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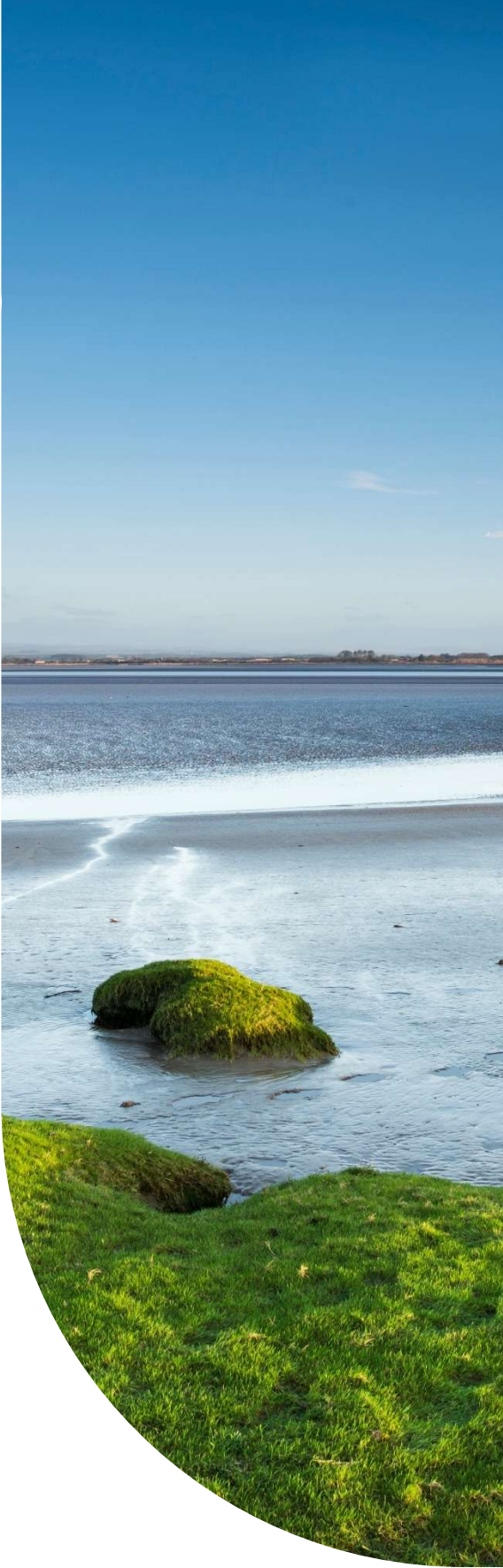
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A15.2.1 Introduction

This Technical Appendix presents the following information in support of Section 15: Ecology and Ornithology, of the Environmental Statement (ES) Addendum for the proposed 10-year life extension of Ffynnon Oer Wind Farm (the 'Proposed Life Extension'):

- A list of scientific (Latin) and English names of all ecological and ornithological features that are referred to in this ES Addendum;
- Data search records within a 2 km radius of the site boundary (extended to 10 km for bats and birds) held by the South East Wales Biological Records Centre (SEWBRc), Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) and National Biodiversity Network (NBN) Atlas;
- Details of the bat static activity and carcass surveys (carcass searches, searcher efficiency trials and carcass persistence trials) carried out by Natural Power.
- Details of ornithology surveys (breeding raptor and breeding bird) carried out by Natural Power.

A15.2.2 Scientific Names

The scientific (Latin) and English common names for all animal and plant species referred to in this ES Addendum and within this appendix are given in Table A2.2.1 and

Taxon Group	Common Name	Scientific Name
Amphibian	Common toad	<i>Bufo bufo</i>
Amphibian	Common frog	<i>Rana temporaria</i>
Reptile	Slow worm	<i>Anguis fragilis</i>
Reptile	Adder	<i>Vipera berus</i>
Reptile	Common lizard	<i>Zootoca vivipara</i>
Fish	Atlantic salmon	<i>Salmo salar</i>
Fish	Brown/sea trout	<i>Salmo trutta</i>
Fish	European eel	<i>Anguilla anguilla</i>
Terrestrial mammal	Water vole	<i>Arvicola amphibius</i>
Terrestrial mammal	Otter	<i>Lutra lutra</i>
Terrestrial mammal	Badger	<i>Meles meles</i>
Terrestrial mammal	European hedgehog	<i>Erinaceus europaeus</i>
Terrestrial mammal	Brown hare	<i>Lepus europaeus</i>
Terrestrial mammal - bat	Myotis species	<i>Myotis spp.</i>
Terrestrial mammal - bat	Nathusius' pipistrelle	<i>Pipistrellus nathusii</i>
Terrestrial mammal - bat	Common pipistrelle	<i>Pipistrellus pipistrellus</i>
Terrestrial mammal - bat	Soprano pipistrelle	<i>Pipistrellus pygmaeus</i>



Taxon Group	Common Name	Scientific Name
Terrestrial mammal - bat	Pipistrelle species	<i>Pipistrellus spp.</i>
Terrestrial mammal - bat	Brown long-eared bat	<i>Plecotus auritus</i>
Terrestrial mammal - bat	Long-eared bat species	<i>Plecotus spp.</i>
Terrestrial mammal - bat	Daubentons	<i>Myotis Daubentonii</i>
Terrestrial mammal - bat	Serotine bat	<i>Eptesicus serotinus</i>
Terrestrial mammal - bat	Brandt's bat	<i>Myotis brandtii</i>
Terrestrial mammal - bat	Whiskered bat	<i>Myotis mystacinus</i>
Terrestrial mammal - bat	Natterer's bat	<i>Myotis nattereri</i>
Terrestrial mammal - bat	Noctule bat	<i>Nyctalus noctule</i>
Terrestrial mammal - bat	Lesser horseshoe bat	<i>Rhinolophus hipposideros</i>
Terrestrial mammal - bat	Greater horseshoe bat	<i>Rhinolophus ferrumequinum</i>
Terrestrial mammal - bat	Leisler's bat	<i>Nyctalus leisleri</i>
Terrestrial mammal - bat	Bat species	<i>Chiroptera spp.</i>
Bird	Pink-footed Goose	<i>Anser brachyrhynchus</i>
Bird	Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>
Bird	Goldeneye	<i>Bucephala clangula</i>
Bird	Common scoter	<i>Melanitta nigra</i>
Bird	Long-tailed duck	<i>Clangula hyemalis</i>
Bird	Grey Partridge	<i>Perdix perdix</i>
Bird	Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus europaeus</i>
Bird	Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>
Bird	Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>
Bird	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>
Bird	Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>
Bird	Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis apricaria</i>
Bird	Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>
Bird	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>
Bird	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>
Bird	Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>
Bird	Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>
Bird	Woodcock	<i>Scolopax rusticola</i>
Bird	Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>
Bird	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>
Bird	Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>
Bird	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>
Bird	Kittiwake	<i>Rissa tridactyla</i>
Bird	Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>



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Bird	Little Gull	<i>Hydrocoloeus minutus</i>
Bird	Common Gull	<i>Larus canus</i>
Bird	Great Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus marinus</i>
Bird	Herring Gull	<i>Larus argentatus</i>
Bird	Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus</i>
Bird	Sandwich Tern	<i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>
Bird	Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>
Bird	Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>
Bird	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>
Bird	Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>
Bird	Honey-buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>
Bird	Goshawk	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>
Bird	Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>
Bird	Hen Harrier	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>
Bird	Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>
Bird	Red Kite	<i>Milvus milvus</i>
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Bird	Short-eared Owl	<i>Asio flammeus</i>
Bird	Tawny Owl	<i>Strix aluco</i>
Bird	Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>
Bird	Wryneck	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>
Bird	Lesser Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dryobates minor</i>
Bird	Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus viridis</i>
Bird	Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>
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Bird	Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>
Bird	Peregrine	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>
Bird	Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>
Bird	Rook	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>
Bird	Carrion Crow	<i>Corvus corone</i>
Bird	Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>
Bird	Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>
Bird	Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>
Bird	Coal Tit	<i>Periparus ater</i>
Bird	Marsh Tit	<i>Poecile palustris</i>
Bird	Willow Tit	<i>Poecile montanus</i>
Bird	Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>



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Bird	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>
Bird	House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>
Bird	Wood Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i>
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Bird	Grasshopper Warbler	<i>Locustella naevia</i>
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Bird	Firecrest	<i>Regulus ignicapilla</i>
Bird	Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>
Bird	Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>
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A15.2.3 Desk Study Results

A summary of records obtained from NBN and SEWBRc following the data search completed in 2025 are provided in Tables A15.2.3, A15.2.4 and A15.2.5. The RSPB returned 416 records of a single species, swift, which is listed on the Wales BoCC Red List, for which the most recent record was from 2025.



Table A15.2.3: Protected and notable (non-avian) species within 2 km of the Proposed Life Extension recorded 2015 – 2026

Taxon group	Species common name	No. records	Last recorded	Protections and designations
Mammal	Badger	1	2025	PBA 1992, Bern-A3
Reptile	Adder	6	2021	Schedule 5, Bern-A3, Section 7
Reptile	Common/Viviparous lizard	7	2023	Schedule 5, Bern-A3, Section 7
Amphibian	Common frog	1	2019	Schedule 5, Bern-A3, HDir

Source: NBN Atlas¹; SEWBrEC² *; Schedule 5 = WCA 1981 (as amended)³; Section 7 = Environment (Wales) Act 2016⁴; PBA 1992 = Protection of Badgers Act 1992⁵; Bern-A3 = Bern Convention (1979)⁶; HDir = EU Habitats Directive⁷.

Table A15.2.4: Bat species records within 10 km of the Proposed Life Extension recorded 2015 – 2026

Species common name	No. occurrences	Last recorded	Protections and designations
Serotine bat	18	2023	Schedule 5, Schedule 2, Bern A-3, HDir
Brandt's bat	11	2021	Schedule 5, Schedule 2, Bern A-3, HDir
Daubenton's bat	59	2024	Schedule 5, Schedule 2, Bern A-3, HDir
Whiskered bat	23	2024	Schedule 5, Schedule 2, Bern A-3, HDir
Natterer's bat	49	2023	Schedule 5, Schedule 2, Bern A-3, HDir
Noctule bat	70	2025	Schedule 5, Schedule 2, Bern A-3, Section 7, HDir
Common pipistrelle	316	2025	Schedule 5, Schedule 2, Bern A-3, Section 7, HDir

1 National Biodiversity Network Trust. Available at: https://nbn.org.uk/?gad_source=1&gad_campaignid=799879603&gclid=EAlalQobChMImJzz-JT3kQMVtZJQBh1hgCL8EAAYASAAEgK3gPD_BwE [Accessed 06/01/2026]

2 South East Wales Biodiversity Records Centre (SEWBrEC). Available at: <https://www.sewbrec.org.uk/> [Accessed 04/12/2025].

3 UK Government. *Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended)*. Schedule 5. Available at: <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1981/69/schedule/5> [Accessed 09/02/2026].

4 Welsh Government. *Environment (Wales) Act 2016*. Section 7: Lists of species and habitats of principal importance for Wales. Available at: <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/anaw/2016/3/section/7> [Accessed 09/02/2026].

5 UK Government. *Protection of Badgers Act 1992*. Available at: <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1992/51/contents> [Accessed 09/02/2026].

6 Council of Europe. *Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats (Bern Convention)*, 1979. Appendix III. Available at: <https://www.coe.int/en/web/bern-convention> [Accessed 09/02/2026].

7 European Commission. *Council Directive 92/43/EEC on the Conservation of Natural Habitats and of Wild Fauna and Flora (Habitats Directive)*. Available at: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:31992L0043> [Accessed 09/02/2026].



Species common name	No. occurrences	Last recorded	Protections and designations
Soprano pipistrelle	106	2024	Schedule 5, Schedule 2, Bern A-3, Section 7, HDir
Nathusius' pipistrelle	66	2023	Schedule 5, Schedule 2, Bern A-3, HDir
Brown long-eared bat	31	2024	Schedule 5, Schedule 2, Bern A-3, Section 7, HDir
Lesser horseshoe bat	8	2021	Schedule 5, Schedule 2, Bern A-3, Section 7, HDir
Leisler's Bat	5	2023	Schedule 5, Schedule 2, Bern A-3, HDir
Pipistrelle species	42	2024	Schedule 5, Schedule 2
Long-eared bat species	2	2018	Schedule 5, Schedule 2, Bern A-3, HDir
Myotis species	3	2024	Schedule 5, Schedule 2, Bern A-3, HDir
Bat species	31	2024	Schedule 5, Schedule 2

Source: NBN Atlas¹, SEWBRcC² * Schedule 5 = WCA 1981 (as amended)³; Schedule 2 = Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017⁸; Section 7 = Environment (Wales) Act 2016⁴; Bern-A3 = Bern Convention (1979)⁵; HDir = EU Habitats Directive⁷.

Table A15.2.5: Protected and notable birds within 10 km of the Proposed Life Extension recorded 2015 - 2026

Order	Species common name	No. occurrences	Last recorded	Protections and designations
Anseriformes	Pink-footed goose	3	2016	Amber
Anseriformes	Pochard	5	2023	Red
Anseriformes	Common Scoter	2	2023	Schedule 1, Red, Section 7
Anseriformes	Long-tailed Duck	5	2022	Schedule 1, Red
Anseriformes	Goldeneye	5	2017	Red
Galliformes	Grey partridge	1	2017	Section 7, Red, Bern A-3
Caprimulgiformes	Nightjar	135	2025	Annex 1, Amber, Section 7, Bern A-3
Apodiformes	Swift	241	2025	Red, Bern A-3

8 UK Government. *The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended)*. Schedule 2: European protected species of animals. Available at: <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2017/1012/schedule/2> [Accessed 09/02/2026].



Order	Species common name	No. occurrences	Last recorded	Protections and designations
Cuculiformes	Cuckoo	190	2025	Section 7, Red, Bern A-3
Charadriiformes	Black-winged Stilt	1	2023	Schedule 1, Annex I, Amber, Bern A-3
Charadriiformes	Lapwing	1	2022	Section 7, Red, Bern A-3
Charadriiformes	Golden plover	19	2023	Section 7
Charadriiformes	Ringed plover	1	2021	Section 7, Red
Charadriiformes	Little Ringed Plover	2	2021	Schedule 1, Annex I, Amber, Bern A-3
Charadriiformes	Whimbrel	1	2021	Schedule 1, Red
Charadriiformes	Curlew	5	2023	Section 7, Red, Bern A-3
Charadriiformes	Sanderling	1	2022	Amber
Charadriiformes	Woodcock	49	2024	Red
Charadriiformes	Snipe	22	2024	Amber
Charadriiformes	Common sandpiper	19	2024	Amber
Charadriiformes	Redshank	5	2021	Amber
Charadriiformes	Wood Sandpiper	1	2023	Schedule 1, Annex I, Amber, Bern A-3
Charadriiformes	Kittiwake	2	2023	Red
Charadriiformes	Black-headed gull	29	2024	Section 7, Amber
Charadriiformes	Little Gull	1	2023	Schedule 1, Annex I, Amber, Bern A-3
Charadriiformes	Common gull	3	2023	Amber
Charadriiformes	Great black-backed gull	4	2024	Amber
Charadriiformes	Herring gull	74	2025	Red, Section 7
Charadriiformes	Sandwich tern	3	2021	Annex 1, Amber
Ciconiiformes	Black stork	4	2015	Annex 1, Bern-A3
Pelecaniformes	Cattle egret	2	2023	Annex 1, Amber
Pelecaniformes	Little egret	3	2021	Annex 1



Order	Species common name	No. occurrences	Last recorded	Protections and designations
Accipitriformes	Osprey	8	2024	Schedule 1, Amber, Annex I, Section 7
Accipitriformes	Honey-buzzard	38	2022	Schedule 1, Annex I, Amber
Accipitriformes	Goshawk	116	2025	Schedule 1, Annex I
Accipitriformes	Marsh harrier	2	2021	Annex I, Amber
Accipitriformes	Hen harrier	10	2023	Schedule 1, Annex I, Section 7, Red
Accipitriformes	Red Kite	239	2025	Schedule 1, Annex I, Amber, Section 7
Strigiformes	Barn Owl	25	2025	Schedule 1, Amber, Section 7, Bern A-3
Strigiformes	Short-eared owl	8	2022	Annex I, Amber
Strigiformes	Tawny owl	85	2025	Amber
Coraciiformes	Kingfisher	59	2023	Schedule 1, Annex I, Amber, Section 7
Piciformes	Wryneck	2	2018	Schedule 1, Red, Bern A-3
Piciformes	Lesser spotted woodpecker	4	2022	Section 7, Red, Bern A-3
Piciformes	Green woodpecker	143	2025	Bern A-3
Falconiformes	Kestrel	187	2024	Section 7, Amber
Falconiformes	Merlin	16	2025	Schedule 1, Annex I, Red, Section 7, Bern A-3
Falconiformes	Hobby	10	2024	Schedule 1, Annex I, Amber, Bern A-3
Falconiformes	Peregrine	71	2024	Schedule 1, Annex I, Section 7, Bern A-3
Passeriformes	Marsh tit	23	2024	Section 7, Red, Bern A-3
Passeriformes	Willow tit	27	2024	Section 7, Red, Bern A-3
Passeriformes	Skylark	271	2025	Section 7, Red, Bern A-3
Passeriformes	Sand martin	41	2025	Amber, Bern A-3
Passeriformes	House martin	207	2025	Red, Bern A-3
Passeriformes	Wood warbler	48	2025	Red, Section 7
Passeriformes	Willow warbler	328	2025	Amber



Order	Species common name	No. occurrences	Last recorded	Protections and designations
Passeriformes	Sedge warbler	5	2022	Amber, Bern A-3
Passeriformes	Grasshopper warbler	37	2024	Section 7, Red, Bern A-3
Passeriformes	Dartford Warbler	7	2021	Schedule 1, Annex I, Amber, Section 7
Passeriformes	Firecrest	4	2021	Schedule 1, Bern A-3
Passeriformes	Starling	128	2024	Section 7, Red
Passeriformes	Song thrush	348	2025	Section 7, Amber, Bern A-3
Passeriformes	Mistle thrush	196	2025	Red, Bern A-3
Passeriformes	Redwing	80	2025	Schedule 1, Amber
Passeriformes	Fieldfare	41	2024	Schedule 1, Red
Passeriformes	Ring ouzel	15	2025	Section 7, Red, Bern A-3
Passeriformes	Spotted flycatcher	34	2025	Section 7, Red, Bern A-3
Passeriformes	Pied flycatcher	17	2024	Section 7, Amber, Bern A-3
Passeriformes	Black Redstart	3	2022	Schedule 1, Amber, Bern A-3
Passeriformes	Whinchat	10	2024	Red, Bern A-3
Passeriformes	Wheatear	53	2025	Amber, Bern A-3
Passeriformes	Dipper	208	2025	Amber, Bern A-3
Passeriformes	House sparrow	340	2025	Section 7, Red
Passeriformes	Dunnock	331	2025	Section 7, Amber, Bern A-3
Passeriformes	Grey wagtail	144	2025	Amber, Bern A-3
Passeriformes	Meadow pipit	383	2025	Amber, Bern A-3
Passeriformes	Tree pipit	109	2024	Section 7, Red, Bern A-3
Passeriformes	Water pipit	1	2024	Amber, Bern A-3
Passeriformes	Brambling	8	2022	Schedule 1
Passeriformes	Hawfinch	2	2019	Red, Section, Bern A-3



Order	Species common name	No. occurrences	Last recorded	Protections and designations
Passeriformes	Bullfinch	260	2025	Section 7, Amber, Bern A-3
Passeriformes	Greenfinch	79	2025	Amber, Bern A-3
Passeriformes	Linnet	63	2025	Section 7, Red, Bern A-3
Passeriformes	Common redpoll	5	2022	Red, Bern A-3
Passeriformes	Lesser redpoll	67	2024	Section 7, Bern A-3
Passeriformes	Common crossbill	131	2025	Schedule 1, Bern A-3
Passeriformes	Snow Bunting	2	2023	Schedule 1, Amber, Bern A-3
Passeriformes	Reed bunting	97	2025	Section 7, Amber, Bern A-3

Source: NBN Atlas¹, SEWBRcC² *Schedule 2 = Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2019⁹; Annex I = EC Birds Directive 2009⁹; Schedule 1 = WCA 1981 (as amended)¹⁰; Section 7 = Environment (Wales) Act 2016⁴; and Red and Amber = Wales BoCC¹¹; Bern-A3 = Bern Convention (1979)⁹.

9 European Commission. Directive 2009/147/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on the conservation of wild birds (codified version). Annex I. Available at: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32009L0147> [Accessed 09/02/2026].

10 UK Government. Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended). Schedule 1: Birds which are protected by special penalties. Available at: <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1981/69/schedule/1> [Accessed 09/02/2026].

11 Stanbury, A., Eaton, M., Aebischer, N. et al. (2021). *The Birds of Conservation Concern 5: the population status of birds in the UK, Channel Islands and Isle of Man*. British Birds, 114, pp. 723–747. Available at: <https://www.bto.org/our-science/publications/birds-conservation-concern> [Accessed 09/02/2026].



A15.2.4 Ecology Surveys

A15.2.4.1 Bat Static Activity Surveys

Eight full spectrum Wildlife Acoustic Song Meter 4 (SM4) static detectors were installed at eight of the 16 turbines present at Ffynnon Oer Wind Farm, for a minimum of 10 nights during the spring, summer and autumn survey periods. All turbine locations are provided in Table A15.2.6. Detectors were attached to existing fences or drystone wall at the approximate locations provided in Table A15.2.7.

Table A15.2.6: Ffynnon Oer Wind Farm turbine locations

Turbine ID	Habitat	Grid reference
1	Unimproved acid grassland	SS 84445 99516
2	Poor semi-improved grassland	SS 84635 99396
3	Poor semi-improved grassland	SS 84294 99247
4	Semi-improved acid grassland	SS 84804 98587
5	Semi-improved acid grassland	SS 84113 98637
6	Blanket bog	SS 84732 98813
7	Blanket bog	SS 84587 98979
8	Unimproved acid grassland	SS 84475 98435
9	Marshy grassland	SS 84827 98339
10	Marshy grassland	SS 84010 98143
11	Semi-improved acid grassland	SS 84390 98639
12	Poor semi-improved grassland	SS 84900 99302
13	Blanket bog	SS 84040 98984
14	Blanket bog	SS 85116 99234
15	Poor semi-improved grassland	SS 84320 98983
16	Marshy grassland	SS 84362 98084

Table A15.2.7: Selected turbines and detector locations

Turbine ID	Habitat	Detector ID	Grid reference
1	Unimproved acid grassland	1	SS 84416 99557
3	Poor semi-improved grassland	3	SS 84378 99278
4	Semi-improved acid grassland	4	SS 84851 98517
5	Semi-improved acid grassland	5	SS 84052 98689
7	Blanket bog	7	SS 84506 99049
10	Marshy grassland	10	SS 83828 98137
13	Blanket bog	13	SS 84971 99009
16	Marshy grassland	16	SS 84364 97998



A15.2.4.2 Bat Carcass Searches

Weekly bat carcass searches were undertaken at the eight turbine locations provided in Table A15.2.7 between July and September 2025 (inclusive). Each carcass search covered a 25 m square plot centred on each selected turbine location and were systematically searched with the use of trained and specialised search dogs. The located carcass was recorded, bagged (using appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) such as gloves) and stored in a freezer under licence for later identification. Table A15.2.8 shows the dates and number of days each turbine was searched, including searches conducted at alternative turbines.



Table A15.2.8: Carcass search survey effort*

Survey date	Survey No.	Turbines															Total
		T01	T02	T03	T04	T05	T06	T07	T08	T10	T11	T12	T13	T14	T15	T16	
03/07/2025	1	x		x	x	x		x		x			x			x	8
11/07/2025	2	x		x	x			x	x	x			x			x	8
18/07/2025	3	x		x	x	x		x		x			x			x	8
25/07/2025	4	x		x	x	x		x		x			x			x	8
01/08/2025	5	x		x	x			x		x	x		x			x	8
08/08/2025	6	x		x	x			x		x			x		x	x	8
13/08/2025	7	x		x	x	x		x	x	x			x				8
21/08/2025	8	x		x	x	x		x				x		x	x		8
28/08/2025	9	x		x	x	x	x			x		x	x				8
04/09/2025	10	x	x	x	x	x		x		x			x				8
11/09/2025	11	x	x	x	x	x		x		x		x	x				9
18/09/2025	12	x		x	x	x		x		x			x			x	8
25/09/2025	13	x		x	x	x		x		x			x			x	8
Total per turbine		13	2	13	13	10	1	12	2	12	1	3	12	1	2	8	105

*x = Carcass search



A single intact bat carcass (small pipistrelle species) was recorded on 8 August 2025 at easting 284319 and northing 199209, within the T3 search area. Photographs are available on request.

A15.2.4.3 Carcass Persistence Trials

A total of 10 carcass persistence trials were undertaken between July and September 2025 (inclusive), during which nine of the 10 mouse carcasses were removed within one to five days of placement. One carcass, located at turbine 13, remained present for the full 36-day monitoring period, at which point the trial was ended. Survey details are provided in Table A15.2.9.



Table A15.2.9: Carcass persistence trials

Date and time placed	Turbine No.	Grid reference	Species	Condition	Removal/last seen date and time	Persistence (days)	Notes
03/07/2025 13:01	T13	SS 84970 99013	Mouse	Fresh	08/08/2025 13:27	36	Carcass not removed – trial ended
03/07/2025 14:10	T01	SS 84474 99570	Mouse	Fresh	08/07/2025 07:26	5	Taken by a crow
11/07/2025 10:53	T03	SS 84234 99315	Mouse	Fresh	13/07/2025 11:04	2	Last seen date – removal not recorded
11/07/2025 13:50	T13	SS 85175 99042	Mouse	Fresh	12/07/2025 07:51	1	Taken by a jay
18/07/2025 14:00	T03	SS 84379 99276	Mouse	Fresh	19/07/2025 05:52	1	Taken by a corvid
18/07/2025 14:30	T14	SS 85139 99245	Mouse	Fresh	19/07/2025 20:20	1	Last seen date – removal not recorded
08/08/2025 14:07	T13	SS 85142 98997	Mouse	Intact	08/08/2025 13:23	0	Taken by a crow
08/08/2025 13:25	T14	SS 85145 99236	Mouse	Intact	12/08/2025 09:23	4	Last seen date – removal not recorded
04/09/2025 13:23	T13	SS 85116 98927	Mouse	Fresh	05/09/2025 03:58	1	Taken by a rodent
04/09/2025 13:41	T02	SS 84701 99451	Mouse	Fresh	08/09/2025 17:46	4	Taken by a fox



A15.2.4.4 Searcher Efficiency Trials

Searcher efficiency trials were undertaken using 10 bat carcasses or partial remains placed at selected turbines. The trained search dog successfully located all carcasses, resulting in a recorded searcher efficiency of 100% for the trial period. Survey details are provided in Table A15.2.10.

Table A15.2.10: Searcher efficiency trial results

Turbine no.	Grid reference	Species	Condition	Carcass found?
T10	SS 84023 98181	Bat wing	Partial carcass	Yes
T10	SS 84030 98141	Pipistrelle	Intact carcass	Yes
T01	SS 84490 99513	Pipistrelle	Intact carcass	Yes
T01	SS 84453 99522	Pipistrelle	Intact carcass	Yes
T03	SS 84300 99288	Pipistrelle	Intact carcass	Yes
T03	SS 84273 99264	Pipistrelle	Fresh carcass	Yes
T13	SS 85070 98987	Noctule	Intact carcass	Yes
T07	SS 84602 98993	Pipistrelle	Intact carcass	Yes
T04	SS 84809 98586	Pipistrelle	Intact carcass	Yes
T04	SS 84802 98604	Pipistrelle	Fresh carcass	Yes

A15.2.4.5 Ecobat Analysis

Table A15.2.11 presents the results of the Ecobat relative activity analysis. The table summarises median and maximum Ecobat percentiles for each bat species or species group by season, along with the corresponding activity categories and overall risk scores. These were calculated by combining the activity scores with the site risk score of 2 (medium project size and low habitat risk), following guidance¹².

¹² NatureScot et al. (2021) Bats and onshore wind turbines: survey, assessment and mitigation. Version: August 2021. Available at: <https://www.nature.scot/doc/bats-and-onshore-wind-turbines-survey-assessment-and-mitigation>



Table A15.2.11: Overall relative activity assessment

Season	Species	Median Percentile	Median Activity Category	Maximum Percentile	Maximum Activity Category	Site Risk	Overall Median Category Score	Overall Median Category	Overall Median Category Colour	Overall Maximum Category Score	Overall Maximum Category	Overall Maximum Category Colour
Spring	<i>Myotis sp</i>	21	Low to Moderate	100	High	2	4	Low	Dark Green	10	Medium	Dark Orange
Spring	Leisler's bat	100	High	100	High	2	10	Medium	Dark Orange	10	Medium	Dark Orange
Spring	Pipistrelle	80	Moderate to High	100	High	2	8	Medium	Dark Orange	10	Medium	Dark Orange
Spring	Nathusius' pipistrelle	28	Low to Moderate	100	High	2	4	Low	Dark Green	10	Medium	Dark Orange
Spring	Common pipistrelle	11	Low	100	High	2	2	Low	Dark Green	10	Medium	Dark Orange
Spring	Soprano pipistrelle	89	High	100	High	2	10	Medium	Dark Orange	10	Medium	Dark Orange
Spring	Brown long-eared bat	100	High	100	High	2	10	Medium	Dark Orange	10	Medium	Dark Orange
Spring	Lesser horseshoe bat	100	High	100	High	2	10	Medium	Dark Orange	10	Medium	Dark Orange
Summer	<i>Myotis sp</i>	35	Low to Moderate	100	High	2	4	Low	Dark Green	10	Medium	Dark Orange
Summer	Leisler's bat	71	Moderate to High	100	High	2	8	Medium	Dark Orange	10	Medium	Dark Orange
Summer	Pipistrelle	45	Moderate	100	High	2	6	Medium	Dark Orange	10	Medium	Dark Orange
Summer	Nathusius' pipistrelle	24	Low to Moderate	100	High	2	4	Low	Dark Green	10	Medium	Dark Orange



Season	Species	Median Percentile	Median Activity Category	Maximum Percentile	Maximum Activity Category	Site Risk	Overall Median Category Score	Overall Median Category	Overall Median Category Colour	Overall Maximum Category Score	Overall Maximum Category	Overall Maximum Category Colour
Summer	Common pipistrelle	13	Low	100	High	2	2	Low	Dark Green	10	Medium	Dark Orange
Summer	Soprano pipistrelle	7	Low	100	High	2	2	Low	Dark Green	10	Medium	Dark Orange
Summer	Brown long-eared bat	100	High	100	High	2	10	Medium	Dark Orange	10	Medium	Dark Orange
Autumn	<i>Myotis sp</i>	8	Low	100	High	2	2	Low	Dark Green	10	Medium	Dark Orange
Autumn	Nathusius' pipistrelle	100	High	100	High	2	10	Medium	Dark Orange	10	Medium	Dark Orange
Autumn	Common pipistrelle	4	Low	100	High	2	2	Low	Dark Green	10	Medium	Dark Orange
Autumn	Soprano pipistrelle	29	Low to Moderate	100	High	2	4	Low	Dark Green	10	Medium	Dark Orange
Autumn	Brown long-eared bat	33	Low to Moderate	100	High	2	4	Low	Dark Green	10	Medium	Dark Orange



Ornithology Surveys

A15.2.4.6 Breeding Bird Surveys

Breeding bird surveys (BBS) were undertaken following standard methodology^{13,14} in all suitable habitat within the site boundary and surrounding 500 m buffer (Figure 15.4). Four survey visits were completed, during which the following species were recorded: cuckoo, herring gull, goshawk, red kite, coal tit, skylark, willow warbler, wren, song thrush, lesser black backed gull, mistle thrush, wheatear, pied wagtail and meadow pipit. A summary of survey dates and weather conditions are provided in Table A15.2.12.

13 SNH (2017). Recommended bird survey methods to inform impact assessment of onshore wind farms. Scottish Natural Heritage (now NatureScot), Battleby

14 Brown, A. F. & Shepherd, O. K. B. (1993). A method for censusing upland breeding waders. *Bird Study*, 40: 189-195.

**Table A15.2.12: Breeding bird survey weather data**

Survey visit date	Wind speed (Beaufort scale 0-12)	Gusting (Beaufort scale 0-12)	Wind direction	Precipitation (0-4)*	Cloud cover (0-8)	Cloud height	Visibility	Snow
14/04/2025	5	6	South	3	7	>500 m	>2 km	0
10/05/2025	2	3	East-southeast	0	2	>500 m	>2 km	0
24/05/2025	1	2	South-southwest	0	3	>500 m	>2 km	0
03/06/2025	5	6	Southwest	0	5	>500 m	>2 km	0

*0 = None, 1 = drizzle/mist, 2 = light showers, 3 = heavy showers, 4 = persistent

Results of breeding territory analysis are presented in Section 15.12 of the ES Addendum.

A15.2.4.7 Breeding Raptor Surveys

Breeding raptor surveys were undertaken following standard methodology within the site boundary and a surrounding 2 km buffer between March and July 2025 (inclusive). Six survey visits were completed during which the following species were recorded: goshawk, red kite and buzzard. A summary of survey dates and weather conditions are provided in Table A15.2.13. A summary of records is provided in Table A15.2.14.

Table A15.2.13: Breeding raptor survey weather data

Survey visit date	Wind speed (Beaufort scale 0-12)	Gusting (Beaufort scale 0-12)	Wind direction	Precipitation (0-4)*	Cloud cover (0-8)	Cloud height	Visibility	Snow
14/04/2025	5	6	South	3	7	>500 m	>2 km	0
21/04/2025 ¹	4	5	Southwest	0	6	>500 m	>2 km	0
23/04/2025	2	2	Southeast	0	7	>500 m	>2 km	0
10/05/2025	2	3	East-southeast	0	2	>500 m	>2 km	0
26/05/2025	3	5	South-southwest	3	8	150-500 m	1-2 km	0
11/06/2025	2	3	South-southwest	0	3	>500 m	>2 km	0



Survey visit date	Wind speed (Beaufort scale 0-12)	Gusting (Beaufort scale 0-12)	Wind direction	Precipitation (0-4)*	Cloud cover (0-8)	Cloud height	Visibility	Snow
02/07/2025	5	6	Northwest	0	2	>500 m	>2 km	0

*0 = None, 1 = drizzle/mist, 2 = light showers, 3 = heavy showers, 4 = persistent . ¹ The surveys on 21/04/2025 and 23/04/2025 are considered one survey visit.



No nests or direct evidence of breeding behaviour was recorded during raptor surveys undertaken between April and July 2025 (inclusive). However, target raptors – goshawk and red kite – and secondary raptors – buzzard and raven – were recorded. See Figure 15.8 for locations of the records.

Table A15.2.14 : Breeding raptor survey results

Date	Species	Target/Secondary	No. of individuals	Flight/point	Notes
23/04/2025	Goshawk	Target	1	Point - SS 85121 99239	A male and a female goshawk were recorded within 40 m of each other on 23 April 2025 next to Turbine 14.
23/04/2025	Goshawk	Target	1	Point - SS 85127 99202	
10/05/2025	Red kite	Target	1	Flight	An adult foraging.
26/05/2025	Red kite	Target	1	Point - SS 87665 99897	An adult just outside the 2km survey buffer to the northeast of the site.
14/04/2025	Buzzard	Secondary	1	Point - SS 284208 198856	Two individuals, including one calling.
21/04/2025	Buzzard	Secondary	2	Flight	
23/04/2025	Buzzard	Secondary	1	SS - 8500 98701	
11/06/2025	Buzzard	Secondary	1	SS 85921 00308	
02/07/2025	Raven	Secondary	2	Flight	An adult foraging.



A15.2.4.8 Bird Carcass Searches

Bird carcass searches were undertaken alongside the bat carcass searches between July and September 2025 (inclusive), using the same methods outlined in Section A15.2.4.2. Any bird carcasses (or associated signs such as feathers) encountered during systematic searches were recorded at the time of discovery.

A total of six bird carcasses/remains were recovered between July and September 2025 (inclusive). These comprised three feather spots (all corvid species), and three intact or fresh carcasses (thrush species, stonechat and pipit species). See Table A15.2.15 for details, photographs are available on request.

Table A15.2.15: Bird carcass search results

Survey date	Turbine No.	Grid reference	Species	Condition
03/07/2025	T10	SS 84016 98157	Corvid species	Feather spot
01/08/2025	T03	SS 84257 99251	Thrush species (probable song thrush)	Intact carcass
01/08/2025	T04	SS 84816 98597	Stonechat	Intact carcass
08/08/2025	T15	SS 84328 99025	Corvid species	Feather spot
21/08/2025	T15	SS 84330 99031	Corvid species	Feather spot
11/09/2025	T05	SS 84138 98662	Pipit species (probable tree pipit)	Fresh carcass

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