

Eastern Green Link 3 (EGL 3) and
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Preliminary environmental information report (PEIR)

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Intertidal and Offshore Ornithology
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3.21.A.1 Introduction

- 3.21.A.1.1 This Appendix provides supporting information that has informed the preliminary environmental assessment presented in **Volume 1, Part 3, Chapter 21 Intertidal and Offshore Ornithology**. It is to be read in conjunction with the aforementioned chapter.
- 3.21.A.1.2 The Study Area for Intertidal and Offshore Ornithology, as illustrated in **Volume 3, Part 3, Figure 21-1 Ornithology Study Area**, includes the draft Order Limits, which encompasses both Eastern Green Link 3 (EGL 3) Project and Eastern Green Link 4 (EGL 4) Project, plus an additional 15 km buffer either.
- 3.21.A.1.3 The Anderby Creek Landfall lies within The Wetland Bird Survey (WeBS) site Anderby (Location Code 35S01). The WeBS monitors non-breeding waterbirds in the UK, with annual reports produced to summarise species trends, peak counts and site summary data. The WeBS is a partnership run by the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) with support from the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) and Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC).
- 3.21.A.1.4 This Appendix provides the annual peak counts data from the Anderby site for the last ten years, as published in the 2022/2023 WeBS report (Woodward *et al.*, 2024, REF 3.21.A.1).

Table 3.21.A-1 – Annual peak count data for Anderby (Location Code 35S01) from the 2022/23 WeBS report

Species Name	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	Current 5yr Mean
Brent Goose	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Brent Goose (Dark-bellied - bernicle)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Canada Goose	39	10	13	11	15	7	0	2	140	11	32
Greylag Goose	15	50	40	132	37	11	2	14	58	36	24
Greylag Goose (British/Irish)	8	50	13	132	37	30	11	2	28	58	26
Pink-footed Goose	0	785	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mute Swan	8	2	5	2	4+	2	2	4	5	8	4
Whooper Swan	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shelduck	2	3	2	4	2+	1	6	4	9	18	8
Garganey	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shoveler	1	1	5	4	3+	0	0	0	10	7	3
Gadwall	0	2	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	0	1
Wigeon	0	8	0	100	0	1	65	125	225	680	219
Mallard	23	31	91	69	144+	75	17	22	12	12	28
Teal	1	18	0	25	15+	9	30	19	185	31	55
Pochard	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0

Species Name	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	Current 5yr Mean
Tufted Duck	21	4	5	11	1+	0	0	0	2	3	1
Hybrid duck	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Little Grebe	3	2	2	3	3	1	0	1	0	1	1
Spoonbill	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grey Heron	1	1	1	1	2	0	1	1	0	0	0
Little Egret	1	1	2	6	3	0	0	2	10	7	4
Shag	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cormorant	3	2	1	6	12	8	1	0	1	0	2
Water Rail	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Moorhen	4	1	2	5	2	0	1	0	0	1	0
Coot	7	8	4	4	3+	1	0	0	2	6	2
Oystercatcher	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	5	2	2
Avocet	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	8	2
Lapwing	15	86	120	66	120	178	10	21	220	120	110
Golden Plover	120	160	160	0	0	0	0	0	60	0	12
Grey Plover	0	0	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Little Ringed Plover	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Curlew	7	5	22	25	19+	30	42	94	102	23	58

Species Name	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	Current 5yr Mean
Black-tailed Godwit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	0	4	13
Sanderling	10	11	10	8	3	24	6	2	9	4	9
Dunlin	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Woodcock	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Snipe	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Redshank	2	0	0	6	0	0	0	2	0	1	1
Black-headed Gull	430	1175	71	139	186	210	45	90	292	300	187
Common Gull	0	34	64	70	5	0	0	0	0	9	2
Great Black-backed Gull	4	16	37	3	16+	2	13	4	5	5	6
Herring Gull	221	17	83	178	21	29	19	11	22	173	51
Lesser Black-backed Gull	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sandwich Tern	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	15	2	4
Kingfisher	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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