# **ECOLOGICAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

# PROPOSED PLATFORM FOR GROWTH: SHARED COMMUNITY FACILITIES PROJECT AT ACRES LAKE BOARDWALK

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# 1 Introduction

# 1.1 OVERVIEW AND AIMS

This report assesses potential impacts that may arise from the proposed platform for growth: shared community facilities project [proposed development] at Acres Lake Boardwalk on biodiversity within the receiving environment, in accordance with the following guidance documents:

- Draft Guidelines on Information to be contained in Environmental Impact Statement Reports.
   (2017) Environmental Protection Agency.
- Guidelines for Ecological Impact Assessment in the UK and Ireland. Terrestrial, Freshwater, Coastal and Marine (2018). Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management (CIEEM), Ver. 1.1 Updated September 2019.
- Guidelines for Preliminary Ecological Appraisal. (2017) Chartered Institute of Ecological and Environmental Management (CIEEM), Second Edition.
- A Guide to Habitats in Ireland (2000), Fossitt JA.
- Best Practice Guidance for Habitat Survey and Mapping. (2011) The Heritage Council.

It aims to discuss the existing ecological environment, the potential impacts of the proposed development and avoidance and mitigation measures in relation to habitats, flora and fauna in the zone of influence (ZOI) of the proposed development. A separate stand-alone AA Screening Report is also included in the planning application documentation.

# 1.2 LEGISLATIVE CONTEXT

Specific focus is placed on protected species/habitat features as well as those of local or national importance. Ireland's *National Biodiversity Action Plan 2017–2021*<sup>1</sup>, in accordance with the Convention on Biological Diversity, is a framework for the conservation and protection of Ireland's biodiversity, with an overall objective to secure the conservation, including, where possible, the enhancement and sustainable use of biological diversity in Ireland and to contribute to collective efforts for conservation of biodiversity globally. The plan is implemented through legislation and statutory instruments concerned with nature conservation. The Planning and Development Acts, 2000 (revised September 2020) and the European Communities (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Amendment) Regulations, 1989 to 1999 are particularly important in that regard and include a number of provisions directly concerned with the protection of natural heritage and biodiversity.

The Wildlife Acts, 1976–2012 are the principal mechanism for the legislative protection of wildlife in Ireland. They outline strict protection for species that have significant conservation value. In summary, the Wildlife Acts protect species from injury, disturbance and damage to breeding and resting sites. All species listed in the Wildlife Acts must, therefore, be a material consideration in the planning process. The Flora (Protection) Order, (2015) gives legal protection to certain species of wild flora, *i.e.*, vascular plants, mosses, liverworts, lichens and stoneworts. Under the Order, it is an offence to uproot, damage, alter, or interfere with any species listed species listed within the Order, or to damage or alter their supporting habitats.

The European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations, 2011–2015 transpose into Irish law Directive 2009/147/EC (the Birds Directive) and the Habitats Directive, which list habitats and species of Community, *i.e.*, European Union (EU), importance for conservation and that require protection. This protection is afforded in part through the designation of areas that represent significant populations of listed species within a European context, *i.e.*, Natura 2000 sites. An area designated for bird species is classed as a Special Protection Area (SPA), and an area designated for other protected species and habitats is classed as a Special Area of Conservation (SAC). Birds listed in Annex I of the Birds Directive in SPAs and habitats and species listed in Annexes I and II, respectively, of the Habitats Directive in SACs in which they are designated features have full European protection. Species listed on Annex IV of the Habitats Directive are strictly protected wherever they occur, whether inside or outside European sites. Annex I habitats outside of SACs are still considered to be of national and

 $<sup>{}^{1}\</sup>text{ NPWS: } \underline{\text{https://www.npws.ie/sites/default/files/publications/pdf/National\%20Biodiversity\%20Action\%20Plan\%20English.pdf} \\$ 

international importance and, under Article 27(4)(b) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations, 2011, public authorities have a duty to strive to avoid the pollution or deterioration of Annex I habitats and habitats integral to the functioning of SPAs.

Sites of national importance for nature conservation are afforded protection under planning policy and the Wildlife Acts, 1976–2012. NHAs are sites that are designated under statute for the protection of flora, fauna, habitats and geological interest. proposed NHAs (pNHAs) are published sites identified as of similar conservation interest but have not been statutorily proposed or designated.

The International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN) provides a global approach for evaluating the conservation status of species to inform and catalyse action for biodiversity conservation through the Red List of Threatened Species.

# 1.3 APPROACH TO ECOLOGICAL EVALUATION AND IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Assessing impact significance is a combined function of the value of the affected feature (its ecological importance), the type of impact and the magnitude of the impact. It is necessary to identify the value of ecological features within the study area in order to evaluate the significance and magnitude of possible impacts.

The following parameters are described when characterising impacts (following CIEEM (2018), EPA (2017) and TII (2009, Rev. 2)):

**Direct and Indirect Impacts** - An impact can be caused either as a direct or as an indirect consequence of a proposed plan or project.

**Magnitude** - Magnitude measures the size of an impact, which is described as high, medium, low, very low or negligible.

Extent - The area over which the impact occurs - this should be predicted in a quantified manner.

**Duration** - The time for which the effect is expected to last prior to recovery or replacement of the resource or feature.

- Temporary: Up to 1 Year;
- Short Term: The effects would take 1-7 years to be mitigated;
- Medium Term: The effects would take 7-15 years to be mitigated;
- Long Term: The effects would take 15-60 years to be mitigated;
- Permanent: The effects would take 60+ years to be mitigated.

**Likelihood** – The probability of the effect occurring taking into account all available information.

- Certain/Near Certain: >95% chance of occurring as predicted;
- Probable: 50-95% chance as occurring as predicted;
- Unlikely: 5-50% chance as occurring as predicted;
- Extremely Unlikely: <5% chance as occurring as predicted.</li>

The CIEEM Guidelines define an ecologically significant impact as an impact (negative or positive) on the integrity of a defined site or ecosystem and/or the conservation status of habitats or species within a given geographic area. The integrity of a site is the coherence of its ecological structure and function, across its whole area, which enables it to sustain the habitat, complex of habitats and/or the levels of populations of the species for which it was classified (CIEEM, 2018).

The results of the ecological survey were evaluated to determine the significance of identified features located in the study area on an importance scale ranging from international-national-county-local. The local scale is approximately equivalent to one 10km square but can be operationally defined to reflect the character of the area of interest. Because most sites will fall within the local scale, this is subdivided into three categories: high local importance, local importance, and local value. The criteria used for assessing the importance of ecological features are shown in Table 1.

Table 1.1 Criteria used in Assessing the Importance of Ecological Features

Importance	Criteria		
International	An internationally designated site or candidate site (SPA, cSPA, SAC, cSAC, Ramsar Site, Biogenetic Reserve).		
	Also, sites which qualify for designation as SACs or SPAs – this includes sites on the NGO shadow list of SAC's.		
National	A nationally designated site or candidate site (NHA, pNHA).		
	Sites which hold Red Data Book (Curtis and McGough, 1988) plant species.		
County	Sites which hold nationally scarce plant species (recorded from less than 65 of the national 10km grid squares); unless they are locally abundant.		
	Sites which hold semi-natural habitats likely to be of rare occurrence within the county.  Sites which hold the best examples of a semi-natural habitat type within the county.		
High Local Importance	Sites which hold semi-natural habitats and/or species likely to be of rare occurrence within the local area.		
	Sites which hold the best examples of a high quality semi-natural habitat type within the local area.		
Local Sites which hold high quality semi-natural habitats.  Importance			
Local Value Any semi-natural habitat.			

# 2 METHODOLOGY

## 2.1 DESK STUDY

A desktop review was carried out to identify features of ecological importance within the proposed development site and the wider environment. Ecological impact assessment is conducted following a standard source-pathway-receptor model, where, in order for an impact to be established all three elements of this mechanism must be in place. The absence or removal of one of the elements of the mechanism is sufficient to conclude that a potential effect is not of any relevance or significance.

- Source(s) e.g., pollutant run-off from proposed works.
- Pathway(s) -e.q., groundwater connecting to nearby qualifying wetland habitats.
- Receptor(s) qualifying aquatic habitats and species of European sites.

Specific focus was put into the assessment of sensitive receptors of protected species/habitat features; as well as those of local or national importance. A source is any identifiable element of the proposed development proposal which is known to have interactions with ecological processes. Pathways are any connections or links between the source and the receptor. This report determines if direct, indirect or cumulative adverse effects will arise from the proposed development.

# 2.2 FIELD SURVEY

Data was collected during multiple site visits; general ecological receptor and habitats data was gathered during two walkover surveys conducted on the 8<sup>TH</sup> of September 2020 and 11<sup>th</sup> of August 2021. The data represents a walkover of the entire proposed Acres Lake site and key ecological areas within the surrounding area. A habitat survey of the site was conducted following standard guidelines set out in 'Best Practice Guidance for Habitat Survey and Mapping' developed by the Heritage Council of Ireland<sup>2</sup>. Habitats were classified using habitat descriptions and codes published by the Heritage Council in 'A Guide to Habitat Types in Ireland<sup>3</sup>. Plant species nomenclature follows Rose's 'The Wild Flower Key: How to identify wild flowers, trees and shrubs in Britain and Ireland<sup>4</sup>. A list of the dominant and notable plant species was taken for each habitat type. Particular emphasis was given to the possible occurrence of rare or legally protected plant species (as listed in Flora Protection Order 1999) or Red-listed plant species (Curtis & McGough 1985, Wyse Jackson *et al.* 2016).

Observations were made for fauna species present or likely to occur on site. Emphasis was placed on mammals and birds, and especially for species listed in the respective Red lists, namely; Gilbert *et al.* 2021<sup>5</sup> (birds), and Marnell *et al.* 2019<sup>6</sup> (mammals). For mammals, the survey was focused on signs of their presence/activity, such as tracks, feeding marks and droppings, as well as any direct observations. Regarding bats, the main focus was on evaluation of suitable habitats to support roosting individuals or communities; however, an ecological assessment of habitat suitability was undertaken throughout the site. The assessment process undertaken for bats followed the BCT Guidelines<sup>7</sup>. Chapter 4 of these guidelines identify the approach to assess 'preliminary ecological appraisal for bats'. This chapter sets out methods for identifying habitat suitability which do not constitute assumptions. Based on the information from the assessment the survey effort requirements are identified. A specific bat activity survey was also undertaken on the 30<sup>th</sup> of August 2021.

Bird species were recorded by sight and sound during a bird point count during the ecological walk over, following the Birdwatch Ireland Country Breeding Bird survey methods. Only one breeding bird survey was conducted on the 15<sup>th</sup> of June 2021. In addition, all linear hedgerows were walked and

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Smith, George F., et al. "Best practice guidance for habitat survey and mapping." The Heritage Council: Ireland (2011)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Fossitt, J.A., 2000. A guide to habitats in Ireland. Heritage Council/ Chomhairle Oidhreacht

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Rose, F., O'Reilly, C., Smith, D.P. and Collings, M., 2006. The wild flower key: how to identify wild flowers, trees and shrubs in Britain and Ireland. Frederick Warne.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Gilbert, G., et al. 2021. Birds of Conservation Concern in Ireland 4: 2020–2026. *Irish Birds, 43*, pp.1-22.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Marnell, F., Looney, D. & Lawton, C. (2019) Ireland Red List No. 12: Terrestrial Mammals. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of the Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, Dublin, Ireland.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Collins, J. (ed.) 2016. Bat Surveys for Professional Ecologists: Good Practice Guidelines (3<sup>rd</sup> edn). The Bat Conservation Trust, London.

species were recorded. Particular attention was focused on areas within the site of high ecological value that interact or overlap with parts of the proposal to provide civil recreation.

A dedicated winter bird assessment was undertaken on-site on following the SNH Guidelines<sup>8</sup>. This approach is standard practice when assessing potential impacts on winter wading birds. A total of 36 hours of surveys were completed at the site over a 6-month period (between October and March) to identify the site usage from bird species. Specific attention was placed on recording foraging and roosting areas that may be used by SCI species relating to SPAs within commuting range of Acres Lake Boardwalk.

During all surveys, particular attention was given to assessing the presence of rare or protected species. Each species identified was assessed in term of the EU Habitat Directive (92/43/EEC), Bird Directive (2009/147/EC), the Wildlife Act (1976), the Wildlife Amendment Act (2000) and the Red Data Lists for threatened and protected species, published on the NPWS website<sup>9</sup>.

## 2.2.1 LIMITATIONS

Only one breeding bird survey was undertaken at the site — two is best practice — however this was not seen to be to be a significant limitation given the data yielded from the survey. Given the context of the development and the extent of the survey works undertaken; there are no significant limitations to the present assessment of the ecological importance of the Acres Lake Boardwalk site.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> SNH (2017) Recommended bird survey methods to inform impact assessment of onshore wind farms; Scottish Natural Heritage

<sup>9</sup> NPWS website for protected species and habitats data accessed at: https://www.npws.ie/maps-and-data

# 3 PROPOSED ACRES LAKE DEVELOPMENT

# 3.1 SHARED FACILITIES OVERVIEW

Failte Ireland aim to support the development of shared facilities at waterways in the Republic of Ireland through the provision of funding. This funding is made available to County Councils only and there are a series of terms and conditions associated with the application process. Included in this is that the sites selected must have existing water sports operators such as surf schools and/or stand-up paddle boarding (SUP) schools in-situ. This is to consolidate existing tourism offerings and elevate the appeal of these areas by providing adequate facilities. The funding is supported by detailed design specifications and additional supports; however, each site has potential for site specific alterations.

Ecological considerations were built into the site selection process with over 47 proposed locations for shared facilities structures to be placed. Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the ecological considerations (constraints and opportunities assessments) can be seen in Appendix III.

# 3.2 PROJECT SPECIFICS AT ACRES LAKE BOARDWALK

The planning report and associated documents which support this assessment contain the intricate details of the works proposed. It is advised that all supporting material be read in conjunction with this report.

The project description is summarised below to facilitate a general understanding of the overall scope of the proposed project. The shared facilities structure will contain a number of resources such as indoor and outdoor shower which are heated through solar power, serviced toilets as well as seating both external to the roofed structure and internal. The facilities also include a communal communication area which is intended to be used as a briefing area for the operators that use the facilities. In addition to these, there are additional amenities such as lockers for storage and washdown areas.

The structure itself is small in scale and has a discrete footprint; the specific location can be observed in Figure 3.1 and Figure 3.2 below, as well as the design specifications proposed for the building itself in Figure 3.3.

At Acres Lake there are a number of existing facilities such as an outdoor swimming pool, tennis courts and a playground area. The application at this site includes improvement works to these facilities as well as the construction of a new carparking area at the site and raised controlled pedestrian crossing on the R207. See the attached planning application for full specs of the design; however, the figure below contains a full site layout of the proposed works. Overall, the full scope of the project is seen to be small in scale (see Figures below for location, layout and design).

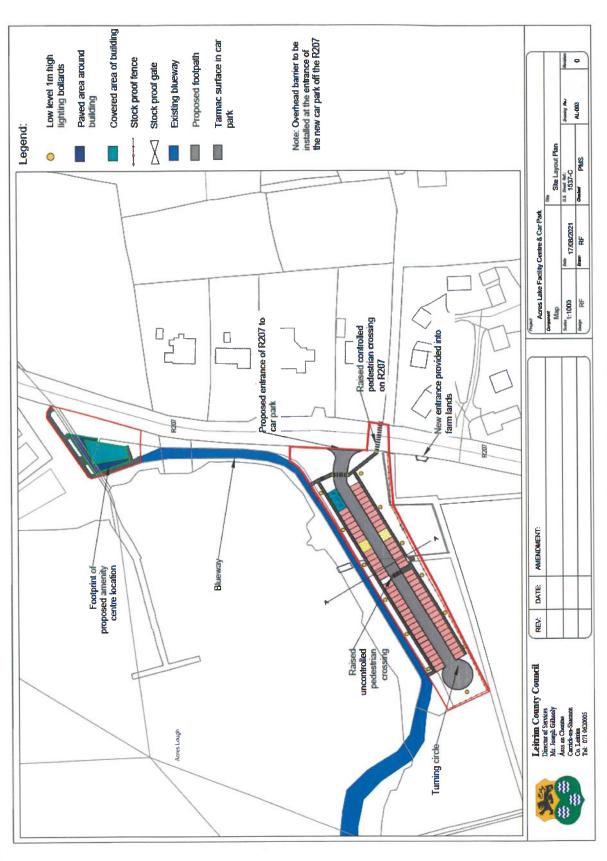


Figure 3.1 Proposed site layout and location of the facility and associated carparking area

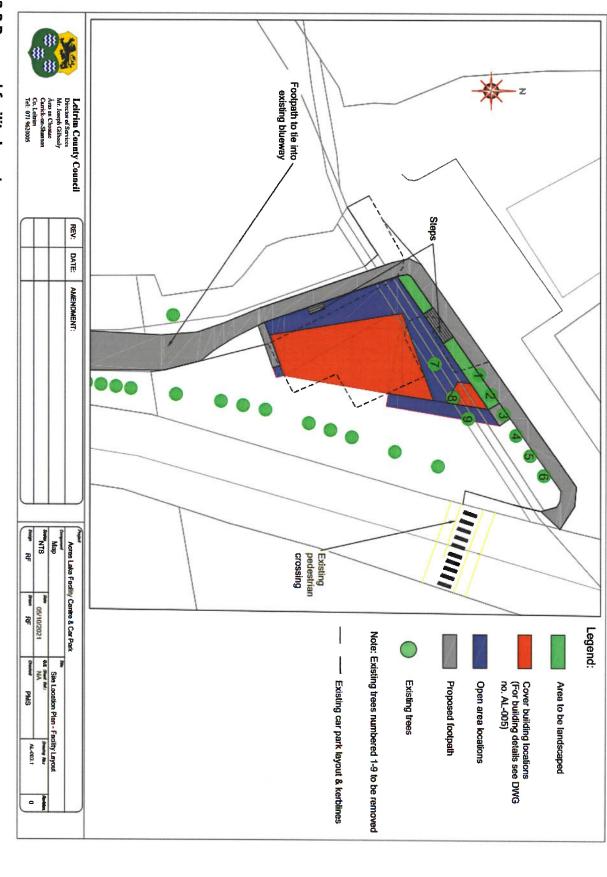


Figure 3.2 Proposed facility layout

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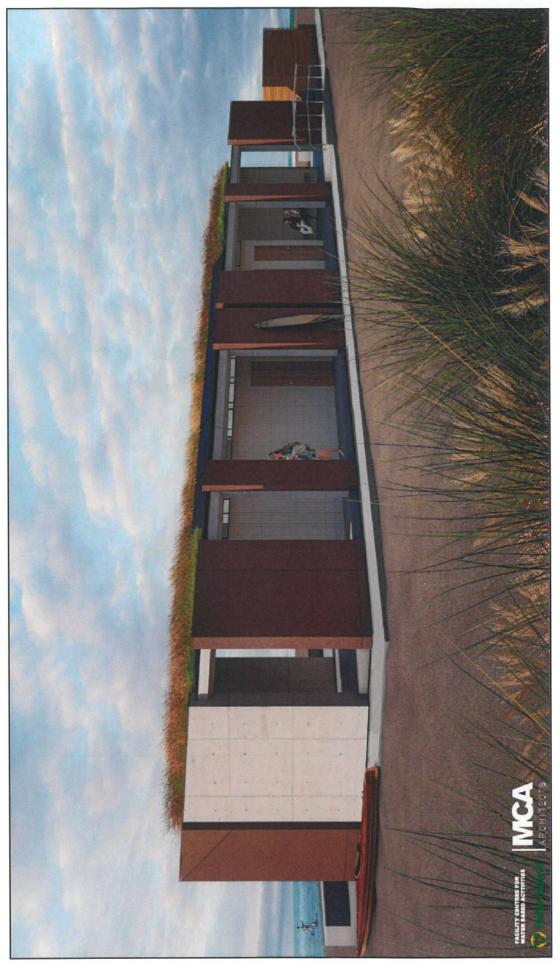


Figure 3.3 Illustration of the proposed facility when completed

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## 3.3 RECEIVING ENVIRONMENT

#### 3.3.1 OVERVIEW

Acres lake is a semi natural lake that has been excavated to improve the flow and provide canal channels. This area is long established and has been managed to create tall herb swamp areas. The far bank is a riparian woodland area. The site has a small existing carpark and a robust boardwalk to control visitor movements on site. The site is an existing pier with activities taking place on site already.

# 3.3.2 ZONE OF INFLUENCE

The operational phase works are anticipated to interact with the local area in terms of disturbance effects associated with recreational use both along the boardwalk and in the water itself. The construction phase works may have some effects beyond the boundary due to increased noise pollution, the addition of artificial lighting conditions and possible water quality effects. Possible operational phase impacts could be lighting and drainage alterations. However, the proposed development and the alterations proposed to the site therein, are temporary in the construction phase, with an operational phase similar to the current operation and condition of Acres Lake. There may be increased visitor numbers due to the increased amenity on site. Following the source-pathway-receptor model identifying the potential likely sources a Zone of Influence (ZOI) was established; 2km radius around the proposed site. Given the nature of the proposed works, impacts are not foreseen to be significant beyond this distance.

# 3.3.3 DESIGNATED AREAS

In accordance with the European Commission Methodological Guidance (EC, 2001), a list of European Designated Sites that can be potentially affected by the works has been compiled. A dedicated Appropriate Assessment Screening, reviewing all European sites within the zone of influence of the project, was undertaken. A review of the conservation objectives and qualifying interests of these sites was undertaken in order to identify what habitats and/or species could be vulnerable to risk of impact from the proposed development. This was done by assessing whether any source receptor links existed between the qualifying interests of the designated sites and the proposed site.

When assessing ecological impacts, the CIEEM Guideline recommend a 15km zone of influence as an adequate buffer for potential effects. Due to the characteristics of the project, all other Natura 2000 sites and pNHA/NHA sites beyond threshold distances of 15km are considered to be of sufficient distance from the proposed site, that no significant effects could be caused either directly or indirectly or in combination with other plans or projects to their interest features. Any impacts caused by the Acres Lake proposed development have no valid impact pathway to transfer along to reach any of the receptor interest features. These sites are 'screened out' and not considered further.

A stand-alone Screening Report submitted separately to this assessment, expands on the potentially affected designated sites and their conservation objectives in more detail. Appendix I provides a list of all of the designated sites considered within the assessment arranged by distance from the proposed Acres Lake proposed development which are assessed as part of this report. Figure 3.4 displays the Nature 2000 sites within a 15km radius buffer of the proposed project as well as all sites with functional pathways for effects. The proposed site has a surface water hydrological pathways connecting it to Natura 2000 sites in Clare and all along the River Shannon along an extensive hydrological pathway.

In addition to examining European sites, NHAs and pNHA have been considered. Figure 3.5 displays the National sites within a 15km buffer of the park. Although NHAs and pNHAs do not form part of the Natura 2000 Network, they often provide an important supporting role to the network, particularly when it comes to fauna species which often do not obey site boundaries. There are however, NHAs and pNHAs that are designated for features that are not important at an international level and thus may not interact with the Natura 2000 network.

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Figure 3.4 Natura 2000 sites within a 15km buffer of the Acres Lake proposed development

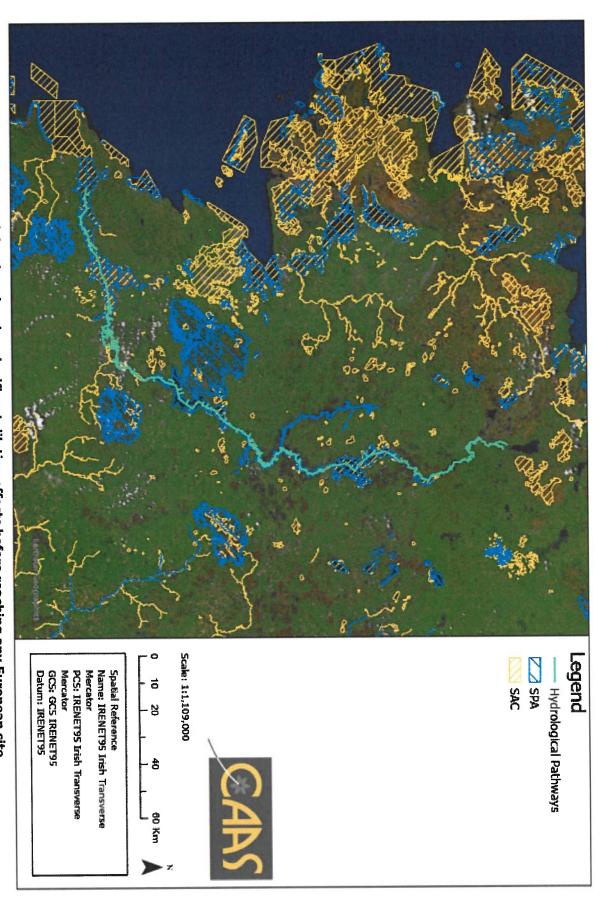


Figure 4 Hydrological connectivity of the site, showing significant dilution effects before reaching any European site

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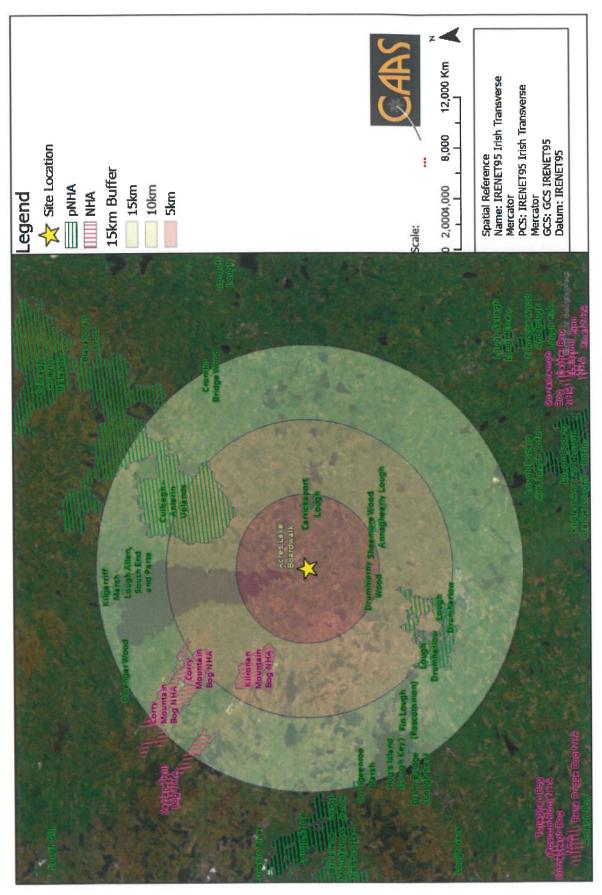


Figure 3.5 Natural Heritage Areas within a 15km buffer of the Acres Lake proposed development

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# 3.3.4 RECORDS OF PROTECTED, RARE OR OTHER NOTABLE FLORA AND FAUNA SPECIES

The digital database of the National Biodiversity Data Centre (NBDC) was consulted to assess known records of rare, protected and invasive species that occur in the surrounding landscape. The collation of this information, as well as examination of aerial photographs allowed areas of potential ecological importance to be highlighted prior to field survey work. A search was undertaken of records of Red Data Book and Protected species held by the National Biological Data Centre Database. A list of the rare and/or protected species from the two  $10 \text{km} \times 10 \text{km}$  grid squares which intersect the study area (G90 and G91) is provided in Appendix II $^{10}$ .

# 3.3.4.1 Invasive Flora Species

Publicly available NBDC data was accessed to identify invasive species in the two  $10 \text{km} \times 10 \text{km}$  grid squares which intersect the study area: G90 and G91. 4 of the flora species and 7 of the fauna species listed in Appendix II, that have been recorded in the hectads G90 and G91 which contain the proposed site, are subject to restrictions (Third Schedule) under Regulation 49 of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations, 2011.

# 3.3.5 FIELD SURVEY RESULTS

The results of the ecological site visits are discussed below. Relevant mapping to support the ecological results and discussion are also provided below.

# 3.3.5.1 Habitats and Flora

No Annex I habitats or rare/protected floral species found on site. Some of the habitats present on site are of high local importance in terms of support for local biodiversity, resource availability, and ecological connectivity across the landscape.

The habitats on-site were surveyed and classified using the Fossit Level 3 coding system which are presented in the map below. The habitats found on site were lake habitats, tall herb swamps, amenity grasslands, riparian woodland and wed grassland. The wet grassland areas are the main habitat type which will be lost as a result of the proposed development; however, this is a low diversity pasture field with a corresponding low local ecological value. For specific detail relating to the species composition of each of these habitats see Appendix III.

# 3.3.5.2 Invasive species

Canadian waterweed (*Elodea canadiensis*) was identified on site within the lake itself; this species is are subject to restrictions (Third Schedule) under Regulation 49 of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations, 2011. No other invasive species were recorded on site.

 $<sup>^{10}</sup>$  National Biodiversity Centre data. Accessed: 13th October 2021



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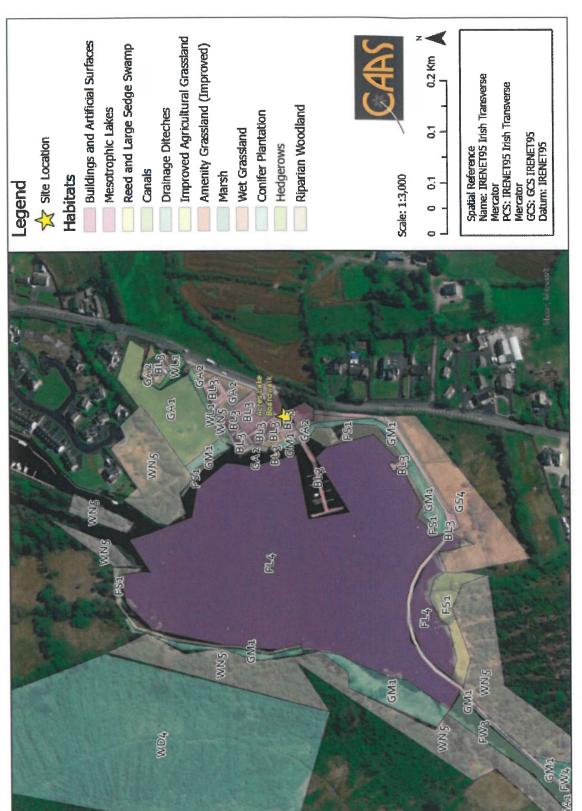


Figure 3.6 Habitat map (Fossit level 3) within the Acres Lake Boardwalk area



#### 3.3.5.3 Fauna

#### Non-volant mammals

There were no mammal activity signs identified on site during any of the surveys. However, it is very likely that otter is present on site and therefore, this is assumed present on site for the purposes of the assessment. There were no otter holts recorded on site.

#### **Bats**

There were no bat potential bat roost features identified on site during the preliminary surveys for potential bat roost features conducted on the 8<sup>TH</sup> of September 2020 and 11<sup>th</sup> of August 2021. The walked bat transect was carried out on the night of 30<sup>th</sup> of August 2021. The transect took a route from the existing carpark and along the boardwalk.

Daubenton's bat was the most common species in number of recorded passes (Table 3.1); which would be expected due to the high volume of freshwater habitat in the park and along the transect. Soprano and common pipistrelle were also observed on site also. 3 passes were recorded for the Leisler's bat.

**Table 3.1 Bat survey results** 

Common name	Scientific name	# Bat passes
Daubenton's bat	Myotis daubentonii	51
Common pipistrelle	Pipistrellus pipistrellus	37
Soprano pipistrelle	Pipistrellus pygmaeus	27
Leisler's bat	Nyctalus leisleri	3

#### **Birds**

Much of the riparian woodland and conifer plantation habitat within Acres Lake holds high local value for nesting breeding birds. In addition to the vegetative habitat, there is significant freshwater habitat within the site that supports a number of resident and migrant water birds. Birds identified during the breeding bird surveys can be seen in Table 3.2 **below and in** Figure 3.7. The only species identified within the project boundary were corvid species and a wren.

Table 3.2 Breeding bird survey results

Common name	Scientific Name	BTO Code	Heard	Seen
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	MA	Υ	Υ
Cormorant	Phalacrocorax carbo	CA	Y	Υ
Black-headed Gull	Larus ridibundus	BH	Y	Υ
Jackdaw	Corvus monedula	JD	Υ	Υ
Hooded Crow	Corvus cornix	HC	Y	Υ
Buzzard	Buteo buteo	BZ	Y	Υ
Pied wagtail	Pied wagtail	PW	Y	Y
Reed bunting	Emberiza schoeniclus	RB	Υ	Y
Moorhen	Gallinula chloropus	MH	Υ	Υ
Chiffchaff	Phylloscopus collybita	CC	Y	Y
Blackcap	Sylvia atricapilla	BC	Y	Y
Lesser redpoll	Carduelis flammea cabaret	LR	Y	Y
Goldfinch	Carduelis carduelis	GO	Y	Y
Wren	Troglodytes troglodytes	WR	Y	Υ



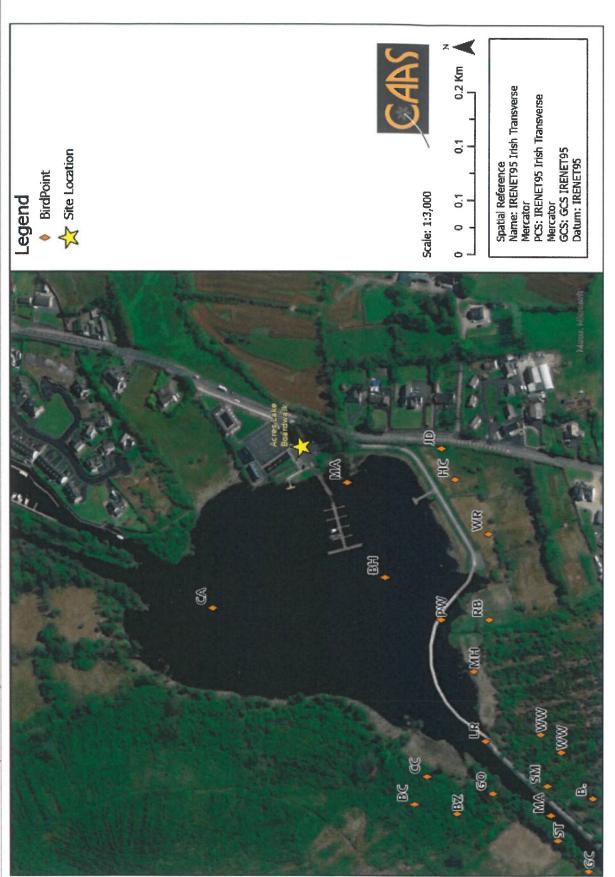


Figure 3.7 Map of all birds identified during the breeding bird survey at Acres Lake Boardwalk

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#### Winter bird data for Acres Lake Boardwalk

Data was collected for the Acres Lake Boardwalk from October 2020 to April 2021 which recorded the foraging and roosting locations of all birds on-site as well as all bird flight patterns. All species identified on-site can be seen below:

**Table 3.3 Winter bird survey results** 

Common name	Scientific Name	BTO Code
Black-headed Gull	Chroicocephalus ridibundus	BH
Cormorant	Phalacrocorax carbo	CA
Lesser Black-backed Gull	Larus fuscus	LB
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	MA
Moorhen	Gallinula chloropus	MH
Mute Swan	Cygnus olor	MS
Snipe	Gallinago gallinago	SN

The main areas of note for birds at Acres Lake Boardwalk are identified in Figure 3.8 and discussed below:

The mesotrophic lake of Acres Laks is surrounded by reed beds, which provide foraging and roosting habitat for several bird species. Roosting features include the jetty, the boardwalk, the reed beds. Birds using the site are accustomed to constant flow of walkers and other amenity visits by people, such as water sports.

The following three tables present a summary of each species recorded to be foraging, roosting and/or flying around the Acres Lake Boardwalk area; the full suite of observations recorded is supplied Appendix II.

The deeper areas of the lake were used primarily by gull species such as lesser blackback gull and black headed gulls (foraging area B). The reed beds and shallows (foraging area A) were used by all species identified on site. These species are regularly fed by locals and are thus habitualised to a degree to human presence on site. Birds were seen congregating around the jetty dock area; indicating that they are habitualised to human interactions (roost area A). Swans ducks and snipe were seen roosting in the reeds areas (roost area B).

The majority of bird activity recorded was centred on the jetty itself, which is used by mallards and black headed guls to roost on. Duck species tend to forage in the water, the reed beds. around the jetty, and along the shore-side of the boardwalk. Cormorant were seen foraging in the centre of lake and roosting on top of signposts in the water at the entrance to the canal (on the north side). Snipe and mallard were observed roosting in the reed beds, in particular, in a section of flattened reeds just south of the jetty and behind the boardwalk. Acres Lake is overall a relatively busy site for human visitors; with walkers present throughout the day. The jetty is also active with boats moored up. The playground at the carpark is also actively in use. It was noted during all surveys that visitors to Acres Lake often fed the birds at the jetty, thus attracting the gulls, mallards and swans.



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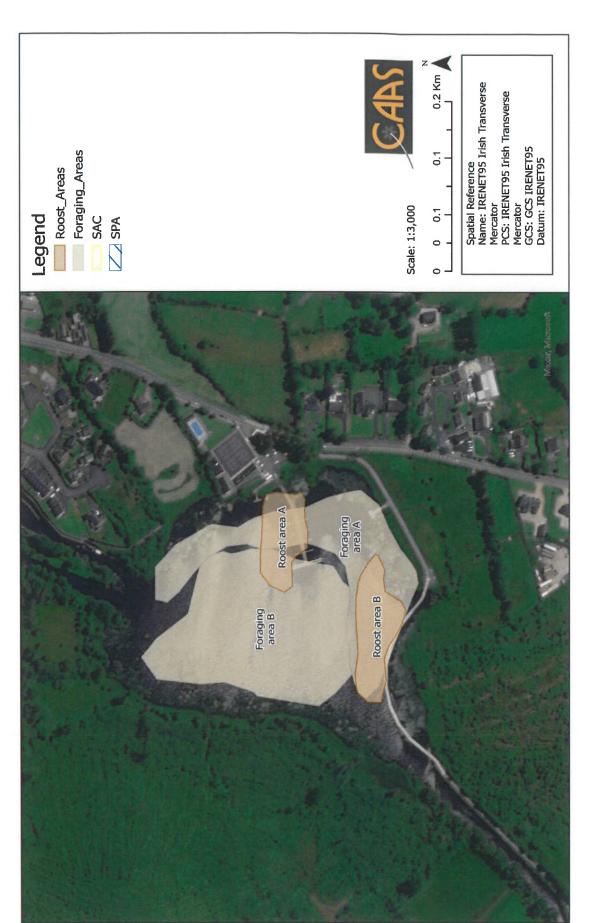


Figure 3.8 Map of all foraging and roosting activity at Acres Lake Boardwalk



Table 3.4 Summary of all birds observed foraging in the Acres Lake Boardwalk

Common Name	Scientific Name	Largest Group Observed	Total Numbers Observed	Common Group Size
Black-headed Gull	Chroicocephalus ridibundus	9	108	1
Cormorant	Phalacrocorax carbo	1	4	1
Lesser Black-backed Gull	Larus fuscus	2	4	2
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	8	86	4
Moorhen	Gallinula chloropus	1	3	1
Mute Swan	Cygnus olor	2	18	2

Table 3.5 Summary of all birds observed roosting in the Acres Lake Boardwalk

Common Name	Scientific Name	Largest Group Observed	Total Numbers Observed	Common Group Size
Black-headed Gull	Chroicocephalus ridibundus	4	57	2
Cormorant	Phalacrocorax carbo	1	2	1
Lesser Black-backed Gull	Larus fuscus	2	2	2
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	7	51	2
Mute Swan	Cygnus olor	2	5	2
Snipe	Gallinago gallinago	5	9	2

Table 3.6 Summary of all birds observed flying overhead in the Acres Lake Boardwalk

Common Name	Scientific Name	Largest Group Observed	Total Numbers Observed	Common Group Size
Black-headed Gull	Chroicocephalus ridibundus	4	22	1
Cormorant	Phalacrocorax carbo			1
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos			1
Mute Swan	Cygnus olor	2	4	2
Snipe	Gallinago gallinago	1	4	1

## **Amphibians**

No frogs were seen during the survey work; however, for the purposes of the assessment it is assumed that they are present within the receiving environment due to habitat suitability. There are no shallow pool areas on site suitable for newt reproduction and juvenile development, and similarly there is no habitat suitable for lizard populations within the site boundary.

# 3.3.6 SUMMARY OF ECOLOGICAL EVALUATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Overall, the site of the proposed platform for growth: shared community facilities project at Acres Lake Boardwalk has local importance relative to its surroundings in terms of ecological value. The site contains aspects of higher local importance ecologically, such as the lake itself and the riparian woodlands. The area within the project boundary has low ecological value and are species poor – however, there is direct connectivity to local hydrologically sensitive areas.

Furthermore, there are a number of avifauna which are sensitive to disturbance effects; however, these disturbance effects are only identified as being present during construction phase, as the operational phase use is likely to be small scale amenity and in keeping with current site use and condition. There is potential for the development to have adverse impacts on local biodiversity during the construction phase if unmitigated. These potential impacts and the appropriate mitigation measures are discussed in sections 4 and 5 respectively below.

# **4 POTENTIAL IMPACTS**

Based on the baseline ecological environment and the extent and characteristics of the proposed development, the following potential impacts have been identified:

- 1. Augmentation of existing habitats, as well as the potential removal of trees;
- 2. Invasive species;
- 3. Water quality;
- 4. Construction, earthworks and dust;
- 5. Lighting during construction and operation; and
- 6. Noise and vibration.

### These potential impacts are discussed below:

- 1. Augmentation of existing habitats, as well as the potential removal of trees
  - The removal of vegetation on site has potential to negatively impact breeding bird populations via reduction of available foraging, roosting or breeding habitat.
- 2. Invasive species
  - Canadian waterweed (*Elodea canadiensis*) was identified on site within the lake itself which is subject to restrictions (Third Schedule) under Regulation 49 of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations, 2011. The construction phase elements of the project will not have in stream works and therefore the only interactions are related to the operational phase of the site which will be consistent with the existing land use.
- 3. Water quality
  - Due to the location of the proposed development and proximity of ecologically valuable freshwater habitats, it is imperative the mitigation is put in place to protect all water features during all stages of construction for local biodiversity.
- 4. Construction and Earthworks
  - The Acres Lake proposed development could interact with local habitats vis dust, soil removal, and construction disturbance.
  - Sensitive freshwater habitats and vegetative habitats could be negatively impacted by dust produced during construction and earth works needed to carry out the development.
- 5. Lighting during construction and operation
  - Strong lighting in the area of the proposed project could impact species that use the site for foraging and commuting, if not implemented with the appropriate ecological considerations.
  - Bats, non-volant mammals, and birds are sensitive to any significant changes in lighting within semi-natural habitat in which they reside.
- 6. Noise/vibration
  - The construction phase and movement of heavy vehicles across the site could cause localised disturbance of breeding birds and wading birds that may use the habitats within the site area.
  - However, there is likely to be an existing degree of habituation to regular traffic on the site so
    this impact may not be across the whole site.
  - The operational phase is expected to be very similar to current noise and vibration levels from amenity usage of the site and thus no potential impact is foreseen for the operational phase.

#### 4.1.1 POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON DESIGNATED SITES

The AA Screening Report accompanying this report sets out the likelihood and significance of any potential effects to European designated sites as a result of the proposed Acres Lake proposed development. The AA screening found no significant adverse effects foreseen to be likely to affect the ecological integrity of any European sites. There is a direct hydrological link from the park to European sites downstream, and the closest site that not hydrologically linked to the site is approximately 7.51km away. These distances are sufficient for no potential for impacts to European sites as a result of the proposed project to be likely. Thus, there is no likelihood of interaction with European sites at any scale that would result in potential for significant adverse effects to their ecological integrity as a result of the proposed Acres Lake development.

# **5 MITIGATION MEASURES / MONITORING**

The proposed site has been identified to have an overall moderate to high local ecological importance due to the freshwater habitats and the riparian woodlands on the far side of the lake itself.

Overall, it is assessed that the implementation of the proposed project will have temporary impacts associates with water quality and the loss of wet grassland habitats. However, the resources that will be lost are of low ecological important and the following mitigation measures will reduce and avoid impacts.

Considering the key areas for potential impacts identified in section 4 above; the following mitigation measures are recommended for each one:

1. Augmentation of existing habitats, as well as the potential removal of trees

The removal of vegetation on site has potential to negatively impact breeding bird populations; however, the implementation of the project will result in a net gain of tree cover and therefore there will be no long-term negative impact. However, the following shall apply to any vegetation that must be removed:

- No vegetation will be removed during the breeding bird season (1st March to the 31st of August).
- No vegetation is removed beyond the minimum required to complete the task.
- Timing of works will be as brief as possible to minimise potential disturbance effects.
- Any vegetation removal or disturbance works that must take place during the breeding season should be inspected in advance of works by a suitable qualified ecologist prior to any works commencing and if a nest is identified then the requisite derogation licence must be sought.

#### 2. Invasive Species

Canadian waterweed (*Elodea canadiensis*) was identified on site within the lake itself which is subject to restrictions (Third Schedule) under Regulation 49 of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations, 2011. The construction phase elements of the project will not have in stream works and therefore the only interactions are related to the operational phase of the site which will be consistent with the existing land use.

• It is recommended however, that considerations are given to erecting signs to explain the risks associated with the spread of this species and ways to avoid unintended damage or further spread of the species.

#### 3. Water quality

- All Hazardous materials will be stored in bunded areas with sufficient capacity.
- Silt fencing will be installed on the lakeward side of the proposed development during the enabling works. These fences will be checked regularly and maintained according to ensure their effectiveness for reducing sediment run off into the lake.
- Surface water run-off during construction will be directed into existing SUDS networks at/adjacent to the site.

#### 4. Construction and Earthworks

Elements of the proposed Acres Lake proposed development that have potential to interact with existing habitats which have been identified to have local importance overall with certain aspects having a higher local value such as the freshwater habitats on site. Therefore, it is recommended that:

- Dust and debris control measures be implemented where relevant.
- Works directly adjacent to the waters edge are avoided i.e., all cement mixing works etc. are conducted away from the water's edge.

#### 5. Lighting during construction and operation

Strong lighting in the area of the proposed project could impact species that use the site for foraging and commuting if not carefully controlled. Bats, other mammals, birds and insects

would be sensitive to any significant changes in lighting within semi-natural habitat within the parkland and the freshwater habitats.

Construction phase lighting will need to be controlled to minimise light pollution as a matter of good practice – such as:

- Implementation of lights out hours when construction is not active on site (evening and night hours).
- Operational phase lighting at night should be only where necessary and also directional/cowled.
- UV levels of the lighting installed: very low level or zero UV is preferential, as this has
  the least effect on insect activity, and thus the minimal interruption to bat foraging
  possible: Low Pressure Sodium (SOX) is preferrable, as it is emitted at single
  wavelengths, with very low UV emitted. (BCI, 2010<sup>11</sup>; Stone, 2013<sup>12</sup>).
- An Ecological Clerk of Works (ECoW) will be appointed to ensure all on site construction lighting aligns with the conditions set out above. Any deviation from the environmental envelope identified in this EcIA will be reported to Leitrim County Council.
- Where possible, lighting can be dimmed or switched off at night or during periods of low human activity, by implementing variable lighting regimes controlled remotely by CMS (central management system) units (BCI, 2010<sup>11</sup>; Stone, 2013<sup>12</sup>).

Operational phase lighting could have long term slight impacts on bat foraging behaviours, and therefore all external lighting will be 1m tall bollard lights which are low lumen and provide minimal light spill; there are 13 bollards in total but only 6 are near the lakes edge.

### 6. Noise/vibration

Most of the construction phase works are small scale in size and temporary in time scale.

 Nevertheless, the establishment of best practice measures for minimising and reducing noise and vibration from construction should be implemented throughout the construction phase.

The absence of the application of the above mitigation measures would render the project having the potential to have significant adverse effects on a habitat of moderate-high local importance within the site area. It is thus recommended to implement these measures as part of the proposed project to avoid potential impacts to the ecological integrity of the site.

<sup>12</sup> Stone, E.L. (2013) Bats and lighting: Overview of current evidence and mitigation

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<sup>11</sup> Bat Conservation Ireland (2010) Bats & Lighting Guidance Notes for: Planners, engineers, architects and developers

# **6 CUMULATIVE IMPACTS**

Plans of relevance in the context of this proposal include:

- Leitrim County Development Plan 2015-2021
- A growth strategy for tourism in Leitrim 2015-2021
- No specific Local Area Plan

There are no specific policies or objectives that conflict with the proposed project. The proposed project is aligned with the development goals set out in the above-mentioned plans and therefore in combination effects are not identified. Furthermore, all policies and objectives contained within the County Development Plan relating to sustainable development etc. must be complied with.

# Projects of relevance to this development:

To identify projects for consideration for the cumulative impacts section, the National Planning and Housing development database was used<sup>13</sup>. A review of all planning applications within the identified zone was conducted focusing on all application within the past 5 years<sup>14</sup>.

The only projects in the area relate to retention applications and internal works. There are no sources for effects identified from these projects; therefore, there are no cumulative impacts identified.

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<sup>13</sup> https://data-housinggovie.opendata.arcgis.com/datasets/planning-application-sites-2010-onwards;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> planning application have a standard lifespan of 5 years as per Section 40 (3)(b) of the Planning & Development Act 2000, as amended; therefore, these are viewed to be the 'live' applications, all other projects are considered as part of the site context

environment of the proposed facility

Ξŀ	Table 3.2 Local planning applications within the receiving cliving in the proposed received	2112	proposed racinty		
Overview		Project Area (sq m)	Possible significant impacts from plan or project	Is there a risk of in-combination effects	Possible Significant cumulative impacts
Retain existing g	Retain existing garage including open storage area to side.	3,299	There are no sources for impacts identified from this project; therefore, there are no in combination effects identified.	No	ON.
(a) retention of seating area, (b) to existing resta with external ac entrance lobby a to western gable, provision with all associat	(a) retention of change of use from games room to restaurant seating area, (b) retention of free-standing sign (c) alterations to existing restaurant building consisting of new entrance door with external access ramp, internal modifications to provide entrance lobby and accessible WC, provision of new windows to western gable, provision of new external signage to western gable, provision of new external signage to western with all associated site development works.	2,147	There are no sources for impacts identified from this project; therefore, there are no in combination effects identified.	ON	No

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# 7 RESIDUAL IMPACTS

Given the nature of the works proposed, there will be no net decrease in terms of the ecological integrity of the site due to the maintenance of the vast majority of natural features and vegetation, maintenance of existing habitat. However, an area of low diversity wet grassland will be permanently lost.

This habitat is of low ecological value and no rare or protected species were recorded to rely on this resource. The characteristics of the development detailed above indicate that any potential residual impacts will be localised related to recreational amenity.

None of the residual effects are identified to be significant at a local scale.



# **Appendix I**

Natura 2000 Sites, Natural Heritage Areas and proposed Natural Heritage Areas within 15km of the proposed site – including sites hydrologically connected (arranged by distance from proposed site).

Site Name	Site Code	Distance (km)	pNHA	NHA	SAC	SPA
Lough Allen, South End and Parts	000427	2.08	1			
Carrickaport Lough	001920	3.84	1	THE WA		
Drumhierny Wood	001412	4.60	1			
Sheemore Wood	001421	5.08	/			
Kilronan Mountain Bog NHA	000617	5.67		1		
Cuilcagh - Anierin Uplands	000584	6.14	1		1	
Annaghearly Lough	001402	6.49	1			
Lough Drumharlow	001643	8.72	1			
Corry Mountain Bog NHA	002321	8.93		1		
Fin Lough (Roscommon)	001636	11.64	1			
Kilgarriff Marsh	000426	12.79	1			
Carrane Hill Bog NHA	002415	12.79		1		
Drumman's Island (Lough Key)	001633	13.65	1			
Corrigeenroe Marsh	000596	13.98	1			
Hog's Island (Lough Key)	001638	14.38	1			
Cromlin Bridge Wood	001409	14.49	1	Design St		
Owengar Wood	001419	14.50	1			
Hydrologically	Connecte	d Sites Be	ond 15	km		
Derrinea Bog SAC	000604	Beyond 15km			1	
Drumalough Bog SAC	002338	Beyond 15km		Le Marie	1	
Bellanagare Bog SAC	000592	Beyond 15km			1	
Flughany Bog SAC	000497	Beyond 15km			<b>V</b>	
Bellanagare Bog SPA	004105	Beyond 15km		TEO ELS		1
Urlaur Lakes SAC	001571	Beyond 15km			<b>√</b>	
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Carrowbehy/ Caher Bog SAC	000597	Beyond 15km			1	
Errit Lough SAC	000607	Beyond 15km			<b>V</b>	
Cloonshanville Bog SAC	000614	Beyond 15km	Entra Maria		/	
Cloonchambers Bog SAC	000600	Beyond 15km			1	
Doocastle Turlough SAC	000492	Beyond 15km			<b>√</b>	
Lough Ree SAC	000440	Beyond 15km			1	
River Shannon Callows SAC	000216	Beyond 15km	NAME OF TAXABLE PARTY.		1	
Lower River Shannon SAC	002165	Beyond 15km			1	
Lough Derg (Shannon) SPA	004058	Beyond 15km				1
Lough Ree SPA	004064	Beyond 15km			1	
River Shannon and River Fergus Estuaries SPA	004077	Beyond 15km				1
Middle Shannon Callows SPA	004096	Beyond 15km				1
Ballykenny-Fisherstown Bog SPA	004101	Beyond 15km	THE STATE			1
Lough Forbes Complex SAC	001818	Beyond 15km	1		1	



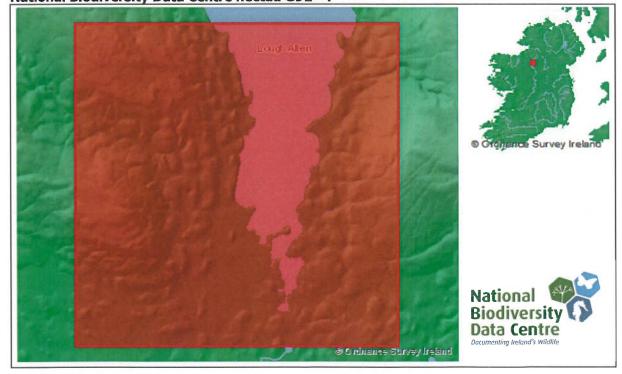
# **Appendix II**

Two National Biodiversity Centre 10km hectads intersect the proposed shared community facilities project at Acres Lake boardwalk: G90 and G91.

# National Biodiversity Data Centre hectad G90<sup>1,2</sup>.



National Biodiversity Data Centre hectad G91<sup>1,2</sup>.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> National Biodiversity Data Centre records. Accessed: 13<sup>th</sup> October 2021.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Image: NBDC Maps database

# Invasive species recorded within the G90 and G91 hectads<sup>1</sup> relevant to the proposed shared community facilities project at Acres Lake boardwalk.

\* Species subject to restrictions (Third Schedule) under Regulation 49 of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations, 2011

Hectad G90					
Common Name	Scientific Name				
Greylag Goose *	Anser anser				
Roach *	Rutilus rutilus				
Arthurdendyus triangulatus	Arthurdendyus triangulatus				
Black Currant	Ribes nigrum				
Canadian Waterweed *	Elodea canadensis				
Cherry Laurel	Prunus laurocerasus				
Japanese Knotweed *	Fallopia japonica				
Rhododendron ponticum *	Rhododendron ponticum				
Sycamore	Acer pseudoplatanus				
Corbicula fluminea *	Corbicula fluminea				
Jenkins' Spire Snail	Potamopyrgus antipodarum				
American Mink *	Mustela vison				
Brown Rat *	Rattus norvegicus				
Eastern Grey Squirrel *	Sciurus carolinensis				
European Rabbit	Oryctolagus cuniculus				
Fallow Deer *	Dama dama				
House Mouse	Mus musculus				

Hectad G91				
Common Name	Scientific Name			
Roach *	Rutilus rutilus			
Arthurdendyus triangulatus	Arthurdendyus triangulatus			
Black Currant	Ribes nigrum			
Butterfly-bush	Buddleja davidii			
Canadian Waterweed *	Elodea canadensis			
Cherry Laurel	Prunus laurocerasus			
Himalayan Honeysuckle	Leycesteria formosa			
Indian Balsam *	Impatiens glandulifera			
Japanese Knotweed *	Fallopia japonica			
Sycamore	Acer pseudoplatanus			
Budapest Slug	Tandonia budapestensis			
Common Garden Snail	Cornu aspersum			
Jenkins' Spire Snail	Potamopyrgus antipodarum			
American Mink *	Mustela vison			
Eastern Grey Squirrel *	Sciurus carolinensis			
Fallow Deer *	Dama dama			
Roach	Rutilus rutilus			

# Rare and/or protected species know to occur within the G90 and G91 hectads¹ containing the proposed shared community facilities project at Acres Lake boardwalk (arranged by hectad, then taxonomic group).

	Hectad G90				
Taxonomic group	Common Name	Scientific Name	Designation		
amphibian	Common Frog	Rana temporaria	Protected Species: EU Habitats Directive    Protected Species: EU Habitats Directive >> Annex V    Protected Species: Wildlife Acts		
amphibian	Smooth Newt	Lissotriton vulgaris	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts		
bird	Barn Owl	Tyto alba	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Red List		
bird	Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List		
bird	Black-headed Gull	Larus ridibundus	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Red List		
bird	Common Coot	Fulica atra	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex II, Section I Bird Species    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex III, Section II Bird Species    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List		
bird	Common Goldeneye	Bucephala clangula	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex II, Section II Bird Species    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List		
bird	Common Grasshopper Warbler	Locustella naevia	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List		
bird	Common Kestrel	Falco tinnunculus	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List		
bird	Common Kingfisher	Alcedo atthis	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex I Bird Species    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List		
bird	Common Linnet	Carduelis cannabina	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List		
bird	Common Pheasant	Phasianus colchicus	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex II, Section I Bird Species    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex III, Section I Bird Species		

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Taxonomic group	Common Name	Scientific Name	Designation
bird	Common Pochard	Aythya ferina	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex II, Section I Bird Species    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex III, Section II Bird Species    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List
bird	Common Redshank	Tringa totanus	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Red List
bird	Common Sandpiper	Actitis hypoleucos	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List
bird	Common Snipe	Gallinago gallinago	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex II, Section I Bird Species    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex III, Section III Bird Species    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation C
bird	Common Starling	Sturnus vulgaris	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts   Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List
bird	Common Swift	Apus apus	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts   Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List
bird	Common Tern	Sterna hirundo	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex I Bird Species    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List
bird	Common Wood Pigeon	Columba palumbus	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex II, Section I Bird Species    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex III, Section I Bird Species
birđ	Corn Crake	Crex crex	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex I Bird Species    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Red List
bird	Eurasian Curlew	Numenius arquata	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex II, Section II Bird Species    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Red List
bird	Eurasian Teal	Anas crecca	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex II, Section I Bird Species

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bird	Eurasian Wigeon	Anas penelope	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex II, Section I Bird Species    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex III, Section II Bird Species    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List
bird	Eurasian Woodcock	Scolopax rusticola	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts   Protected Species: EU Birds Directive    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex II, Section I Bird Species    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex III, Section III Bird Species    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List
bird	Great Cormorant	Phalacrocorax carbo	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List
bird	Great Crested Grebe	Podiceps cristatus	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List
bird	Greater White- fronted Goose	Anser albifrons	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex I Bird Species    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex II, Section II Bird Species    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex III, Section III Bird Species    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List
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bird	Hen Harrier	Circus cyaneus	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex I Bird Species    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List
bird	House Martin	Delichon urbicum	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List
bird	House Sparrow	Passer domesticus	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List

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bird	Lesser Black- backed Gull	Larus fuscus	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List
bird	Little Grebe	Tachybaptus ruficollis	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List
bird	Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex II, Section I Bird Species    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex III, Section I Bird Species
bird	Merlin	Falco columbarius	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex I Bird Species    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List
bird	Mew Gull	Larus canus	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List
bird	Mute Swan	Cygnus olor	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List
bird	Northern Lapwing	Vanellus vanellus	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex II, Section II Bird Species    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Red List
bird	Northern Pintail	Anas acuta	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex II, Section I Bird Species    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex III, Section II Bird Species    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Red List
bird	Northern Shoveler	Anas clypeata	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex II, Section I Bird Species    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex III, Section III Bird Species    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern >> Red List
bird	Red-breasted Merganser	Mergus serrator	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex II, Section II Bird Species
bird	Sand Martin	Riparia riparia	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List
bird	Sky Lark	Alauda arvensis	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern

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			Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List	
bird	Spotted Flycatcher	Muscicapa striata	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List	
bird	Tufted Duck	Aythya fuligula	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex II, Section I Bird Species    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex III, Section II Bird Species    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List	
bird	Water Rail	Rallus aquaticus	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List	
bird	Whooper Swan	Cygnus cygnus	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex I Bird Species    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List	
bird	Yellowhammer	Emberiza citrinella	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Red List	
bony fish (Actinopterygii)	European Eel	Anguilla anguilla	Threatened Species: OSPAR Convention    Threatened Species: Critically Endangered	
crustacean	Freshwater White-clawed Crayfish	Austropotamobius pallipes	Protected Species: EU Habitats Directive    Protected Species: EU Habitats Directive >> Annex II    Protected Species: EU Habitats Directive >> Annex V    Protected Species: Wildlife Acts	
insect - beetle (Coleoptera)	Bagous lutosus	Abagous	Threatened Species: Data deficient	
insect - beetle (Coleoptera)	Chaetarthria seminulum	Chaetarthria seminulum	Threatened Species: Data deficient	
insect - beetle (Coleoptera)	Dytiscus circumcinctus	Dytiscus circumcinctus	Threatened Species: Near threatened	
insect - beetle (Coleoptera)	Haliplus variegatus	Liaphlus	Threatened Species: Vulnerable	
insect - butterfly	Marsh Fritillary	Euphydryas aurinia	Protected Species: EU Habitats Directive    Protected Species: EU Habitats Directive >> Annex II    Threatened Species: Vulnerable	
insect - dragonfly (Odonata)	Irish Damselfly	Coenagrion lunulatum	Threatened Species: Vulnerable	
insect - dragonfly (Odonata)	Scarce Emerald Damselfly	Lestes dryas	Threatened Species: Near threatened	
insect - hymenopteran	Moss Carder- bee muscorum)	Bombus (Thoracombus	Threatened Species: Near threatened	
liverwort	Bifid Crestwort	Lophocolea bidentata	Threatened Species: Least concern	
liverwort	Bog-moss Flapwort	Odontoschisma sphagni	Threatened Species: Least concern	

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liverwort	Bristly Fingerwort	Kurzia pauciflora	Threatened Species: Least concern
liverwort	Cephalozia macrostachya var. macrostachya	Cephalozia macrostachya var. macrostachya	Threatened Species: Least concern
liverwort	Chain Pincerwort	Cephalozia catenulata	Threatened Species: Least concern
liverwort	Chiloscyphus polyanthos	Chiloscyphus polyanthos	Threatened Species: Least concern
liverwort	Common Crystalwort	Riccia sorocarpa	Threatened Species: Least concern
liverwort	Common Pouchwort	Calypogeia fissa	Threatened Species: Least concern
liverwort	Dilated Scalewort	Frullania dilatata	Threatened Species: Least concern
liverwort	Even Scalewort	Radula complanata	Threatened Species: Least concern
liverwort	Fairy Beads	Microlejeunea ulicina	Threatened Species: Least concern
liverwort	Forcipated Pincerwort	Cephalozia connivens	Threatened Species: Least concern
liverwort	Forked Veilwort	Metzgeria furcata	Threatened Species: Least concern
liverwort	Glaucous Crystalwort	Riccia glauca	Threatened Species: Least concern
liverwort	Greasewort	Aneura pinguis	Threatened Species: Least concern
liverwort	Grove Earwort	Scapania nemorea	Threatened Species: Least concern
liverwort	Jagged Germanderwort	Riccardia chamedryfolia	Threatened Species: Least concern
liverwort	Ladder Flapwort	Nardia scalaris	Threatened Species: Least concern
liverwort	Lesser Featherwort	Plagiochila porelloides	Threatened Species: Least concern
liverwort	Overleaf Pellia	Pellia epiphylla	Threatened Species: Least concern
liverwort	Purple Spoonwort	Pleurozia purpurea	Threatened Species: Least concern
liverwort	Tamarisk Scalewort	Frullania tamarisci	Threatened Species: Least concern
liverwort	Taylor's Flapwort	Mylia taylorii	Threatened Species: Least concern
liverwort	Two-horned Pincerwort	Cephalozia bicuspidata	Threatened Species: Least concern
liverwort	White Earwort	Diplophyllum albicans	Threatened Species: Least concern
mollusc	Common Whorl Snail pygmaea)	Vertigo (Vertigo	Threatened Species: Near threatened
mollusc	Desmoulin's Whorl Snail moulinsiana)	Vertigo (Vertigo	Protected Species: EU Habitats Directive    Protected Species: EU Habitats Directive >> Annex II    Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Threatened Species: Endangered
mollusc	Globular Pea Mussel	Pisidium hibernicum	Threatened Species: Near threatened
mollusc	Lake Orb Mussel	Musculium lacustre	Threatened Species: Vulnerable
mollusc	Lilljeborg's Whorl Snail lilljeborgi)	Vertigo (Vertigo	Threatened Species: Vulnerable

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mollusc	Marsh Whorl Snail antivertigo)	Vertigo (Vertigo	Threatened Species: Vulnerable	
mollusc	Pisidium pulchellum	Pisidium pulchellum	Threatened Species: Endangered	
mollusc	Smooth Grass Snail	Vallonia pulchella	Threatened Species: Vulnerable	
mollusc	Tree Snail perversa)	Balea (Balea	Threatened Species: Vulnerable	
mollusc	Whirlpool Ramshorn vortex)	Anisus (Disculifer	Threatened Species: Vulnerable	
moss	Aloe Haircap	Pogonatum aloides	Threatened Species: Least concern	
moss	Austin's Bog- moss	Sphagnum austinii	Threatened Species: Least concern	
moss	Big Shaggy- moss	Rhytidiadelphus triquetrus	Threatened Species: Least concern	
moss	Broom Fork- moss	Dicranum scoparium	Threatened Species: Least concern	
moss	Capillary Thread-moss	Bryum capillare	Threatened Species: Least concern	
moss	Common Feather-moss	Eurhynchium praelongum	Threatened Species: Least concern	
moss	Common Pottia	Tortula truncata	Threatened Species: Least concern	
moss	Common Striated Feather-moss	Eurhynchium striatum	Threatened Species: Least concern	
moss	Common Tamarisk-moss	Thuidium tamariscinum	Threatened Species: Least concern	
moss	Cow-horn Bog- moss	Sphagnum denticulatum	Threatened Species: Least concern	
moss	Curve-leaved Ditrichum	Ditrichum heteromallum	Threatened Species: Least concern	
moss	Cylindric Beard- moss	Didymodon insulanus	Threatened Species: Least concern	
moss	Dwarf Neckera	Neckera pumila	Threatened Species: Least concern	
moss	Feathery Bog- moss	Sphagnum cuspidatum	Threatened Species: Least concern	
moss	Flat Neckera	Neckera complanata	Threatened Species: Least concern	
moss	Fox-tail Feather-moss	Thamnobryum alopecurum	Threatened Species: Least concern	
moss	Glittering Wood-moss	Hylocomium splendens	Threatened Species: Least concern	
moss	Golden Bog- moss	Sphagnum pulchrum	Threatened Species: Least concern	
moss	Greater Fork- moss	Dicranum majus	Threatened Species: Least concern	
moss	Hair-pointed Feather-moss	Cirriphyllum piliferum	Threatened Species: Least concern	
moss	Hart's-tongue Thyme-moss	Plagiomnium undulatum	Threatened Species: Least concern	
moss	Heart-leaved Spear-moss	Calliergon cordifolium	Threatened Species: Least concern	
moss	Heath Plait- moss	Hypnum jutlandicum	Threatened Species: Least concern	

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group	Common Name	Scientific Name	Designation
moss	Heath Star Moss	Campylopus introflexus	Threatened Species: Least concern
moss	Isothecium myosuroides var. myosuroides	Isothecium myosuroides var. myosuroides	Threatened Species: Least concern
moss	Juniper Haircap	Polytrichum juniperinum	Threatened Species: Least concern
moss	Larger Mouse- tail Moss	Isothecium alopecuroides	Threatened Species: Least concern
moss	Magellanic Bog- moss	Sphagnum magellanicum	Threatened Species: Least concern
moss	Neat Feather- moss	Scleropodium purum	Threatened Species: Least concern
moss	Nodding Thread-moss	Pohlia nutans	Threatened Species: Least concern
moss	Papillose Bog- moss	Sphagnum papillosum	Threatened Species: Least concern
moss	Pointed Spear- moss	Calliergonella cuspidata	Threatened Species: Least concern
moss	Redshank	Ceratodon purpureus	Threatened Species: Least concern
moss	River Feather- moss	Brachythecium rivulare	Threatened Species: Least concern
moss	Rusty Bog-moss	Sphagnum fuscum	Threatened Species: Least concern
moss	Shining Hookeria	Hookeria lucens	Threatened Species: Least concern
moss	Silky Wall Feather-moss	Homalothecium sericeum	Threatened Species: Least concern
moss	Soft Bog-moss	Sphagnum tenellum	Threatened Species: Least concern
moss	Springy Turf- moss	Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus	Threatened Species: Least concern
moss	Supine Plait- moss	Hypnum cupressiforme var. resupinatum	Threatened Species: Least concern
moss	Tree-moss	Climacium dendroides	Threatened Species: Least concern
moss	Urn Haircap	Pogonatum urnigerum	Threatened Species: Least concern
moss	Yellow Fringe- moss	Racomitrium aciculare	Threatened Species: Least concern
terrestrial mammal	Daubenton's Bat	Myotis daubentonii	Protected Species: EU Habitats Directive    Protected Species: EU Habitats Directive >> Annex IV    Protected Species: Wildlife Acts
terrestrial mammal	Eurasian Badger	Meles meles	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts
errestrial nammal	Eurasian Pygmy Shrew	Sorex minutus	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts
errestrial nammal	Eurasian Red Squirrel	Sciurus vulgaris	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts
errestrial mammal	European Otter	Lutra lutra	Protected Species: EU Habitats Directive    Protected Species: EU Habitats Directive >> Annex II    Protected Species: EU Habitats Directive >> Annex IV    Protected Species: Wildlife Acts

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terrestrial mammal	Natterer's Bat	Myotis nattereri	Protected Species: EU Habitats Directive    Protected Species: EU Habitats Directive >> Annex IV    Protected Species: Wildlife Acts
terrestrial mammal	Pine Marten	Martes martes	Protected Species: EU Habitats Directive    Protected Species: EU Habitats Directive >> Annex V    Protected Species: Wildlife Acts
terrestrial mammal	Red Deer	Cervus elaphus	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts
terrestrial mammal	West European Hedgehog	Erinaceus europaeus	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts

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amphibian	Common Frog	Rana temporaria	Protected Species: EU Habitats Directive    Protected Species: EU Habitats Directive >> Annex V    Protected Species: Wildlife Acts	
bird	Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List	
bird	Black-headed Gull	Larus ridibundus	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Red List	
bird	Common Coot	Fulica atra	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex II, Section I Bird Species    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex III, Section II Bird Species    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List	
bird	Common Goldeneye	Bucephala clangula	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex II, Section II Bird Species    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List	
bird	Common Grasshopper Warbler	Locustella naevia	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List	
bird	Common Greenshank	Tringa nebularia	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List	
bird	Common Kestrel	Falco tinnunculus	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List	
bird	Common Kingfisher	Alcedo atthis	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex I Bird Species    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List	

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bird	Common Linnet	Carduelis cannabina	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List
bird	Common Pheasant	Phasianus colchicus	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex II, Section I Bird Species    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex III, Section I Bird Species
bird	Common Redshank	Tringa totanus	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Red List
bird	Common Sandpiper	Actitis hypoleucos	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List
bird	Common Snipe	Gallinago gallinago	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex II, Section I Bird Species    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex III, Section III Bird Species    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern -> Amber List
bird	Common Starling	Sturnus vulgaris	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List
bird	Common Swift	Apus apus	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List
bird	Common Tern	Sterna hirundo	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex I Bird Species    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List
bird	Common Wood Pigeon	Columba palumbus	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex II, Section I Bird Species    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex III, Section I Bird Species
bird	Corn Crake	Crex crex	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex I Bird Species    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Red List
bird	Eurasian Curlew	Numenius arquata	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex II, Section II Bird Species    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Red List
bird	Eurasian Oystercatcher	Haematopus ostralegus	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern

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group	Name	Scientific Name	Designation
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bird	Eurasian Teal	Anas crecca	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex II, Section I Bird Species    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex III, Section II Bird Species    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List
bird	Eurasian Wigeon	Anas penelope	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex II, Section I Bird Species    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex III, Section II Bird Species    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List
bird	Eurasian Woodcock	Scolopax rusticola	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex II, Section I Bird Species    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex III, Section III Bird Species    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List
bird	European Golden Plover		Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex I Bird Species    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex II, Section II Bird Species    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex III, Section III Bird Species    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation
bird	Great Black- backed Gull	Pluvialis apricaria  Larus marinus	Concern - Red List  Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern
bird	Great Cormorant	Phalacrocorax carbo	>> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List
bird	Great Crested Grebe	Podiceps cristatus	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List
bird	Hen Harrier	Circus cyaneus	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex I Bird Species    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List
bird	House Martin	Delichon urbicum	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List
bird	House Sparrow	Passer domesticus	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern

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			Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List		
bird	Lesser Black- backed Gull	Larus fuscus	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List		
bird	Little Grebe	Tachybaptus ruficollis	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List		
bird	Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex II, Section I Bird Species    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex III, Section I Bird Species		
bird	Mew Gull	Larus canus	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List		
bird	Mute Swan	Cygnus olor	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List		
bird	Northern Lapwing	Vanellus vanellus	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex II, Section II Bird Species    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Red List		
bird	Northern Wheatear	Oenanthe oenanthe	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List		
bird	Red Grouse	Angenus Ingenus	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex II, Section I Bird Species    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex III, Section I Bird Species    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Red List		
bird	Red-breasted Merganser	Lagopus lagopus  Mergus serrator	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex II, Section II Bird Species		
bird	Sand Martin	Riparia riparia	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List		
bird	Sky Lark	Alauda arvensis	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List		
bird	Spotted Flycatcher	Muscicapa striata	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concerr >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List		
bird	Tufted Duck	Aythya fuligula	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive    Protected Species: Et Birds Directive >> Annex II, Section I Bird Species		

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group	Humo		Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex III, Section II Bird Species    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List
oird	Water Rail	Rallus aquaticus	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List
pird	Whooper Swan	Cygnus cygnus	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex I Bird Species    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List
oony fish (Actinopterygii)	European Eel	Anguilla anguilla	Threatened Species: OSPAR Convention    Threatened Species: Critically Endangered
oony fish (Actinopterygii)	Pollan	Coregonus autumnalis	Protected Species: EU Habitats Directive    Protected Species: EU Habitats Directive >> Annex V    Threatened Species: Vulnerable
crustacean	Freshwater White-clawed Crayfish	Austropotamobius pallipes	Protected Species: EU Habitats Directive    Protected Species: EU Habitats Directive >> Annex II    Protected Species: EU Habitats Directive >> Annex V    Protected Species: Wildlife Acts
insect - butterfly	Large Heath	Coenonympha tullia	Threatened Species: Vulnerable
insect - butterfly	Marsh Fritillary	Euphydryas aurinia	Protected Species: EU Habitats Directive    Protected Species: EU Habitats Directive >> Annex II    Threatened Species: Vulnerable
insect - dragonfly (Odonata)	Irish Damselfly	Coenagrion lunulatum	Threatened Species: Vulnerable
insect - hymenopteran	Moss Carder- bee muscorum)	Bombus (Thoracombus	Threatened Species: Near threatened
liverwort	Anomalous Flapwort	Mylia anomala	Threatened Species: Least concern
liverwort	Bifid Crestwort	Lophocolea bidentata	Threatened Species: Least concern
liverwort	Bog-moss Flapwort	Odontoschisma sphagni	Threatened Species: Least concern
liverwort	Bristly Fingerwort	Kurzia pauciflora	Threatened Species: Least concern
liverwort	Chiloscyphus polyanthos	Chiloscyphus polyanthos	Threatened Species: Least concern
liverwort	Comb Notchwort	Anastrophyllum minutum	Threatened Species: Least concern
liverwort	Common Pouchwort	Calypogeia fissa	Threatened Species: Least concern
liverwort	Creeping Fingerwort	Lepidozia reptans	Threatened Species: Least concern
liverwort	Crenulated Flapwort	Jungermannia gracillima	Threatened Species: Least concern
liverwort	Crescent-cup Liverwort	Lunularia cruciata	Threatened Species: Least concern
liverwort	Deceptive Featherwort	Adelanthus decipiens	Threatened Species: Least concern

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group	Name	Scientific Name	Designation
liverwort	Dilated Scalewort	Frullania dilatata	Threatened Species: Least concern
liverwort	Endive Pellia	Pellia endiviifolia	Threatened Species: Least concern
liverwort	Even Scalewort	Radula complanata	Threatened Species: Least concern
liverwort	Fairy Beads	Microlejeunea ulicina	Threatened Species: Least concern Threatened Species: Least concern
liverwort	Forcipated Pincerwort	Cephalozia connivens	Threatened Species: Least concern
liverwort	Forked Veilwort	Metzgeria furcata	Threatened Species Lead
liverwort	Greater Featherwort	Plagiochila asplenioides	Threatened Species: Least concern Threatened Species: Least concern
liverwort	Greater Whipwort	Bazzania trilobata	Threatened Species: Least concern
liverwort	Hampe's Threadwort	Cephaloziella hampeana	Threatened Species: Least concern
liverwort	Heath Earwort	Scapania irrigua	Threatened Species: Least concern
liverwort	Heath Fingerwort	Kurzia trichoclados	Threatened Species: Least concern  Threatened Species: Least concern
liverwort	Hill Notchwort	Lophozia sudetica	Threatened Species Least
liverwort	Inflated Notchwort	Gymnocolea inflata	Threatened Species: Least concern Threatened Species: Least concern
liverwort	Jagged Notchwort	Lophozia incisa	Threatened Species: Least concern
liverwort	Ladder Flapwort	Nardia scalaris	Threatened Species: Least concern
liverwort	Lesser Featherwort	Plagiochila porelloides	Threatened Species: Least concern
liverwort	Marchantia polymorpha subsp. polymorpha	Marchantia polymorpha subsp. polymorpha	Threatened Species: Least concern
liverwort	Marsupella emarginata var. emarginata	Marsupella emarginata var. emarginata	Threatened Species: Least concern
iverwort	Matchstick Flapwort	Odontoschisma denudatum	Threatened Species: Least concern
iverwort	Micheli's Least Pouncewort	Lejeunea cavifolia	Threatened Species: Least concern
iverwort	Mueller's Pouchwort	Calypogeia muelleriana	Threatened Species: Least concern
verwort	Notched Pouchwort	Calypogeia arguta	Threatened Species: Least concern
verwort	Overleaf Pellia	Pellia epiphylla	Threatened Species: Least concern
verwort	Pearl Pouncewort	Lejeunea patens	Threatened Species: Least concern
verwort	Prickly Featherwort		Threatened Species: Least concern
verwort	Rock Fingerwort	Lepidozia cupressina	Threatened Species: Least concern
verwort			Threatened Species: Least concern
verwort			Threatened Species: Least concern
verwort			Threatened Species: Least concern Threatened Species: Least concern
verwort	Straggling		Threatened Species: Least concern  Threatened Species: Least concern
verwort	Tamarisk		Threatened Species: Least concern

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group	Name	Scientific Name	Designation
liverwort	Taylor's Flapwort	Mylia taylorii	Threatened Species: Least concern
liverwort	Transparent Flapwort	Jungermannia hyalina	Threatened Species: Least concern
liverwort	Trunk Pawwort	Barbilophozia attenuata	Threatened Species: Least concern
liverwort	Tumid Notchwort	Lophozia ventricosa	Threatened Species: Least concern
liverwort	Two-horned Pincerwort	Cephalozia bicuspidata	Threatened Species: Least concern
liverwort	Water Earwort	Scapania undulata	Threatened Species: Least concern
liverwort	Western Earwort	Scapania gracilis	Threatened Species: Least concern
liverwort	Western Pouncewort	Lejeunea lamacerina	Threatened Species: Least concern
liverwort	White Earwort	Diplophyllum albicans	Threatened Species: Least concern
mollusc	Common Whorl Snail pygmaea)	Vertigo (Vertigo	Threatened Species: Near threatened
moliusc	Striated Whorl Snail substriata)	Vertigo (Vertigo	Threatened Species: Near threatened
mollusc	Whirlpool Ramshorn vortex)	Anisus (Disculifer	Threatened Species: Vulnerable
moss	Aloe Haircap	Pogonatum aloides	Threatened Species: Least concern
moss	Andreaea rothii subsp. falcata	Andreaea rothii subsp. falcata	Threatened Species: Least concern
moss	Atrichum undulatum var. undulatum	Atrichum undulatum var. undulatum	Threatened Species: Least concern
moss	Big Shaggy- moss	Rhytidiadelphus triquetrus	Threatened Species: Least concern
moss	Blunt Feather- moss	Homalia trichomanoides	Threatened Species: Least concern
moss	Blunt-bud Thread-moss	Pohlia bulbifera	Threatened Species: Least concern
moss	Bog Groove- moss	Aulacomnium palustre	Threatened Species: Least concern
moss	Bristly Fringe- moss	Racomitrium heterostichum	Threatened Species: Least concern
noss	Bristly Haircap	Polytrichum piliferum	Threatened Species: Least concern
noss	Brittle Swan- neck Moss	Campylopus fragilis	Threatened Species: Least concern
noss	Broom Fork- moss	Dicranum scoparium	Threatened Species: Least concern
noss	Bruch's Pincushion	Ulota bruchii	Threatened Species: Least concern
noss	Bryum dichotomum	Bryum dichotomum	Threatened Species: Least concern
noss	Capillary Thread-moss	Bryum capillare	Threatened Species: Least concern
noss	Clay Earth- moss	Archidium alternifolium	Threatened Species: Least concern
noss	Common Bladder-moss	Physcomitrium pyriforme	Threatened Species: Least concern

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Taxonomic group	Common Name	Scientific Name	Designation
moss	Common Cord- moss	Funaria hygrometrica	Threatened Species: Least concern
moss	Common Feather-moss	Eurhynchium praelongum	Threatened Species: Least concern
moss	Common Pincushion	Dicranoweisia cirrata	Threatened Species: Least concern
moss	Common Striated Feather-moss	Eurhynchium striatum	Threatened Species: Least concern
moss	Common Tamarisk-moss	Thuidium tamariscinum	Threatened Species: Least concern
moss	Compact Bog- moss	Sphagnum compactum	Threatened Species: Least concern
moss	Cow-horn Bog- moss	Sphagnum denticulatum	Threatened Species: Least concern
moss	Crisped Pincushion	Ulota crispa	Threatened Species: Least concern
moss	Cylindric Beard-moss	Didymodon insulanus	Threatened Species: Least concern
moss	Dotted Thyme- moss	Rhizomnium punctatum	Threatened Species: Least concern
moss	Drab Brook- moss	Hygrohypnum Iuridum	Threatened Species: Least concern
moss	Dusky Fork- moss	Dicranum fuscescens	Threatened Species: Least concern
moss	Dwarf Neckera	Neckera pumila	Threatened Species: Least concern
moss	Dwarf Swan- neck Moss	Campylopus pyriformis	Threatened Species: Least concern
moss	Elegant Bristle- moss	Orthotrichum pulchellum	Threatened Species: Least concern
moss	Elegant Silk- moss	Pseudotaxiphyllum elegans	Threatened Species: Least concern
moss	Fallacious Beard-moss	Didymodon fallax	Threatened Species: Least concern
moss	Feathery Bog- moss	Sphagnum cuspidatum	Threatened Species: Least concern
moss	Felted Thyme- moss	Rhizomnium pseudopunctatum	Threatened Species: Near threatened
moss	Fern-leaved Hook-moss	Cratoneuron filicinum	Threatened Species: Least concern
moss	Flagellate Feather-moss	Hyocomium armoricum	Threatened Species: Least concern
moss	Flag-moss	Discelium nudum	Threatened Species: Near threatened
moss	Flat Neckera	Neckera complanata	Threatened Species: Least concern
moss	Flat-topped Bog-moss	Sphagnum fallax	Threatened Species: Least concern
moss	Floating Hook- moss	Warnstorfia fluitans	Threatened Species: Least concern
moss	Fountain Apple-moss	Philonotis fontana	Threatened Species: Least concern
moss	Fountain Smoothcap	Atrichum crispum	Threatened Species: Not Evaluated
moss	Fox-tail Feather-moss	Thamnobryum alopecurum	Threatened Species: Least concern
moss	Fringed Bog- moss	Sphagnum fimbriatum	Threatened Species: Least concern

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Taxonomic group	Common Name	Scientific Name	Designation
moss	Frizzled Crisp- moss	Tortella tortuosa	Threatened Species: Least concern
moss	Frizzled Pincushion	Ulota phyllantha	Threatened Species: Least concern
moss	Glittering Wood-moss	Hylocomium splendens	Threatened Species: Least concern
moss	Golden-head Moss	Breutelia chrysocoma	Threatened Species: Least concern
moss	Great Plait- moss	Hypnum lacunosum var. lacunosum	Threatened Species: Least concern
moss	Greater Water- moss	Fontinalis antipyretica var. antipyretica	Threatened Species: Least concern
moss	Green Mountain Fringe-moss	Racomitrium fasciculare	Threatened Species: Least concern
moss	Grey-cushioned Grimmia	Grimmia pulvinata	Threatened Species: Least concern
moss	Hart's-tongue Thyme-moss	Plagiomnium undulatum	Threatened Species: Least concern
moss	Heath Plait- moss	Hypnum jutlandicum	Threatened Species: Least concern
moss	Heath Star Moss	Campylopus introflexus	Threatened Species: Least concern
moss	Isothecium myosuroides var. myosuroides	Isothecium myosuroides var. myosuroides	Threatened Species: Least concern
moss	Juniper Haircap	Polytrichum juniperinum	Threatened Species: Least concern
moss	Kneiff's Hook- moss	Drepanocladus aduncus	Threatened Species: Least concern
moss	Large White- moss	Leucobryum glaucum	Protected Species: EU Habitats Directive    Protected Species: EU Habitats Directive >> Annex IV    Threatened Species: Least concern
moss	Larger Mouse- tail Moss	Isothecium alopecuroides	Threatened Species: Least concern
moss	Lateral Cryphaea	Cryphaea heteromalla	Threatened Species: Least concern
moss	Lesser Bird's- claw Beard- moss	Barbula convoluta	Threatened Species: Least concern
moss	Lesser Cow- horn Bog-moss	Sphagnum inundatum	Threatened Species: Least concern
moss	Little Shaggy- moss	Rhytidiadelphus loreus	Threatened Species: Least concern
moss	Long-shanked Pincushion	Ptychomitrium polyphyllum	Threatened Species: Least concern
moss	Mamillate Plait- moss	Hypnum andoi	Threatened Species: Least concern
noss	Narrow-leaved Fringe-moss	Racomitrium aquaticum	Threatened Species: Least concern
moss	Neat Feather- moss	Scleropodium purum	Threatened Species: Least concern
moss	Nicholson's Beard-moss	Didymodon nicholsonii	Threatened Species: Least concern

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Taxonomic group	Common Name	Scientific Name	Designation		
moss	Nodding Thread-moss	Pohlia nutans	Threatened Species: Least concern		
moss	Olive Beard- moss	Didymodon tophaceus	Threatened Species: Least concern		
moss	Pale Thread- moss	Bryum pallens	Threatened Species: Least concern		
moss	Papillose Bog- moss	Sphagnum papillosum	Threatened Species: Least concern		
moss	Pellucid Four- tooth Moss	Tetraphis pellucida	Threatened Species: Least concern		
moss	Pink-fruited Thread-moss	Pohlia melanodon	Threatened Species: Least concern		
moss	Pointed Spear- moss	Calliergonella cuspidata	Threatened Species: Least concern		
moss	Polytrichum commune var. commune	Polytrichum commune var. commune	Threatened Species: Least concern		
moss	Rambling Tail- moss	Anomodon viticulosus	Threatened Species: Least concern		
moss	Red Beard- moss	Bryoerythrophyllum recurvirostrum	Threatened Species: Least concern		
moss	Redshank	Ceratodon purpureus	Threatened Species: Least concern		
moss	Red-stemmed Feather-moss	Pleurozium schreberi	Threatened Species: Least concern		
moss	River Feather- moss	Brachythecium rivulare	Threatened Species: Least concern		
moss	Rock Pocket- moss	Fissidens dubius	Threatened Species: Least concern		
moss	Rough-stalked Feather-moss	Brachythecium rutabulum	Threatened Species: Least concern		
moss	Rufous Forklet- moss	Dicranella rufescens	Threatened Species: Least concern		
moss	Rusty Feather- moss	Sciuro-hypnum plumosum	Threatened Species: Least concern		
moss	Rusty Swan- neck Moss	Campylopus flexuosus	Threatened Species: Least concern		
moss	Scott's Fork- moss	Dicranum scottianum	Threatened Species: Least concern		
moss	Sessile Grimmia	Schistidium apocarpum	Threatened Species: Least concern		
moss	Shaw's Bristle- moss	Orthotrichum striatum	Threatened Species: Least concern		
moss	Shining Hookeria	Hookeria lucens	Threatened Species: Least concern		
moss	Silky Forklet- moss	Dicranella heteromalla	Threatened Species: Least concern		
moss	Silky Wall Feather-moss	Homalothecium sericeum	Threatened Species: Least concern		
moss	Silver-moss	Bryum argenteum	Threatened Species: Least concern		
moss	Slender Ditrichum	Ditrichum gracile	Threatened Species: Least concern		
moss	Slender Fringe- moss	Racomitrium sudeticum	Threatened Species: Least concern		
moss	Smaller Lattice- moss	Cinclidotus fontinaloides	Threatened Species: Least concern		

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group	Common Name	Scientific Name	Designation
moss	Soft Bog-moss	Sphagnum tenellum	Threatened Species: Least concern
moss	Sphagnum subnitens var. subnitens	Sphagnum subnitens var. subnitens	Threatened Species: Least concern
moss	Spiral Extinguisher- moss	Encalypta streptocarpa	Threatened Species: Least concern
moss	Springy Turf- moss	Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus	Threatened Species: Least concern
moss	Supine Plait- moss	Hypnum cupressiforme var. resupinatum	Threatened Species: Least concern
moss	Swan's-neck Thyme-moss	Mnium hornum	Threatened Species: Least concern
moss	Swartz's Feather-moss	Oxyrrhynchium hians	Threatened Species: Least concern
moss	Tender Feather-moss	Rhynchostegiella tenella	Threatened Species: Least concern
moss	Transparent Fork-moss	Dichodontium pellucidum	Threatened Species: Least concern
moss	Urn Haircap	Pogonatum urnigerum	Threatened Species: Least concern
moss	Variable Crisp- moss	Trichostomum brachydontium	Threatened Species: Least concern
moss	Variable Forklet-moss	Dicranella varia	Threatened Species: Least concern
moss	Wall Screw- moss	Tortula muralis	Threatened Species: Least concern
moss	Waved Silk- moss	Plagiothecium undulatum	Threatened Species: Least concern
moss	Weissia controversa var. controversa	Weissia controversa var. controversa	Threatened Species: Least concern
moss	Welsh Pocket- moss	Fissidens celticus	Threatened Species: Least concern
moss	Woodsy Silk- moss	Plagiothecium nemorale	Threatened Species: Least concern
moss	Woolly Fringe- moss	Racomitrium lanuginosum	Threatened Species: Least concern
moss	Yellow Fringe- moss	Racomitrium aciculare	Threatened Species: Least concern
noss	Yellow-tuber Thread-moss	Bryum tenuisetum	Threatened Species: Data deficient
moss	Zygodon viridissimus var. viridissimus	Zygodon viridissimus var. viridissimus	Threatened Species: Least concern
errestrial mammal	Daubenton's Bat	Myotis daubentonii	Protected Species: EU Habitats Directive    Protected Species: EU Habitats Directive >> Annex IV    Protected Species: Wildlife Acts
errestrial nammal	Eurasian Badger	Meles meles	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts
	Eurasian Red Squirrel	Sciurus vulgaris	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts
	European Otter	Lutra lutra	Protected Species: EU Habitats Directive    Protected Species: EU Habitats Directive >> Annex

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Taxonomic group	Common Name	Scientific Name	Designation
			II    Protected Species: EU Habitats Directive >> Annex IV    Protected Species: Wildlife Acts
	Pine Marten	Martes martes	Protected Species: EU Habitats Directive    Protected Species: EU Habitats Directive >> Annex V    Protected Species: Wildlife Acts
	West European Hedgehog	Erinaceus europaeus	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts

# **Appendix III**

Habitat characteristics and descriptions from the ecological site visit referred to in Section 3.1.5 of this assessment and Figure 5 of the report (replicated below). These habitat types were identified and categorised following the Fossit (2000)¹ classification system for Ireland. Brief descriptions of each of the habitats are provided below.

# Existing Carpark Area - Mosaic

The area around the existing carpark is a mosaiced habitat of artificial surfaces, amenity grassland and planted trees which form 'treelines' with no understory other than mown grassland.

## Wet grassland (GS4)

This is agricultural pasture land that is wet by nature and is low diversity with species such as *Juncus effusus*, *Holcus lanatus*, *Filipendula ulmaria*, *Juncus acutiflorus*, *Menta aquatica*, *Stachys palustris*, *Valeriana sp.*, *Angelica sylvestris*.

# Riparian Woodland (WN5)

The riparian woodland area was well developed with semi-mature-mature trees, dense tree cover with minimal gaspiness' and a complex understory. The species on site included *Alnus glutinosa, Salix caprea, Quercus sp., Sorbus aucuparia (planted), Stachys lacustris, Urtica dioica, Filipendula ulmaria, Typha latifolia, Abies alba, Salix alba, Fraxinus excelsior, Sambucus sp., Mimulus effusus, Crataegus monogyna, Salix sp.* 

# Lake (FL4) and waterways (FL3)

The lake itself has benthic floral populations including the following *Nymphaea Alba, Nuphar lutea, Elodea canadiensis, Potamogeton natans, Potamogeton pectin, Alisma plantago-aquatica.* Canadian waterweed is an invasive species.

# Reed and large sedge swamps (FS1) or Marsh (GM1)

The area around the water's edge which is also under the boardwalk structure has a reed sedge swamp/marsh habitat with the following species *Typha latifolia, Schoenoplectus lacustris, Sparganium erectum, Eupatorium canabicum Juncus effusus, Holcus lanatus, Filipendula ulmaria, Juncus acutiflorus, Menta aquatica, Stachys palustris, Valeriana sp., Angelica sylvestris.* This area is used by wading birds such as Moorhen.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Fossitt, J.A., 2000. *A guide to habitats in Ireland*. Heritage.



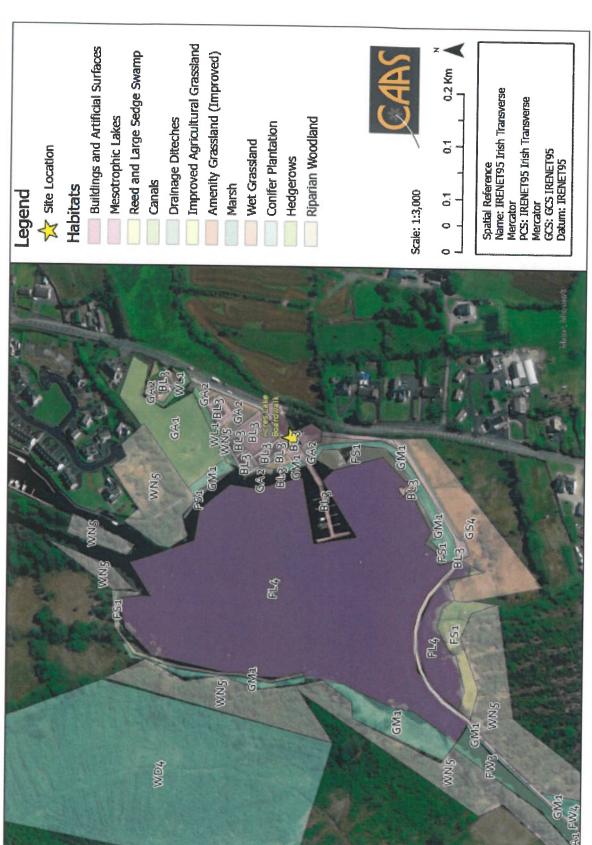


Figure 1 Habitat map (Fossit level 3) within the Acres Lake Boardwalk area



# Appendix IV Winter Bird Data

Appendix IV Table 1 All bird foraging behaviours observed in the Acres Lake Boardwalk area

	Number of Individual s	Common Name	Scientific Name	Habitat Description	Tidal Condition	Foraging Group Composition
ВН	1	Black-headed Gull	Chroicocephalus ridibundus	jetty		BH1
ВН	12	Black-headed Gull	Chroicocephalus ridibundus	FL4 - birds foraging in the water and reed beds bordering the lake		MA7, MS2, BH12
ВН	20	Black-headed Gull	Chroicocephalus ridibundus	jetty		MA8, BH20
H	12	Black-headed Gull	Chroicocephalus ridibundus	FL4- birds foraging in water and reed beds bordering the lake. Birds all flocked around family at benches feeding them bread at 13.30		MA11, BH12, MS2
ВН	10	Black-headed Gull	Chroicocephalus ridibundus	lake		BH10, CA1
ВН	23	Black-headed Gull	Chroicocephalus ridibundus	FL with reedbeds along the shore		BH23, MS2, CA1, MA8
ВН	1	Black-headed Gull	Chroicocephalus ridibundus	lake		CA1, BH1
ВН	14	Black-headed Gull	Chroicocephalus ridibundus	GA2		MS2, MA5, BH14
ВН	6	Black-headed Gull	Chroicocephalus ridibundus	jetty. Man feeding birds at 15.22		MA6, BH9, LB2, MS2
ВН	9	Black-headed Gull	Chroicocephalus ridibundus	1		ВН6, LB2
క	1	Cormorant	Phalacrocorax carbo	lake		BH10, CA1
ర	1	Cormorant	Phalacrocorax carbo	lake		CA1, BH1
ర	1	Cormorant	Phalacrocorax carbo	7.		CA1
5	1	Cormorant	Phalacrocorax carbo	FL with reedbeds along the shore		BH23, MS2, CA1, MA8
9	2	Lesser Black-backed Gull	Larus fuscus	F		ВН6, LB2
LB	2	Lesser Black-backed Gull	Larus fuscus	jetty. Man feeding birds at 15.22		MA6, BH9, LB2, MS2
МА	7	Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	FL4 - birds foraging in the water and reed beds bordering the lake		MA7, MS2, BH12
MA	5	Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos			MA5, M 2
MA	2	Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	lake	Mid Tide	MS2, MA2
МА	12	Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	patch of GA2 beside jetty and car park. Disturbed by dog at 15.56		MA12
MA	4	Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	FL and reed beds along shore		MS1, MH1, MA4
МА	2	Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	FL and Reed beds along shore		MS2, MA2, MH1

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Foraging Group Composition	MA11, BH12, MS2	MA4	MS2, MA5, BH14	MA4	MA8, BH20	MA8, MS2, MH1	BH23, MS2, CA1, MA8	MA6, BH9, LB2, MS2	MA8, MS2, MH1	MS1, MH1, MA4	MS2, MA2, MH1	MS2, MA2	BH23, MS2, CA1, MA8	MA8, MS2, MH1	MA6, BH9, LB2, MS2	MS2, MA5, BH14	MA7, MS2, BH12	MS1	MS1, MH1, MA4	MS2, MA2, MH1	MA11, BH12, MS2
Tidal Condition												Mid Tide									
Habitat Description	FL4- birds foraging in water and reed beds bordering the lake. Birds all flocked around family at benches feeding them bread at 13.30	FL with reedbeds along shore	GA2	łake	jetty	lake, reedbed	FL with reedbeds along the shore	jetty. Man feeding birds at 15.22	lake, reedbed	FL and reed beds along shore	FL and Reed beds along shore	lake	FL with reedbeds along the shore	lake, reedbed	jetty. Man feeding birds at 15.22	GA2	FL4 - birds foraging in the water and reed beds bordering the lake		FL and reed beds along shore	FL and Reed beds along shore	FL4- birds foraging in water and reed beds bordering the lake. Birds all flocked around family at benches feeding them bread at 13.30
Scientific Name	Anas platyrhynchos	Anas platyrhynchos	Anas platyrhynchos	Anas platyrhynchos	Anas platyrhynchos	Anas platyrhynchos	Anas platyrhynchos	Anas platyrhynchos	Gallinula chloropus	Gallinula chloropus	Gallinula chloropus	Cygnus olor	Cygnus olor	Cygnus olor	Cygnus olor	Cygnus olor	Cygnus olor	Cygnus olor	Cygnus olor	Cygnus olor	Cygnus olor
Common Name	Mallard	Mallard	Mallard	Mallard	Mallard	Mallard	Mallard	Mallard	Moorhen	Moorhen	Moorhen	Mute Swan	Mute Swan	Mute Swan	Mute Swan	Mute Swan	Mute Swan	Mute Swan	Mute Swan	Mute Swan	Mute Swan
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	Individual	Common Name	Scientific Name	Feature Type Habitat	Habitat Description	Roosts Group Composition
BH	1	Black-headed Gull	Chroicocephalus ridibundus	Acres_roost 1_	jetty, patch of GA2	BH1, MA7, MS2
	1	Black-headed Gull	Chroicocephalus ridibundus		sign post in lake	RH1
	2	Black-headed Gull	Chroicocephalus ridibundus	boardwalk	posts of hoardwalk	
	10	Black-headed Gull	Chroicocephalus ridibundus		jetty	BH10 MAG MS2
	2	Black-headed Gull	Chroicocephalus ridibundus		sign posts	CA1 BH2
	12	Black-headed Gull	Chroicocephalus ridibundus	Jeth	Jetty on Lake	BH12 MA10
	23	Black-headed Gull	Chroicocephalus ridibundus	Jetty	Jettv	BH23 MA15
	4	Black-headed Gull	Chroicocephalus ridibundus	jetty	jetty on lake	RH4 IR2 MA4
	2	Black-headed Gull	Chroicocephalus ridibundus	jetty	jetty on lake	BH2
	1	Cormorant	Phalacrocorax carbo		sign post in water	CA1
	1	Cormorant	Phalacrocorax carbo		sign posts	CA1. BH2
	2	Lesser Black-backed Gull	Larus fuscus	jettv	ietty on lake	BH4 IB2 MA4
	3	Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos		jetty	MA3
	2	Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	boardwalk	boardwalk over the water	MAC
	10	Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	Jetty	Jetty on Lake	BH12 MA10
	4	Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	ietty	ietty on lake	BHA I BO MAA
	7	Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	Acres_roost 1_	jetty, patch of GA2	BH1, MA7, MS2
	2	Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos		reed bed	MA2
	15	Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	Jetty	Jettv	BH23 MA1E
	9	Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos		jetty	BH10, MA6, MS2
	2	Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	Reed beds	Reed beds bordering lake	MA2
	2	Mute Swan	Cygnus olor	Acres_roost 1_ November	jetty, patch of GA2	BH1, MA7, MS2
	1	Mute Swan	Cygnus olor	flattened tuft of Reed bed	flattened tuft of reed bed - MS	MS 1
	2	Mute Swan	Cygnus olor		jetty	BH10, MA6, MS2
	2	Snipe	Gallinago gallinago		Reed bed	SNZ
T	5	Snipe	Gallinago gallinago	Reedbed	Reedbed bordering the lake	SNS
	7	Snipe	Gallinago gallinago	Reed beds behind	Reed beds bordering the lake	SN2

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Number of Individual s	Common Name	Number of Common Name Scientific Name Individual s	Group Size	Survey Date	Flight Duration in Seconds	Flight Height	Direction		Group Compositi on
	Black-headed Gull	Chroicocephalus ridibundus	F	29/12/2020	20	0	v	repeated by: BH2 at 10.27, BH1 at 10.32, BH1 at 12.51, BH1 at 15.22, BH1 at 15.54	BH1
	Discharge Autoria	Chroiscenhalis ridibundus		20/11/2020	120	8			BH1
T	Diack-Headed Guil	Chroicocaphalus ridibundus		20/11/2020	09	7		foraging	BH1
	Black-headed Gull	Chroicocephalus ridibundus		20/11/2020	09	2		landed on post in water to roost	BH1
	Black-headed Gull	Chroicocephalus ridibundus	1	20/11/2020	25	25		travelling. repeated at 9.18 BH1,	BH1
	Plant bandad Ord	Obministration ridibing is	1	20/11/2020	5	10			BH1
	Black-headed Gull	Chroicocephalus ridibundus	-	20/11/2020	120	ហ		getting up from water, circling area and landing back down - foraging.	BH1
	Black-headed Gull	Chroicocephalus ridibundus	2	29/12/2020	15	0	z	repeated by: BH9 at 11.48, BH1 at 15.22	ВН2
	Black-headed Gull	Chroicocephalus ridibundus	4	29/12/2020	30	0		repeated by: BH3 at 10.10, BH7 at 10.21, BH2 at 10.36, BH2 at 10.45, BH1 at 10.55, BH11 at 11.00, BH2 at 11.16, BH1 at 11.23, BH1 at 11.30, BH2 at 12.02, BH1 at 12.12, BH1 at 12.04, BH2 at 13.00, BH4 at 13.15, BH2 at 13.44, BH2 at 14.28, BH2 at 14.54, BH	8H 4 4
	Black-headed Gull	Chroicocephalus ridibundus	3	29/12/2020	09	0			BH3
	Black-headed Guill	Chroicocephalus ridibundus	2	20/11/2020	10	10			BH2
	Black-headed Gull	Chroicocephalus ridibundus	н	20/11/2020	09	10		repeated BH 1 at 10.24, BH 2 at 11.51, BH 1 at 11.56, BH 1 at 12.04, BH 1 at 12.22, BH 1 at 14.10, BH1 at 14.31	BH1

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Flight Group Compositi	BH1	BH1	BH1	CA1	CA1	CA1	CA2		CA1	CA1	A 5	CA1	CA1	CA1	3 3	CA1	MA1	MA6	MA1	MA1	MA 3
Brief Description				same CA took up from sign post and flew from lake to southeast	landed in water		repeated by: CA2 at	10.09, CA1 at 11.12, CA3 at 11.36, CA1 at 11.37, CA2 at 13.17, CA1 at 13.20, CA1 at 13.36, CA1 at 14.26, CA1 at 14.42,	CA1 at 16.02		travellino	landed to roost on sign	repeated by: CA1 at 13.39, CA1 at 14.06, CA1	at 14.18	landed on sign post to	Tool	travelling	flew in from canal landed in water			
Flight Direction							z				K		S								A
Flight Height	15	25	15	0	7	25	0			0	10	0	0	0	0	0	15	2	10	2	5
Flight Duration in Seconds	8	09	120	0	2	15	30		50	0	10	0	25	40	18	09	09	22	15	4	8
Survey Date	20/11/2020	20/11/2020	20/11/2020	29/12/2020	20/11/2020	20/11/2020	29/12/2020		29/12/2020	29/12/2020	20/11/2020	29/12/2020	29/12/2020	29/12/2020	29/12/2020	29/12/2020	20/11/2020	20/11/2020	20/11/2020	20/11/2020	20/11/2020
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Scientific Name	Chroicocephalus ridibundus	Chroicocephalus ridibundus	Chroicocephalus ridibundus	Phalacrocorax carbo	Phalacrocorax carbo	Phalacrocorax carbo	Phalacrocorax carbo		Phalacrocorax carbo	Phalacrocorax carbo	Phalacrocorax carbo	Phalacrocorax carbo	Phalacrocorax carbo	Phalacrocorax carbo	Phalacrocorax carbo	Phalacrocorax carbo	Anas platyrhynchos	Anas platyrhynchos	Anas platyrhynchos	Anas platyrhynchos	Anas platyrhynchos
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MA	9	Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	9	29/12/2020	5	0			MA6
MA	5	Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	5	20/11/2020	8	2			MA5
MA	2	Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	2	20/11/2020	12	8			MA2
MA	1	Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	1	20/11/2020	10	8			MA1
MA	1	Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	1	20/11/2020	4	2			MA1
МА		Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	2	20/11/2020	7	2		flew across lake and landed back down	MA
MA	2	Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	2	29/12/2020	2	0			MA2
MA	1	Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	1	29/12/2020	0	0			MA1
υM	,	Mute Swan	Cyanus olor	2	29/12/2020	0	0		swans landed in lake but	MS2
2	4								were immediately chased	
									by 2 resident MS already in the lake	
SM	2	Mute Swan	Cyanus olor	2	29/12/2020	0	0		swans were chased from	MS2
2	ı								lake by resident pair and flew away southeast	
NS	1	Snipe	Gallinago gallinago	1	29/12/2020	4	0	ш	travelling. landed in reedbed to roost	SN1
NS		Snipe	Gallinago gallinago		29/12/2020	1	0		second SN in reedbed	SN1
NS	1	Snipe	Gallinago gallinago	1	29/12/2020	40	0		travelling	SN1
NS	1	Snipe	Gallinago gallinago	1	29/12/2020	130	0		travelling	SN1

Site	te Weather conditions Surveyor Date Arrival Survey Start Time Start Time	Surveyor	Date	Arrival Time	Survey Start Time	Survey End Time	Comments	Disturbance Events	Tourism Notes
Acres Lake Boardwalk	Fresh breeze from east. Dry. 100% cloud cover. Good visibility. Light snow towards end of survey. 1/0°C	Kate Bismilla	11/02/2021 12:00	11:10	11:20	14:20		Some disturbance to roosting and foraging MA, BH and MS from dogs and children at jetty. Although human activity brought birds over looking to be fed	×
Acres Lake Boardwalk	Light air from N. 60% cloud cover, no rain. snow and frost on ground, good visibility	Kate Bismilla	23/01/2021 12:00	10:00	10:10	13:10			
Acres Lake Boardwalk	Moderate breeze from south in morning. Fresh breeze from south in afternoon. 100% Goud cover. No rain in morning, light and heavy showers in afternoon. Good visibility	Kate Bismilla	23/03/2021 12:00	09:50	10:00	13:00			
Acres Lake Boardwalk	Light breeze from south. no rain. cloud cover 50%, visibility good	Kate Bismilla	06/11/2020 12:00	07:50	08:00	11:00			
Acres Lake Boardwalk	Gentle breeze from SW. some drizzle. 100%cc. visibility good	Kate Bismilla	20/11/2020 12:00	08:20	08:30	11:30			
Acres Lake Boardwalk	Moderate breeze from NW. light showers, visibility good. cloud cover 80%	Kate Bismilla	29/12/2020 12:00	09:40	09:50	12:50			
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