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5.1.1 This data summary outlines data obtained via consultation with the North East Scotland Biological Records Centre (NESBReC) and using freely available (for commercial use) data sets from the National Biodiversity Network (NBN) Atlas website¹. All records relate to species of bird identified within a 2 km buffer of the Site boundary and registered within the last 10 years.

5.2 External Data Consultation

Conservation Value

5.2.1 For reasons of brevity, the external data consultation summarises those species attributed with a level of conservation value only. More common and widespread species have been excluded in this summary. Levels of conservation value are attributed by those listed under one or more of the following:

- Annex 1 of European Union Council Directive 2009/147/EC on the conservation of wild birds (the “Birds Directive”);
- Schedule 1 of The Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended);
- Scottish priority species listed on the Scottish Biodiversity List (SBL); and
- Red or Amber-listed under The Birds of Conservation Concern (BoCC) 5²

External Data - Results

5.2.2 Records of 47 species of bird attributed with a conservation status were identified within 2 km of the Proposed Development within the last 10 years. Of the species records returned, 12 are listed as **Annex 1**, 17 were listed as Schedule 1, 39 were listed under the SBL, 22 as BoCC Red-listed, and 15 BoCC Amber-listed.

Table 1: Species Records Within 2 km of the Site Within the Last 10 Years

Name	Scientific name	Conservation status	Description
Barn owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>	Schedule 1; SBL	Twenty-four records between 2020-2023, the closest of which was 0.93 km S of the Proposed Development.
Black grouse	<i>Lyrurus tetrix</i>	BoCC Red; SBL	Eight records between 2017 and 2021, the closest of which was 0.62 km S of the Proposed Development.
Bullfinch	<i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i>	BoCC Amber; SBL	Five records between 2019 and 2022, the closest of which was 0.43 km NE of the Proposed Development.
Common Scoter	<i>Melanitta nigra</i>	Schedule 1; BoCC Red; SBL	Two records between 2022 and 2023, the closest of which was 1.49 km NE of the Proposed Development.
Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	Annex 1; BoCC Amber; SBL	Twelve records between 2021 and 2022, the closest of which was 1.49 km NE of the Proposed Development.
Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>	BoCC Red; SBL	Eight records between 2015 and 2021, the closest of which was 1.49 km NE of the Proposed Development.

¹ <https://nbnatlas.org/>

² Stanbury, A., Eaton, M., Aebischer, N., Balmer, D., Brown, A., Douse, A., Lindley, P., McCulloch, N., Noble, D., and Win I. 2021. *The status of our bird populations: the fifth Birds of Conservation Concern in the United Kingdom, Channel Islands and Isle of Man and second IUCN Red List assessment of extinction risk for Great Britain*. British Birds 114: 723-747.

Name	Scientific name	Conservation status	Description
Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>	BoCC Red; SBL;	Twenty-five records between 2019 and 2023, the closest of which was 1.49 km NE of the Proposed Development.
Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>	BoCC Red; SBL	Eight records between 2021 and 2023, the closest of which was 1.49 km NE of the Proposed Development.
Dunnock	<i>Prunella modularis</i>	BoCC Amber; SBL.	Five records between 2017 and 2021, the closest of which was 1.98 km S of the Proposed Development.
Fieldfare	<i>Turdus pilaris</i>	Schedule 1; BoCC Red.	Four records between 2017 and 2023, the closest of which was 2.21 km SE of the Proposed Development.
Golden eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>	Annex 1; Schedule 1; SBL	One record in 2018 which was 1.54 km NW of the Proposed Development.
Golden plover	<i>Pluvialis apricaria</i>	Annex 1; SBL	Seven records between 2021 and 2022, the closest of which was 1.49 km NE of the Proposed Development.
Goshawk	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>	Schedule 1	Twenty records between 2019 and 2023, the closest of which was 0.05 km S of the Proposed Development.
Grasshopper warbler	<i>Locustella naevia</i>	BoCC Red; SBL	Nine records between 2021 and 2023, the closest of which was 1.49 km NE of the Proposed Development.
Grey partridge	<i>Perdix perdix</i>	BoCC Red; SBL	Four records between 2018 and 2023, the closest of which was 1.49 km NE of the Proposed Development.
Herring gull	<i>Larus argentatus</i>	BoCC Red; SBL	Eight records in 2021, the closest of which was 2 km SE of the Proposed Development.
Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>	Schedule 1; SBL	One record in 2018 which was 1.5 km NW of the Proposed Development.
House sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	BoCC Red; SBL	Five records between 2019 and 2021, the closest of which was 0.43 km NE of the Proposed Development.
Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	BoCC Amber; SBL	Sixteen records between 2017 and 2022, the closest of which was 0.08 km N of the Proposed Development.
Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>	BoCC Red; SBL	Four records between 2022 and 2023, the closest of which was 1.49 km NE of the Proposed Development.
Lesser Redpoll	<i>Acanthis cabaret</i>	BoCC Red; SBL	Five records between 2019 and 2022, the closest of which was 0.05 km S of the Proposed Development.
Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>	BoCC Red; SBL	Three records between 2018 and 2022, the closest of which was 1.91 km S of the Proposed Development.
Scottish crossbill	<i>Loxia scotica</i>	Annex 1; Schedule 1; BoCC Amber; SBL	Four records between 2017 and 2022, the closest of which was 1.49 km NE of the Proposed Development.

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Merlin	<i>Falco columbarius</i>	Annex 1; Schedule 1; BoCC Red; SBL	One record in 2023 which was 2.65 km S of the Proposed Development.
Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	Annex 1; Schedule 1; BoCC Amber; SBL	One record in 2009, which was 2.07 km S of the Proposed Development.
Peregrine	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	Annex 1; Schedule 1; SBL	Two records between 2019 and 2021, the closest of which was 0.73 km NE of the Proposed Development.
Pink footed goose	<i>Anser brachyrhynchus</i>	BoCC Amber	Four records between 2017 and 2021, the closest of which was 0.76 km SE of the Proposed Development.
Quail	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>	Schedule 1; BoCC Amber	Twelve records between 2019 and 2023, the closest of which was 1.49 km NE of the Proposed Development.
Red kite	<i>Milvus milvus</i>	Annex 1; Schedule 1; SBL	Twenty-five records between 2017 and 2024, the closest of which was 0.08 km NE of the Proposed Development.
Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>	BoCC Amber	Five records between 2021 and 2022, the closest of which was 1.49 km NE of the Proposed Development.
Red-throated diver	<i>Gavia stellata</i>	Annex 1; Schedule 1; SBL	One record in 2022 which was 1.49 km NE of the Proposed Development.
Redwing	<i>Turdus iliacus</i>	Schedule 1, BoCC Amber; SBL	Two records in 2019, the closest of which was 0.43 km NE of the Proposed Development.
Sandwich tern	<i>Sterna sandvicensis</i>	Annex 1; BoCC Amber; SBL	Three records between 2022 and 2023, the closest of which was 1.49 km NE of the Proposed Development.
Short-eared owl	<i>Asio flammeus</i>	Annex 1; BoCC Amber	Five records between 2016 and 2019, the closest of which was 0.16 km SE of the Proposed Development.
Siskin	<i>Spinus spinus</i>	SBL	Fourteen records between 2015 and 2023, the closest of which was 0.05 km S of the Proposed Development.
Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>	BoCC Red; SBL	Five records between 2019 and 2021, the closest of which was 2.44 km S of the Proposed Development.
Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>	BoCC Amber	Two records between 2021 and 2022, the closest of which was 1.49 km NE of the Proposed Development.
Snow bunting	<i>Plectrophenax nivalis</i>	Schedule 1; BoCC Amber; SBL	One record in 2022 which was 0.48 km SW of the Proposed Development.
Song thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>	BoCC Amber; SBL	Eight records between 2017 and 2023, the closest of which was 0.08 km NE of the Proposed Development.
Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	BoCC Red; SBL	Seven records in 2021, the closest of which was 0.96 km SW of the Proposed Development.

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Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	BoCC Red; SBL	One record in 2021 which was 1.91 km S of the Proposed Development.
Tree pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>	BoCC Red; SBL	Seven records between 2019 and 2022, the closest of which was 0.05 km S of the Proposed Development.
Tree sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>	BoCC Red; SBL	Eight records between 2020 and 2021, the closest of which was 2 km S of the Proposed Development.
Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	Schedule 1; BoCC Red	Thirteen records between 2021 and 2023, the closest of which was 1.49 km NE of the Proposed Development.
White-tailed eagle	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>	Annex 1; Schedule 1; BoCC Amber; SBL	One record in 2021 which was 1.54 km NW of the Proposed Development.
Woodcock	<i>Scolopax rusticola</i>	BoCC Red; SBL	Seven records between 2021 and 2022, the closest of which was 1.94 km NE of the Proposed Development.
Yellowhammer	<i>Emberiza citrinella</i>	BoCC Red; SBL	Two records between 2017 and 2019, the closest of which was 1.43 km NE of the Proposed Development.