flight lines are shown in Figure 8.
- Merlin there was a single record of a female seen hunting over the site during the VP survey on 30/1/20. A single bird would exceed 1% of the regional population, but with only a single sighting there was not any evidence that the survey area was ecologically important for this species.
- Raven there was a single record of one bird over-flying during the field count survey on 31/10/19. A single bird would exceed 1% of the regional population, but with only a single sighting there was not any evidence that the survey area was ecologically important for this species.

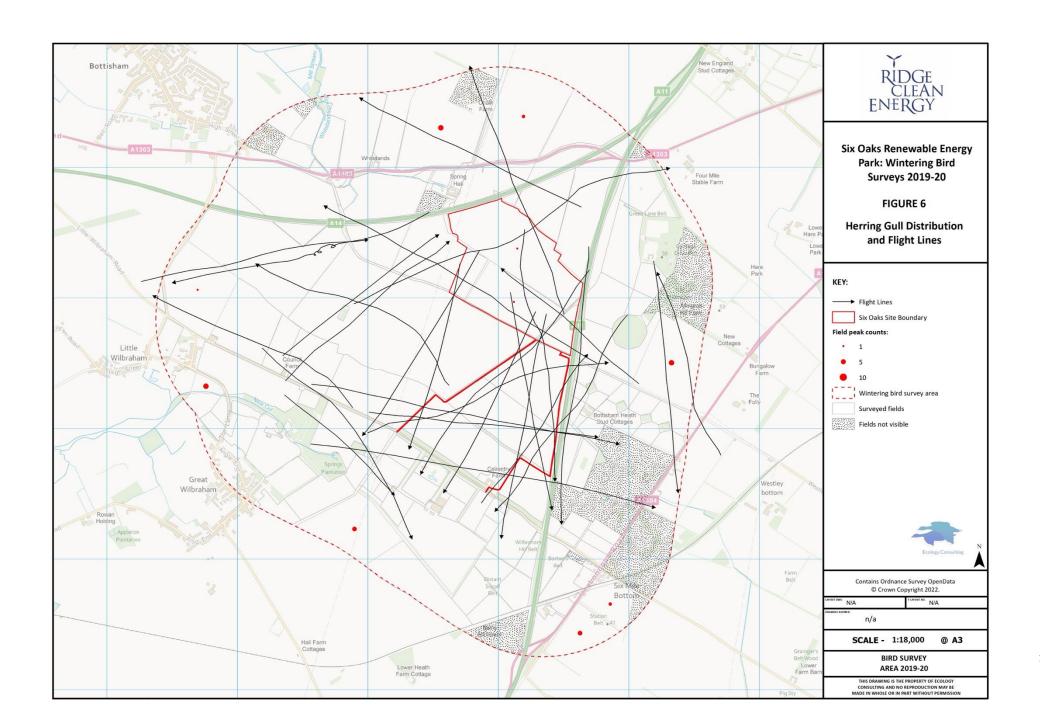


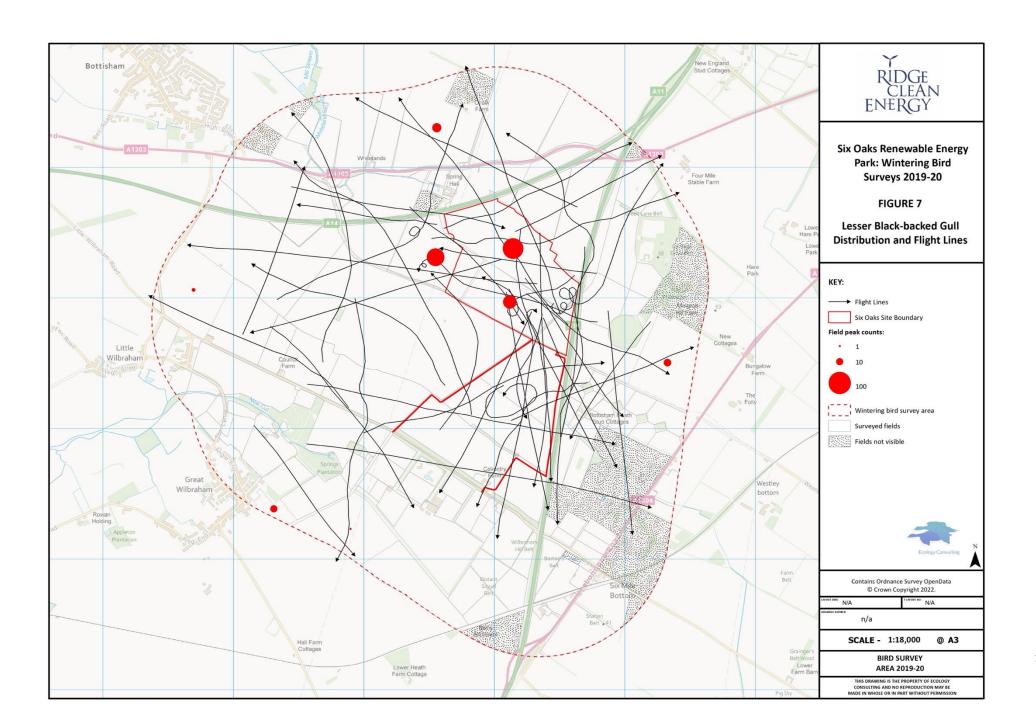


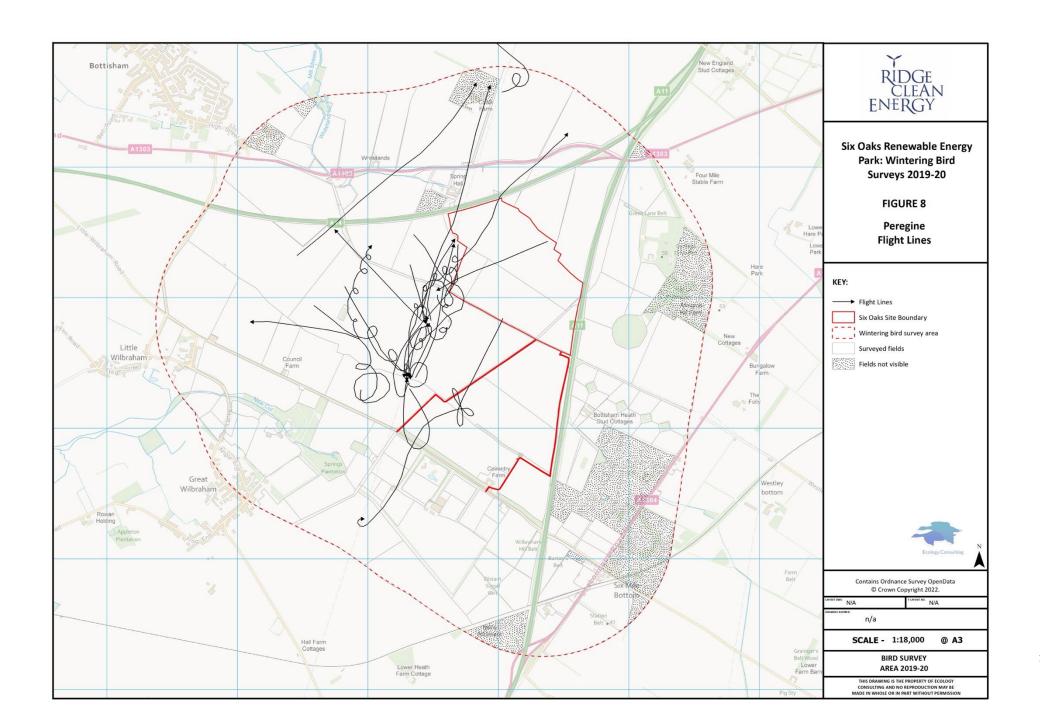












#### **CONCLUSIONS**

20. Overall there was no evidence that the survey area (including the proposed development site) was particularly important for any wintering bird populations. The 2019-20 surveys have shown that the survey area did support some regionally important wintering bird populations, including red kite, black-headed gull, common gull, lesser black-backed gull, barn owl and peregrine. These species were, however, generally widely scattered in low numbers over the survey area. No parts of the survey area held any notable concentrations of birds and no important wintering bird habitats occurred within it.

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## APPENDIX 1. SURVEY DATES AND WEATHER CONDITIONS

#### **Field Count Survey Conditions**

Visit No	Date	Weather
1	31/10/2019	cloud 1-4/8, wind ESE 2-3, vis excellent, 8 to 10C
2	13/11/2019	cloud (high) 3-4/8, wind WSW 2, vis excellent, 5 to 5C
3	25/11/2019	cloud 8/8, wind S/SSE 2, vis excellent, 9 to 11C
4	25/11/2019	cloud 8/8, wind S/SSE 2, vis excellent, 9 to 11C
5	25/11/2019	cloud 8/8, wind SSE 3-4, rain, vis excellent, 9 to 11C
6	09/12/2019	cloud 1/8, wind NW 5 (gust 6), 7C, vis excellent
7	24/12/2019	cloud 3/8 <8/8, wind SW 2 to SSW 3-4, vis good, 7 to 9C
8	06/01/2020	cloud 7-2/8, wind SSW 3-4, vis excellent, 7C
9	20/01/2020	cloud 0/8, wind SW 1-2, 5C (ground frost), vis excellent
10	30/01/2020	cloud 8/8, vis very good, wind SS 2-3, 8C
11	17/02/2020	cloud 6-7/8 > 3/8, wind SW 4, light showers, 10C, vis excellent
12	28/02/2020	cloud 8/8, wind S/SSE 4-6, light to moderate rain, vis excellent, 5C

#### **Vantage Point Surveys**

Date	Start time	Finish time	Observation Time (hh:mm)	Weather
31/10/2019	12:15	15:15	03:00	wind ESE 3, cloud 5-6/8 (hazy), vis excellent though hazy, 10C
13/11/2019	06:35	09:35	03:00	cloud (high) 1-2/8, vis excellent, wind WSW 2, 4 to 5C
25/11/2019	09:50	12:50	03:00	cloud 8/8, wind SSE 2, 10C, drizzle/light rain 10:10 - 10:19, vis excellent; very good but murky during drizzle
09/12/2019	07:10	10:10	03:00	cloud 6-7/8, wind WNW - NW 4-5, 7C, vis excellent
24/12/2019	10:05	11:35	01:30	cloud 8/8 > variable 2-4/8, wind SSW 3-4, 9C, vis excellent
27/12/2019	15:00	16:30	01:30	cloud 8/8, wind S 1-2, 8C, vis good, slightly murky/hazy
06/01/2020	11:35	14:35	03:00	wind SSW 3-4, vis excellent, 7C, cloud 1-2/8
20/01/2020	14:00	17:00	03:00	cloud 0/8, wind SW 1-2, 5C, vis excellent

Date	Start time	Finish time	Observation Time (hh:mm)	Weather
30/01/2020	10:15	12:15	02:00	cloud 8/8, wind SW 2, vis very good, slightly murky, 8C
30/01/2020	13:30	14:30	01:00	cloud 8/8, wind SSE 2-3, vis very good, 8C
17/02/2020	12:55	13:55	01:00	cloud 4-6/8, wind SSW 4-5, vis excellent, 10C
17/02/2020	15:50	17:50	02:00	cloud 2-4/8, wind SW 3-4, 10C > 8C, vis excellent
28/02/2020	09:55	10:55	01:00	cloud 8/8, > 10:22 - 10:30, wind SSE 4, intermittent light rain, vis excellent 4C
28/02/2020	12:45	14:45	02:00	cloud 8/8, wind S 4-5, gusting 6, 5C, vis very good, slightly hazy/murky, rain/light rain 12:45 - 13:52
11/03/2020	05:50	08:50	03:00	cloud 1-2/8, vis excellent, 7C, wind SW 1-2
24/03/2020	15:00	18:00	03:00	cloud 1/8, wind SSE 3-4, vis excellent, 12C

## APPENDIX 2. VANTAGE POINT SURVEY KEY SPECIES DATA

Date	Time	Species	Count	Direction of flight	Flight height (m)	Activity	Time observed (sec)	Notes
31/10/2019	12:24	LB	5	E	60	commute	360	
31/10/2019	12:29	CM	1	S	6	commute	110	
31/10/2019	12:30	вн	6	SE	23	forage	600	
31/10/2019	12:38	LB	1	NE	8	commute	100	
31/10/2019	12:44	вн	2	W	10	forage	105	
31/10/2019	12:49	LB	1	WNW	20	commute	80	
31/10/2019	12:54	LB	1	NNW	23	commute	80	
31/10/2019	12:57	BZ	1	circle	150	soar	500	
31/10/2019	13:02	LB	1	NNW	23	commute	75	
31/10/2019	13:04	BZ	1	circle	95	soar	300	
31/10/2019	13:05	LB	1	ESE	20	commute	70	
31/10/2019	13:09	PE	1	NE	70		60	took off from pylon; continued well off site
31/10/2019	13:16	LB	1	WNW	35	commute	60	
31/10/2019	13:31	LB	2	ENE	15	commute	200	
31/10/2019	13:50	LB	1	SE	40	commute	75	
31/10/2019	13:57	LB	1	S	55	commute	110	
31/10/2019	13:58	SH	1	N	35	hunt	80	

Date         Time         Species         Count         of flight         (m)         Activity         Count         Notes           31/10/2019         14:00         BZ         2         circle         50         soar         210           31/10/2019         14:05         BZ         1         ENE         4         forage         10         landed or           31/10/2019         14:08         LB         2         SSE         40         commute         85	
Date         Time         Species         Count         Direction of flight         height (m)         Activity         observed (sec)         Notes           31/10/2019         14:00         BZ         2         circle         50         soar         210           31/10/2019         14:05         BZ         1         ENE         4         forage         10         landed or	
31/10/2019     14:00     BZ     2     circle     50     soar     210       31/10/2019     14:05     BZ     1     ENE     4     forage     10     landed or	
31/10/2019 14:05 BZ 1 ENE 4 forage 10 landed or	
31/10/2019 14:08 LB 2 SSF 40 commute 85	telegraph pole
51/10/2015 17:00 LD 2 55L 40 COMMUNE 65	
31/10/2019 14:08 BH 1 SSE 40 commute 85	
31/10/2019 14:12 LB 1 ESE 45 commute 100	
31/10/2019 14:19 LB 1 W 45 commute 60	
31/10/2019 14:23 LB 1 SSE 20 commute 105	
31/10/2019 14:32 LB 1 SSE 10 commute 145	
31/10/2019 14:36 LB 1 circle 8 forage 180	
31/10/2019 14:38 KT 1 S 35 forage 130	
31/10/2019 14:40 HG 1 S 35 commute 80	
31/10/2019 14:54 BH 17 circle 35 commute 180	
31/10/2019 14:54 LB 12 circle 35 commute 180	
31/10/2019 14:54 CM 4 circle 35 commute 180	
female, cl	
	ons, then landed
31/10/2019 14:55 PE 1 SSE 23 commute 75 on pylon	ddd
	ded on pylon ook off from and
31/10/2019 14:56 PE 1 SSW 33 commute 15 landed or	
31/10/2019 15:00 LB 18 ENE 35 commute 100	
13/11/2019 07:05 CM 10 S 60 commute 1200 along line	07:05 - 07:25
13/11/2019 07:05 LB 40 S 60 commute 1200 along line	07:05 - 07:25
13/11/2019 07:05 BH 15 S 60 commute 1200 along line	07:05 - 07:25
13/11/2019 07:05 CM 20 S 60 commute 1200 along line	07:05 - 07:25
13/11/2019 07:05 LB 40 S 60 commute 1200 along line	07:05 - 07:25
13/11/2019 07:05 HG 10 S 60 commute 1200 along line	07:05 - 07:25
13/11/2019 07:08 K 1 N 5 hunt 140	
13/11/2019 07:12 CM 20 SSE 25 commute 1080 along line	07:12 - 07:30
	07:12 - 07:30
13/11/2019 07:12 LB 40 SSE 25 commute 1080 along line	07:12 - 07:30
13/11/2019 07:15 KT 1 W 40 hunt 550	
13/11/2019 07:21 HG 4 SSW 40 commute 100	
13/11/2019 07:28 HG 2 SSW 25 commute 100	
13/11/2019 07:35 CM 2 S 50 commute 140	
13/11/2019 07:35 BH 4 S 50 commute 140	
13/11/2019 07:35 LB 2 WSW 65 commute 175	
13/11/2019 07:36 LB 1 SSW 30 commute 100	
13/11/2019 07:40 KT 1 ESE 25 hunt 60	
13/11/2019 07:47 BH 4 SSE 19 commute 100	
13/11/2019 07:47 CM 1 SSE 19 commute 100	
13/11/2019 07:47 LB 1 SSE 19 commute 100	
13/11/2019 07:47 LB 2 S 40 commute 120	

					Flight		Time	
				Direction	height		observed	
Date	Time	Species	Count	of flight	(m)	Activity	(sec)	Notes
13/11/2019	07:54	HG	2	NE	55	commute	85	
13/11/2019	07:55	ВН	7	S	65	commute	100	
13/11/2019	08:01	ВН	8	NNW	25	commute	100	
13/11/2019	08:09	LB	8	SW	30	commute	80	
13/11/2019	08:12	во	1	circle	23	hunt	45	above hedge/trees across A11. mobbed by two CM
13/11/2019	08:14	К	1	hover	4	hunt	30	
13/11/2019	08:24	HG	1	WNW	58	commute	200	
13/11/2019	08:27	вн	4	SW	40	commute	85	
13/11/2019	08:36	LB	2	W	45	commute	140	
13/11/2019	08:38	вн	6	SE	45	commute	90	
13/11/2019	08:40	PE	1	NW	35	hunt	35	
13/11/2019	08:51	HG	1	NW	25	commute	80	
13/11/2019	09:06	К	1	WNW	8	hunt	50	
13/11/2019	09:25	BZ	1	N	23	commute	70	
25/11/2019	10:00	ВН	3	NNE	16	commute	180	
25/11/2019	10:11	L	7	SSE	50	commute	155	
25/11/2019	10:13	СМ	1	SSW	8	commute	95	
25/11/2019	10:27	LB	1	NE	25	commute	120	
25/11/2019	10:53	ВН	1	NE	60	commute	140	
25/11/2019	11:12	KT	1	circle NW	23	forage	335	landed in field
25/11/2019	11:17	ВН	3	NNW	25	commute	175	
25/11/2019	11:22	HG	17	ESE	50	commute	215	
25/11/2019	11:22	LB	20	ESE	50	commute	215	
25/11/2019	11:22	ВН	2	ESE	50	commute	215	
25/11/2019	11:24	KT	1	circle	38	forage	415	same as #6
25/11/2019	11:25	HG	7	ESE	45	commute	180	
25/11/2019	11:25	СМ	1	ESE	45	commute	180	
25/11/2019	11:33	LB	4	ESE	55	commute	185	
25/11/2019	11:33	HG	18	ESE	55	commute	185	
25/11/2019	11:33	СМ	2	ESE	55	commute	185	
25/11/2019	11:33	ВН	6	ESE	55	commute	185	
25/11/2019	11:37	CM	1	NNW	7	forage	150	
25/11/2019	11:43	CM	35	circle E	8	forage	600	
25/11/2019	11:43	ВН	5	circle E	8	forage	600	
25/11/2019	11:47	HG	5	NE	48	commute	195	
25/11/2019	11:52	BZ	1	circle	50		50	
25/11/2019	11:53	CM	25	circle	10	forage	900	
25/11/2019	11:53	ВН	3	circle	10	forage	900	
25/11/2019	12:04	CM	2	SW	8	forage	360	
25/11/2019	12:26	CM	3	circle	10	forage	300	
25/11/2019	12:35	BZ	1	circle	18	circle	105	landed on hedge

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					Flight		Time	
				Direction	height		observed	
Date	Time	Species	Count	of flight	(m)	Activity	(sec)	Notes
25/11/2019	12:40	СМ	5	circle	10	forage	600	
25/11/2019	12:42	K	1	NW	12	hunt	195	female
09/12/2019	07:25	HG	150	SW	40	commute		along line 07:25 - 07:42
09/12/2019	07:25	вн	20	SW	40	commute		along line 07:25 - 07:42
09/12/2019	07:38	HG	65	SW	40	commute	200	
09/12/2019	07:42	СМ	55	WSW	13	commute	120	
09/12/2019	07:45	HG	45	SW	40	commute		07:45 - 08:05
09/12/2019	07:55	K	1	E	13	hunt	100	
09/12/2019	07:56	HG	35	NE	25	commute		along line 07:56 - 08:10
09/12/2019	08:00	GB	2	E	35	commute	250	
09/12/2019	08:00	HG	25	E	35	commute	250	
09/12/2019	08:12	HG	22	NE	35	commute	240	
09/12/2019	08:20	L	1	WNW	10	hunt	45	
09/12/2019	08:22	HG	15	NNW	45	commute	150	
09/12/2019	08:22	СМ	45	NNW	45	commute	150	
09/12/2019	08:28	HG	5	NE	35	commute	160	
09/12/2019	08:30	HG	12	NE	23	commute	200	
09/12/2019	08:33	HG	4	ENE	40	commute	200	
09/12/2019	08:40	CM	40	NNW	28	commute	400	
09/12/2019	08:40	HG	10	NNW	28	commute	400	
09/12/2019	08:44	K	1	W	10	hunt	140	
09/12/2019	08:57	HG	43	ENE	38	commute	380	
09/12/2019	09:20	HG	9	ENE	35	commute	200	
09/12/2019	09:47	HG	4	NNW	48	commute	250	
09/12/2019	09:47	CM	24	NNW	48	commute	250	
09/12/2019	09:58	HG	36	NE	40	commute	250	
24/12/2019	10:07	LB	1	SE	18	commute	175	
24/12/2019	10:27	K	1	NW	15	hunt	250	female
24/42/2242	40.40	CN4		circle	4.2		20-	
24/12/2019	10:48	CM	1	WSW	12	commute	285	
24/12/2019	10:56	CM	7	circle NW	11	forage	450	
24/12/2019	11:02	PE PZ	1	S	90	atualtu.	105	male
24/12/2019	11:07	BZ	1	circle	33	circling	60	
24/12/2019	11:16	CM	4	WNW	10	forage	1200	
24/12/2019	11:20	LB	1	SW	12	commute	115	
27/12/2019	15:02	CM	2	NNW	15	commute	205	
27/12/2019	15:18	LB	9	NW	40	commute	115	
27/12/2019	15:18	HG	4	NW	40	commute	115	
27/12/2019	15:18	CM	5	NW	40	commute	115	
27/12/2019	15:23	LB	1	NW	45	commute	100	
27/12/2019	15:23	CM	6	NW	45	commute	100	
27/12/2019	15:25	LB	2	NNW	53	commute	160	

					Flight		Time	
				Direction	height		observed	
Date	Time	Species	Count	of flight	(m)	Activity	(sec)	Notes
27/12/2019	15:25	HG	7	NNW	53	commute	160	
27/12/2019	15:28	вн	9	NW	45	commute	90	
27/12/2019	15:28	СМ	7	NW	45	commute	90	
27/12/2019	15:28	LB	1	NW	45	commute	100	
27/12/2019	15:28	HG	3	NW	45	commute	100	
27/12/2019	15:35	HG	6	NW	40	commute	100	
27/12/2019	15:35	LB	2	NW	40	commute	100	
27/12/2019	15:56	SH	1	ESE	2	hunt	40	male
06/01/2020	11:45	BZ	1	SE	3	hunt	35	
06/01/2020	11:59	СМ	4	S	50	commute	70	
06/01/2020	12:15	СМ	1	SSE	5	forage	110	
06/01/2020	13:01	СМ	44	SW	30	commute	180	
06/01/2020	13:11	СМ	3	NNE	30	commute	50	
06/01/2020	13:18	BZ	1	circle	25	forage	230	mobbed, landed
06/01/2020	13:25	KT	1	SE	30	hunt	100	
06/01/2020	13:27	BZ	1	SE	28	hunt	65	
06/01/2020	14:02	KT	1	NE	65	hunt	110	
06/01/2020	14:14	CM	8	S	23	commute	200	
06/01/2020	14:20	BZ	1	SW	25	hunt	150	landed on phone mast
06/01/2020	14:31	GB	1	SW	30	commute	50	
20/01/2020	14:00	ВН	75	circle	10	forage	1800	maximum counts: birds in air throughout period
20/04/2020	44.00	C1.4	20		40		1000	maximum counts: birds in
20/01/2020	14:00	CM	20	circle	10	forage	1800	air throughout period maximum counts: birds in
20/01/2020	14:00	ВН	5	circle	10	forage	1800	air throughout period
20/01/2020	14:00	CM	20	circle	10	forage	1800	
20/01/2020	14:05	CM	2	WNW	10	commute	100	
20/01/2020	14:16	GP	12	S	60	commute	125	
20/01/2020	14:20	BZ	5	NNW	3	commute	15	landed in tree
20/01/2020	14:23	CM	5	SSE	8	commute	110	
20/01/2020	14:29	вн	3	NE	20	commute	135	
20/01/2020	14:30	СМ	25	circle	10	forage	900	maximum counts over these areas
20/01/2020	14:30	вн	100	circle	10	forage	900	maximum counts over these areas
20/01/2020	14:30	СМ	30	circle	10	forage	1800	maximum counts over these areas
20/01/2020	14:30	ВН	3	circle	10	forage	1800	maximum counts over these areas
20/01/2020	14:35	CM	2	ESE	8	commute	95	
20/01/2020	14:48	вн	220	circle	10	forage	720	maximum counts; birds in air continuously until 15:20 following tractor

					Flight		Time	
Date	<b>-</b> *			Direction	height	A satisfies	observed	Notes
Date	Time	Species	Count	of flight	(m)	Activity	(sec)	Notes maximum counts; birds in
								air continuously until 15:20
20/01/2020	14:48	CM	50	circle	10	forage	720	following tractor
20/01/2020	14:50	СМ	5	circle	18		100	
20/01/2020	14:50	СМ	2	WSW	30	commute	160	
20/01/2020	14:56	RN	2	NE	55	commute	200	
20/01/2020	14:59	BZ	1	circle NNE	103	soar	215	one of birds from #5
								maximum counts: birds in
20/01/2020	15:00	ВН	3	circle	10	forage	1800	air throughout period
20/01/2020	15:00	CM		circle	10	forage	1800	maximum counts: birds in air throughout period
20/01/2020	13.00	CIVI		Circle	10	Totage	1800	maximum count, birds in air
								following tractor
20/01/2020	15:00	ВН	210	circle	10	forage	1380	continuously until 15:23
								maximum count, birds in air following tractor
20/01/2020	15:00	СМ	80	circle	10	forage	1380	continuously until 15:23
20/01/2020	15:06	CM	1	SE	23	commute	115	,
			_					remaining bird from #5;
20/01/2020	15:12	BZ	1	NW	8	commute	85	took off & landed on tree
20/01/2020	15:16	СМ	8	NE	5	forage	190	
20/01/2020	15:22	CM	1	WSW	9	commute	90	
20/01/2020	15:23	K	1	NW	7	commute	15	female, landed on wires
/ /								maximum count foraging
20/01/2020	15:30	CM	18	circle	10	forage	1200	over this area until 15:50 maximum counts; birds
20/01/2020	15:32	ВН	85	circle	10	forage	570	following tractor until 15:42
								maximum counts; birds
20/01/2020	15:32	CM	15	circle	10	forage	570	following tractor until 15:42
20/01/2020	15:32	СМ	6	circle	8		45	
20/01/2020	15.25	К	1	NW		sammuta	25	female, same as #17:
20/01/2020	15:35		1		8	commute		dropped out of view
20/01/2020	15:41	CM	2	ESE	8	commute	40	landed to Anna
20/01/2020	15:44	BZ	1	NE	11	commute	35	landed in tree totals along this line 15:55 -
20/01/2020	15:55	СМ	29	NW	40	commute	210	15:39
20/01/2020	15:59	LB	6	NNW	80	commute	195	
20/01/2020	16:01	СМ	40	NW	35	commute	210	
20/01/2020	16:01	ВН	17	NW	35	commute	210	
20/01/2020	16:03	LB	3	NNW	85	commute	210	
20/01/2020	16:03	HG	1	NNW	85	commute	210	
			_					circling for c210 seconds
20/01/2020	16:17	L	55	circle	55	commute	225	before dropped to fields
								ad male, landed on pylon
20/01/2020	16:37	PE	1	SSW	31	mob	125	after circling tree containing BZ
30/01/2020	10:17	BZ	1	WSW	15	commute	50	landed in hedge
23, 31, 2020	10.17				15	55	30	came up to see off other BZ
30/01/2020	10:20	BZ	1	S	15	mob	45	line #1 and landed in hedge

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				Direction	height		observed	
Date	Time	Species	Count	of flight	(m)	Activity	(sec)	Notes
30/01/2020	10:20	BZ	1	circle	13	mobbed	20	same bird as #1, seen off by BZ line #2
						_		same as #2; lost from view
30/01/2020	10:22	BZ	1	SE	10	forage	80	behind trees
30/01/2020	10:25	ВН	4	SW	9	commute	115	
30/01/2020	10:36	СМ	3	NW	50	commute	65	dropped sharply out of view
30/01/2020	10:36	ВН	2	NW	50	commute	65	dropped sharply out of view
30/01/2020	10:40	CM	2	S	40	commute	50	
30/01/2020	10:47	KT	1	circle	45	forage	240	dropped behind trees
30/01/2020	10:47	KT	1	circle	32	forage	285	landed on ground
30/01/2020	10:49	LB	1	SSE	80	commute	110	lost from view behind trees
30/01/2020	10:49	К	1	S	7	hunt	75	
30/01/2020	10:53	ВН	11	circle WSW	11	forage	180	
				circle				
30/01/2020	10:53	CM	5	WSW	11	forage	180	
30/01/2020	10:54	KT	1	SW	15	hunt	425	returned to field with prey/carrion
30/01/2020	10:56	KT	1	circle N	23	hunt	400	
30/01/2020	10:58	ВН	2	circle	15	forage	2150	maxima foraging over this area until 11:34
30/01/2020	10:58	CM	8	circle	15	forage	2150	maxima foraging over this area until 11:34
		KT			28	Totage	135	landed in field
30/01/2020	11:08		1	N		h		landed in Heid
30/01/2020	11:19	K	1	S	15	hunt	375	
30/01/2020	11:24	CM	1	SSW	43	commute	115	
30/01/2020	11:33	PE	1	NE	35	commute	90	juv, prob female
30/01/2020	11:36	KT	2	circle	20		85	took off and landed on ground
								female, had been perched on hedge since v11:00, took
								off and lost from view low
30/01/2020	11:43	ML	1	NW	1	hunt	15	over field
30/01/2020	11:52	CM	7	SW	18	commute	255	
30/01/2020	11:58	HG	2	SE	60	commute	180	
30/01/2020	12:09	СМ	7	E	80	commute	220	lost from view behind trees
30/01/2020	13:37	LB	6	SSW	60	commute	140	
30/01/2020	13:37	HG	8	SSW	60	commute	140	
30/01/2020	13:37	CM	1	SSW	60	commute	140	
30/01/2020	13:49	CM	12	W	50	commute	175	
30/01/2020	13:49	BH	7	W	50	commute	175	
30/01/2020	13:58	KT	1	ESE	45	hunt	180	
30/01/2020	14:05	CM	8	WSW	40		200	
				S	48	commute	210	
30/01/2020	14:10	CM	22			commute		
30/01/2020	14:18	HG	2	WSW	80	commute	165	l

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					Flight		Time	
				Direction	height		observed	
Date	Time	Species	Count	of flight	(m)	Activity	(sec)	Notes
30/01/2020	14:23	СМ	20	S	100	commute	140	
17/02/2020	13:04	СМ	1	ENE	45	commute	135	
17/02/2020	13:13	BZ	1	circle	30	circle	65	dropped out of view
17/02/2020	13:34	BZ	1	SW	45	commute	110	
17/02/2020	15:53	BZ	2	circle	80	soar	180	
17/02/2020	16:00	СМ	7	NNW	60	commute	240	
17/02/2020	16:09	LB	3	WSW	33	commute	170	
17/02/2020	16:13	LB	1	NNE	43	commute	105	
17/02/2020	16:19	BZ	1	circle	40	circle	80	
								up to 4 birds in the air until
17/02/2020	16:24	BZ	4	circle	50	soar	450	16:32
17/02/2020	16:29	HG	1	ESE	75	commute	135	
17/02/2020	16:31	BZ	1	WSW	28		190	
17/02/2020	16:35	PE	1	SW	55	commute	45	male, landed on plain
17/02/2020	16:37	LB	1	NNW	43	commute	215	
17/02/2020	16:45	LB	2	NNE	28	commute	165	
17/02/2020	16:52	LB	1	N	28	commute	170	
17/02/2020	17:04	BZ	1	circle	48	circle	60	
17/02/2020	17:06	K	1	WSW	25	hunt	315	
.= /00 /0000			_					took off from & landed on
17/02/2020	17:36	PE	1	circle SSE	60		65	pylon
17/02/2020	17:37	K	1	SSW	18	hunt	110	
28/02/2020	10:01	LB	2	SSE	55	commute	235	
28/02/2020	10:17	CM	3	circle	8	forage	420	
28/02/2020	10:26	K	1	SE	15	commute	35	dropped out of view
28/02/2020	10:33	HG	1	S	33	commute	225	
28/02/2020	10:33	LB	3	S	33	commute	225	
28/02/2020	10:37	BH	1	NNW	60	commute	115	
28/02/2020	10:51	HG	1	SE	45	commute	115	
28/02/2020	13:57	LB	2	NNW	50	commute	155	
11/03/2020	06:12	HG	2	S	50	roost	110	
11/03/2020	06:13	PE	1	NNE	40	commute	10	male, pylon to pylon, mated with female
11/03/2020	06:14	PE	1	SSW	40	commute	10	male, pylon to pylon
11/03/2020	06:14	PE	1	NNE	45	commute	15	female, pylon to pylon
11/03/2020	06:15	PE	1	NNE	30	commute	25	female, pylon to pylon
11/03/2020	06:18	PE	2	SSW	35	commute	25	pair, pylon to pylon
11/03/2020	00.18	r L	2	33 44	33	commute	23	had been sat in hedge since
11/03/2020	06:25	BZ	2	S	5	commute	40	start
11/03/2020	06:31	HG	1	S	50	commute	100	same line
11/03/2020	06:40	PE	2	NNE	35	commute	60	pair, pylon to pylon
11/03/2020	06:54	BZ	1	WNW	13	commute	20	landed in tree
11/03/2020	07:17	PE	1	SSE	38	commute	10	landed on pylon
11/03/2020	07:34	BZ	1	circle	40	hunt/forage	300	

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				Direction	height		observed	
Date	Time	Species	Count	of flight	(m)	Activity	(sec)	Notes
11/03/2020	07:53	MA	1	SSW	25	commute	40	female
11/03/2020	08:07	GJ	5	S	25	commute	85	
11/03/2020	08:36	BZ	1	circle	30	hunt/forage/soar	300	
11/03/2020	08:44	BZ	2	circle	30	hunt/forage/soar	220	
11/03/2020	08:48	KT	1	Е	5	hunt/forage	120	landed
24/03/2020	15:00	BZ	1	circle	212	soar	150	
24/03/2020	15:00	BZ	1	circle NNE	70	soar	180	
24/03/2020	15:03	PE	1	circle	130	pursuing	180	adult female, pursuing #4
24/03/2020	15:03	PE	1	circle	90	chased	110	juv female, being chased by #3
24/03/2020	15:11	BZ	1	W	28	commute	110	dropped out of view
24/03/2020	15:23	BZ	2	circle	60	soar	210	
24/03/2020	15:28	PE	1	SSE	20	carry prey	55	adult male, landed on pylon
24/03/2020	15:36	BZ	1	circle	75	soar	115	
24/03/2020	15:41	PE	1	circle	18		30	same as #7; took off and landed
24/03/2020	15:43	KT	1	S	18	forage	130	landed
24/03/2020	15:50	BZ	1	circle NE	110	soar	165	
24/03/2020	15:55	PE	1	SE	50	commute	50	same as #3; landed on pylon & male offered food
24/03/2020	15:59	BZ	1	circle	50	soar	240	
24/03/2020	16:01	PE	1	S	35		70	took off from & landed on pylon; same as #7
24/03/2020	16:06	BZ	1	circle	138	soar	40	
24/03/2020	16:14	BZ	1	circle	103	soar	90	
24/03/2020	16:23	КТ	1	circle	33	forage	165	same as #10; lost to view behind trees
24/03/2020	16:34	LB	1	NE	45	commute	205	
24/03/2020	17:06	PE	1	SSE	35		45	took off from & landed on pylon; same as #3
24/03/2020	17:31	K	1	SSW	15	hunt	60	male
24/03/2020	17:37	BZ	1	circle	35		105	landed in tree
24/03/2020	17:54	GJ	7	NW	70	commute	245	