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1 Introduction

- 1.1.1 WSP has been commissioned by Norfolk County Council to complete a comprehensive suite of otter and water vole surveys, with the following objectives as listed below.
 - Establish whether otter and water vole are present or likely absent within the Survey Area;
 - Determine, if present, the distribution of otter and water vole within the Survey Area; and
 - Present the findings of the survey in a baseline report.
- 1.1.2 The findings of these objectives will be used to inform the impact assessment and proposed mitigation for all otter and water vole present across the Scheme. Details of the impact assessment and mitigation are included within the Biodiversity Chapter of the Environmental Statement for the Scheme.
- 1.1.3 We have included a summary of key information shown in this document in an accessible format. However, some users may not be able to access all technical details. If you require this document in a more accessible format please contact <u>norwichwesternlink@norfolk.gov.uk</u>.

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Appendix D – otter and water vole survey results – south



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Appendix E - field survey data

Table E-1 – River Wensum Field Survey Results

Date	Grid reference	Field sign	Species	Description
26/09/2019	TG1397915485	Latrine	Water vole	Incidental record.
26/09/2019	TG1393015509	Sighting	Otter	Incidental record.
30/06/2020	TG1375115657	Latrine	Water vole	Old latrine on a log in the water, x9 droppings.
30/06/2020	TG1379215641	Holt	Otter	Possible otter holt under tree roots.
30/06/2020	TG1379215641	Feeding remains	Otter	Shell remains with scrapes present inside.
30/06/2020	TG1379215641	Spraint	Otter	Several spraint present.
30/06/2020	TG1381515640	Burrow	Water vole	Water vole burrow
30/06/2020	TG1402715423	Burrow	Water vole	Water vole burrow
30/06/2020	TG1402715423	Feeding remains	Water vole	Water vole feeding remains
30/06/2020	TG1402715423	Latrine	Water vole	Water vole latrine
30/06/2020	TG1397415479	Burrow	Water vole	Burrow entrance at top of bank. Tunnel leading east.
30/06/2020	TG1397315478	Burrow	Water vole	Burrow on top of bank.
12/08/2020	TG1376215654	Latrine	Water vole	x1 old dropping.