

# **Norwich Western Link**

## **Environmental Statement Chapter**

### **10: Biodiversity – Appendix**

#### **10.13: Breeding Bird Report 2021**

##### **Part 3 of 3**

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## 1 Introduction

1.1.1 WSP UK Ltd was commissioned by Norfolk County Council (NCC) to complete breeding bird surveys, with the following objectives:

- Complete a robust breeding bird survey;
- Compile a list of bird species encountered and their breeding status (i.e. confirmed, probable or possible breeding, or not considered to be breeding on the Site); and
- Estimate of the likely number of territories / colonies of breeding bird species of conservation concern.

1.1.2 The results of the breeding bird survey are provided in this report and the survey findings will be used to inform the impact assessment and proposed mitigation for breeding birds across the Scheme. Details of this impact assessment and mitigation will be included within the Biodiversity Chapter of the Environmental Statement.

1.1.3 The Survey Area in relation to breeding birds comprised a walked transect approximately 13.3km long. Due to the length and size of the Survey Area, this transect was divided into three sections, one of which was walked on a separate day for each survey visit. The transects covered each habitat type suitable to support breeding birds that would be impacted by the Scheme, this included woodland, hedgerows, arable, scrub, wetland and grassland. The transects are shown on drawing 70061370-09-22-0002 (Appendix B).

1.1.4 The following Study Areas were used to inform the methodology and establish the baseline during the desk study:

- Internationally designated sites for birds were considered within 10km of the Scheme;
- Nationally designated sites for birds were considered within 5km of the Scheme; and

- Individual records of all bird species and non-statutory designated sites were requested within 2km of the Scheme.

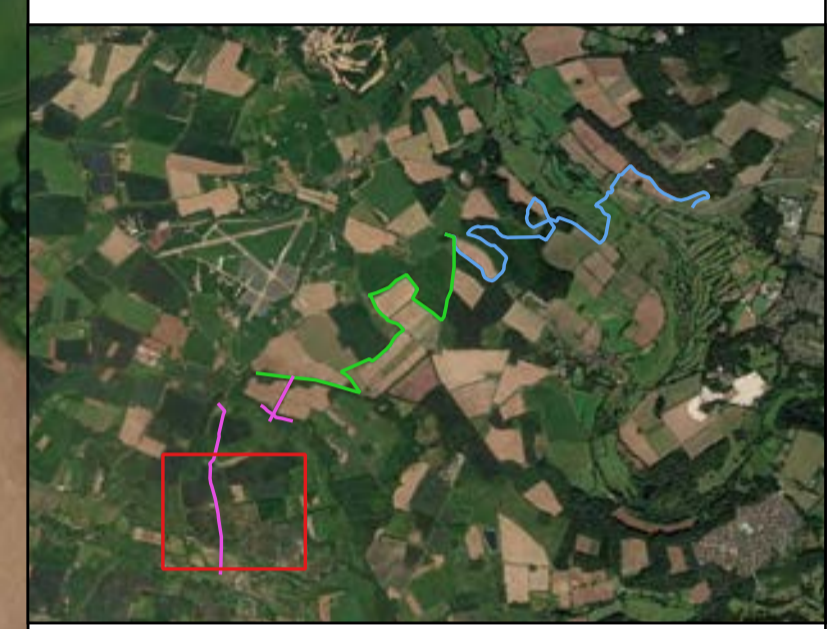
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- Legend**
- Scheme Boundary
  - Transect Route:
    - Transect 3
  - Territories:
    - Yellowhammer
  - Notation:
    - Singing
    - Contact Call
    - Singing Together
    - Alarm Call
    - Flight Lines
    - Same Bird Moving
    - ★ Nest



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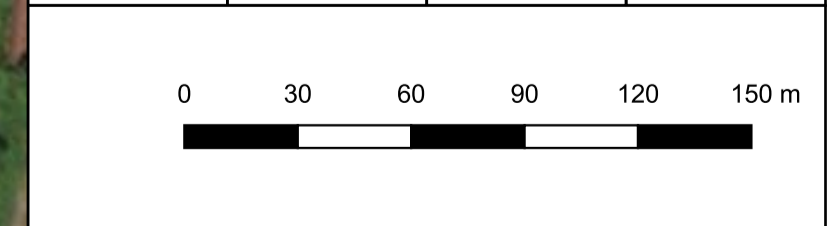
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