

The background of the cover is a photograph of a wide, sandy beach at low tide. The sand is a warm, golden-brown color and shows some ripples and tracks. In the distance, the ocean is visible, and a long line of wind turbines stretches across the horizon under a clear blue sky. The text is overlaid on the top half of the image.

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20.A Supporting Information: Intertidal and Offshore Ornithology

20.A.1 Introduction

- 20.A.1.1 This Appendix provides supporting information that has informed the preliminary environmental assessment presented in **Volume 1, Part 3, Chapter 20: Intertidal and Offshore Ornithology**. It is to be read in conjunction with the aforementioned chapter.
- 20.A.1.2 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 the Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC).
- 20.A.1.3 This Appendix provides the annual peak counts data from the Anderby site for the last five years, as published in the 2022/2023 WeBS report (Ref 1.1).

Table 20.A-1 Annual peak counts data for Anderby (Location Code 35S01) from the 2023/24 WeBS report

Species Name	CBC code	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	Total
Brent Goose	BG	0	2	0	0	0	2
Brent Goose (Dark-bellied - bernicla)	DB	0	2	0	0	0	2
Canada Goose	CG	0	2	140	11	98	251
Barnacle Goose (naturalised)	YE	0	0	0	0	0	0
Greylag Goose	GJ	2	14	58	36	257	367
Greylag Goose (British/Irish)	JA	11	2	28	58	257	356
Pink-footed Goose	PG	0	0	0	0	40	40
Mute Swan	MS	2	4	5	8	9	28
Whooper Swan	WS	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shelduck	SU	6	4	9	18	12	49
Garganey	GY	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shoveler	SV	0	0	10	7	15	32
Gadwall	GA	0	0	5	0	6	11
Wigeon	WN	65	125	225	680	223	1318
Mallard	MA	17	22	12	12	27	90
Teal	T.	30	19	185	31	140	405
Pochard	PO	0	0	0	0	0	0

Species Name	CBC code	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	Total
Tufted Duck	TU	0	0	2	3	0	5
Hybrid duck	ZR	0	0	0	0	0	0
Little Grebe	LG	0	1	0	1	0	2
Spoonbill	NB	0	0	0	0	1	1
Grey Heron	H.	1	1	0	0	0	2
Great White Egret	HW	0	0	0	0	1	1
Little Egret	ET	0	2	10	7	23	42
Shag	SA	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cormorant	CA	1	0	1	0	0	2
Water Rail	WA	0	0	1	0	0	1
Moorhen	MH	1	0	0	1	0	2
Coot	CO	0	0	2	6	1	9
Oystercatcher	OC	0	0	5	2	3	10
Avocet	AV	0	1	0	8	9	18
Lapwing	L.	10	21	220	120	113	484
Golden Plover	GP	0	0	60	0	5	65
Grey Plover	GV	0	0	0	0	0	0
Little Ringed Plover	LP	0	0	0	1	0	1
Whimbrel	WM	0	0	0	0	0	0
Curlew	CU	42	94	102	23	46	307
Bar-tailed Godwit	BA	0	0	0	0	1	1

Species Name	CBC code	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	Total
Black-tailed Godwit	BW	0	60	0	4	0	64
Ruff	RU	0	0	0	0	7	7
Sanderling	SS	6	2	9	4	14	35
Dunlin	DN	0	0	0	0	0	0
Woodcock	WK	0	0	0	0	0	0
Snipe	SN	0	0	0	0	0	0
Redshank	RK	0	2	0	1	23	26
Black-headed Gull	BH	45	90	292	300	62	789
Common Gull	CM	0	0	0	9	0	9
Great Black-backed Gull	GB	13	4	5	5	2	29
Herring Gull	HG	19	11	22	173	80	305
Lesser Black-backed Gull	LB	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sandwich Tern	TE	0	0	15	2	0	17
Common Tern	CN	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kingfisher	KF	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total		271	485	1423	1531	1475	5185

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