Intermodal Logistics Park North Ltd

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Intermodal Logistics Park North (ILPN) Strategic Rail Freight Interchange (SRFI)

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Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR)

Appendix 11.5: Bird Report

October 2025

Planning Act 2008

The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017

This document forms a part of a Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) for the Intermodal Logistics Park North (ILPN) project.

A PEIR presents environmental information to assist consultees to form an informed view of the likely significant environmental effects of a proposed development and provide feedback.

This PEIR has been prepared by the project promoter, Intermodal Logistics Park North Ltd. The Proposed Development is described in Chapter 3 of the PEIR and is the subject of a public consultation.

Details of how to respond to the public consultation are provided at the end of Chapter 1 of the PEIR and on the project website:

https://www.tritaxbigbox.co.uk/our-spaces/intermodal-logistics-park-north/

This feedback will be taken into account by Intermodal Logistics Park North Ltd in the preparation of its application for a Development Consent Order for the project.



TECHNICAL NOTE: BIRD SUMMARY

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report provides a summary of the bird surveys undertaken so far within the ILPN Main Site, and Western Rail Chord ("the study area"). This includes an initial evaluation of the conservation importance of recorded bird populations and assemblages, anticipated impacts from the proposals, and recommended mitigation measures.
- 1.2 Dates of survey occasions are provided in Table 1 below. Further surveys during the Autumn passage period are yet to be completed. Future surveys will update the existing survey results and inform the final DCO application submission.
- 1.3 Further surveys are proposed for the wider DCO draft Order Limits including the proposed Lane Head Relief Road area and will be presented in the final DCO application submission.
- 1.4 Full results of the breeding bird and spring passage bird surveys are provided in Appendix A and winter bird surveys are provided in Appendix B. As autumn passage and high tide surveys are not yet complete the full results will be provided in the final DCO application submission.

Table 1: Survey Occasions

Survey Occasion	Date
1	22.11.23
2	19.12.23
3	17.01.24
4	27.02.24
5	17.12.24
6 and 7	27.01.25 – 29.01.25
8 and 9	17.02.25 – 18.02.25
10 and 11	19.03.25-20.03.25
12	19.03.25 (dawn)
13	15.04.25 (dawn)
14	28.04.25 (dusk)
15	15.05.25 (dawn)
16	28.05.25 (dawn)
17	26.06.25 (dawn)



Survey Occasion	Date
18	06.08.25
19	25.09.25 (high tide)
20	07.10.25 (high tide)
21	TBC (high tide)

- 1.5 Species referred to as 'notable species' appear on one or more of the following registers;
 - Schedule 1 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 as amended (WCA);
 - Birds of Conservation Concern (BoCC) Red or Amber lists; and/or
 - Section 41 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities (NERC) Act 2006.

2.0 RESULTS SUMMARY AND EVALUATION

Breeding Bird Survey Results Description and Evaluation

2.1 Breeding Bird Survey results are presented on Figures 1a, 1b and 1c.

Arable fields

- 2.2 The arable habitat and its margins and areas of modified grassland provided suitable breeding and foraging habitat for a range of farmland specialists.
- 2.3 Notable species which were considered confirmed or probable breeders within the site included lapwing Vanellus vanellus, skylark Alauda arvensis, yellow wagtail Motacilla flava, reed bunting Emberiza schoeniclus, tree sparrow Passer montanus, grey partridge Perdix perdix, yellowhammer Emberiza citrinella, and linnet Linaria cannabina.
- 2.4 Notable specialists recorded in small numbers, few survey occasions and without evidence of breeding included meadow pipit *Anthus pratensis*, quail *Coturnix coturnix*, and oystercatcher *Haematopus ostralegus*. Kestrel *Falco tinnunculus* was noted hunting in the arable fields and was a considered a probable breeder within the study area.
- 2.5 The diversity of the breeding bird farmland bird assemblage and the large numbers of some species represent an assemblage of county level importance.
- 2.6 Analysis of county records indicate that individually, skylark, tree sparrow, yellow wagtail, and yellowhammer were recorded in numbers of county level importance.
- 2.7 Notable individual species representing numbers of local level importance included lapwing, reed bunting, and linnet.

Woodland, Hedgerows, Scrub and Rough Grassland

- 2.8 These habitats provided breeding and foraging opportunities for a range of predominately generalist species.
- 2.9 Notable species considered confirmed or probable breeders included whitethroat *Sylvia* communis, willow warbler *Phylooscopus trochilus*, greenfinch *Chloris chloris*, woodpigeon *Columba palumbus*, mistle thrush *Turdus viscivorus*, dunnock *Prunella modularis*, stock dove *Columba oenas*, wren *Troglodytes troglodytes*, song thrush *Turdus philomelos*, starling



Sturnus vulgaris, and bullfinch Pyrrhula pyrrhula. A single grasshopper warbler Locustella naevia was recorded on the majority of survey occasions defending a territory within rough grassland and scrub habitat in the west of the site and was considered a probable breeder.

- 2.10 A single spotted flycatcher *Muscicapa striata* was recorded on one survey occasion in woodland with no evidence of breeding.
- 2.11 The notable species within the woodland, hedgerows, scrub, hedgerows, and rough grassland were recorded in small to moderate numbers typical of the habitats present. For this reason, the assemblage was considered of only local level importance, and individual species were recorded of no more than local level importance.

Waterbodies

2.12 The waterbodies within the study area supported a limited range of species which included small numbers of mallard (considered a probable breeder) and moorhen. This assemblage and these species were considered of no more than site level importance.

Spring Passage Results Description and Evaluation

- 2.13 Spring passage results are included within the figures for breeding bird surveys, Figures 1a, 1b, and 1c.
- 2.14 A moderately large flock (89) of meadow pipit were recorded within the arable fields during the March survey occasion considered to be conducting spring migration.
- 2.15 Other small numbers of spring passage migrants recorded during the March and April surveys included wheatear *Oenanthe oenanthe* within the arable fields, a single wood warbler *Phylloscopus sibilatrix* within woodland, teal *Anas crecca* on a ditch located on the boundary between the Main Site and Highfield Moss, and little ringed plover *Charadrius dubius* recorded nearby pools and within the arable fields. The numbers of meadow pipit were considered to be of county importance, whilst the other passage species were only recorded in small numbers of no more than site level importance.

Wintering Bird Survey Results Description and Evaluation

2.16 Wintering Bird Survey results are presented on Figures 2a, 2b, 2c, and 2d.

Arable Fields

- 2.17 The arable habitat and its margins and areas of modified grassland provided suitable foraging habitat for a range of farmland specialist species.
- 2.18 Notable species included lapwing, skylark, and linnet, which on occasion were recorded in large numbers.
- 2.19 Other farmland specialists recorded in small to moderate numbers included tree sparrow, golden plover *Pluvius apricaria*, yellowhammer, reed bunting, stock dove and meadow pipit.
- 2.20 Farmland specialist species recorded on a single survey occasion included brambling *Fringilla* montifringilla, snipe Gallinago gallinago, grey partridge and a flock of 190 pink-footed goose *Anser brachyrhynchus*.
- 2.21 Notable birds of prey utilising the arable fields included kestrel, and a merlin *Falco columbarius* recorded on one survey occasion.



- 2.22 Notable generalist species utilising the arable fields included large flocks of fieldfare *Turdus* pilaris and woodpigeon, and smaller flocks of redwing *Turdus* iliacus, starling, black-headed gull *Chroicocephalus* ridibundus, and herring gull *Larus* argentatus.
- 2.23 The diversity of the wintering farmland bird assemblage and the large numbers of some species represent an assemblage considered to be of county level importance.
- 2.24 Analysis of county records indicate that individually, yellowhammer, tree sparrow and fieldfare were recorded in numbers of county level importance.
- 2.25 Notable individual species representing numbers of local level importance included lapwing, skylark, redwing, starling, golden plover, meadow pipit, reed bunting, and linnet.

Woodland, Hedgerows, Scrub and Rough Grassland

- A range of generalist species were recorded in the hedgerows and small areas of semi-natural habitat on site, comprising woodland, scrub, and rough grassland.
- 2.27 Notable species included song thrush, mistle thrush, dunnock, bullfinch, wren, woodpigeon and redwing, recorded in small to moderate numbers typical of the habitats present. For this reason, the assemblage was considered of local level importance, and individual species recorded were of no more than local level importance.

Waterbodies

2.28 The waterbodies on site supported a limited range of species which included small numbers of mallard *Anas platyrhynchos* and moorhen *Gallinula chloropus*. This assemblage and individual species were considered of no more than site level importance.

Autumn Passage Results Description and Evaluation

- 2.29 Autumn Passage results are presented in Figures 3a, and 3b.
- 2.30 A single juvenile marsh harrier was recorded within the study area (during the August visit, presumably recently dispersed from its nest site.
- 2.31 Flocks of farmland birds including small flocks of lapwing and moderate sized flocks of skylark, linnet and meadow pipit were recorded. However, no particular influx was recorded during the autumn passage period with no larger numbers than that recorded during the previous winter or breeding bird surveys.
- 2.32 Autumn passage species were considered of no more than local level importance.

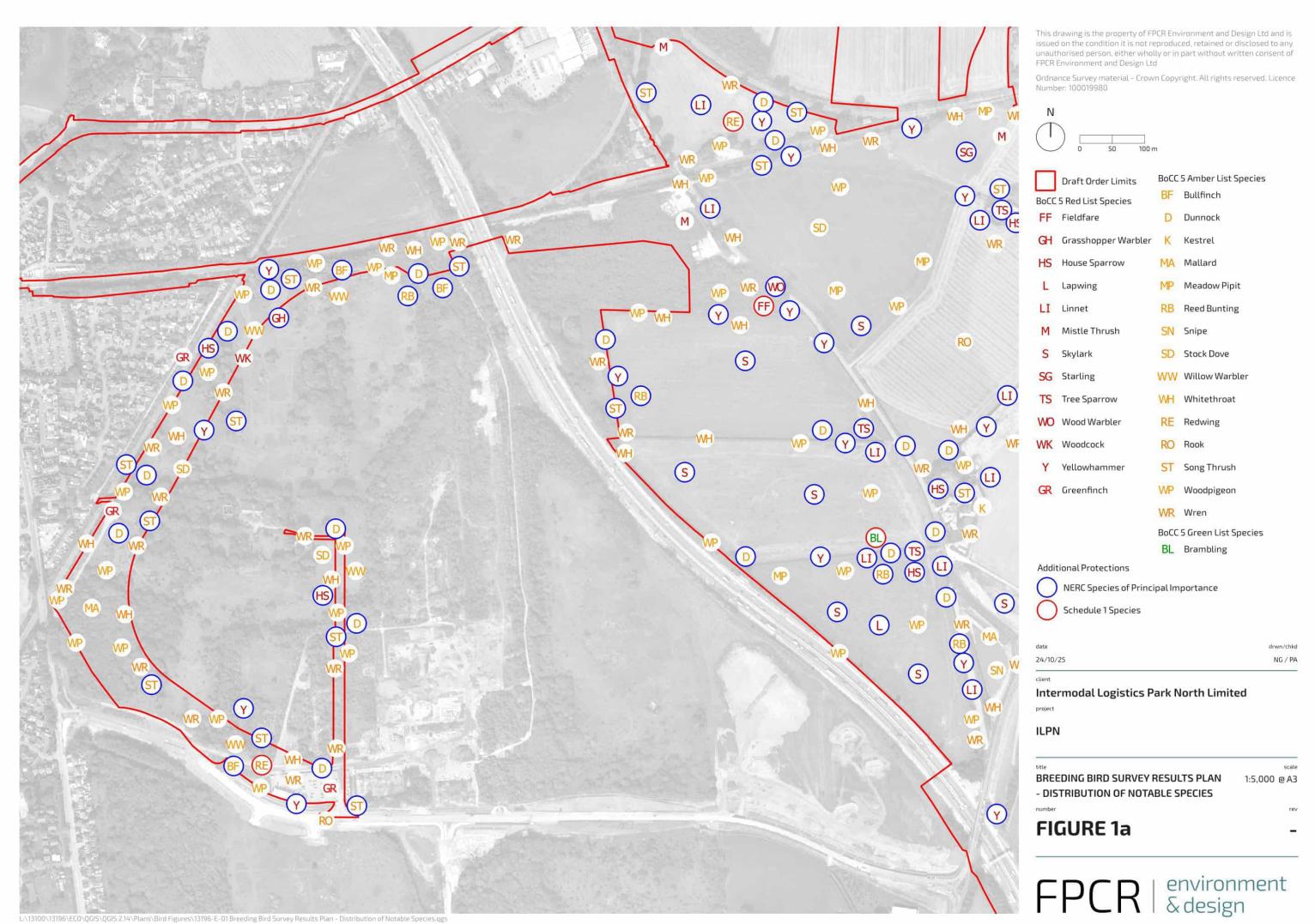
Mersey Estuary Results Description and Evaluation

- 2.33 Winter bird surveys were undertaken in the winter 2023/24, winter 2024/25 and high tide surveys during the autumn/early winter of 2025. A further high tide survey was pending at the time of publishing this report, the results of this survey will update existing results and inform the final DCO application submission.
- 2.34 Golden plovers were recorded (which is a species listed in the designation of the Mersey Estuary Special Protection Area (SPA)) with a peak of 38 individuals on 17.01.24, the only occasion golden plover were observed during the winter 2023-2024 period., The species was recorded on 3 out of the 11 winter survey occasions (the counts on previous occasions were 1 and 10 individuals on 17-18.02.25 and 19-20.03.25 during the winter 2024-2025 period). The peak count

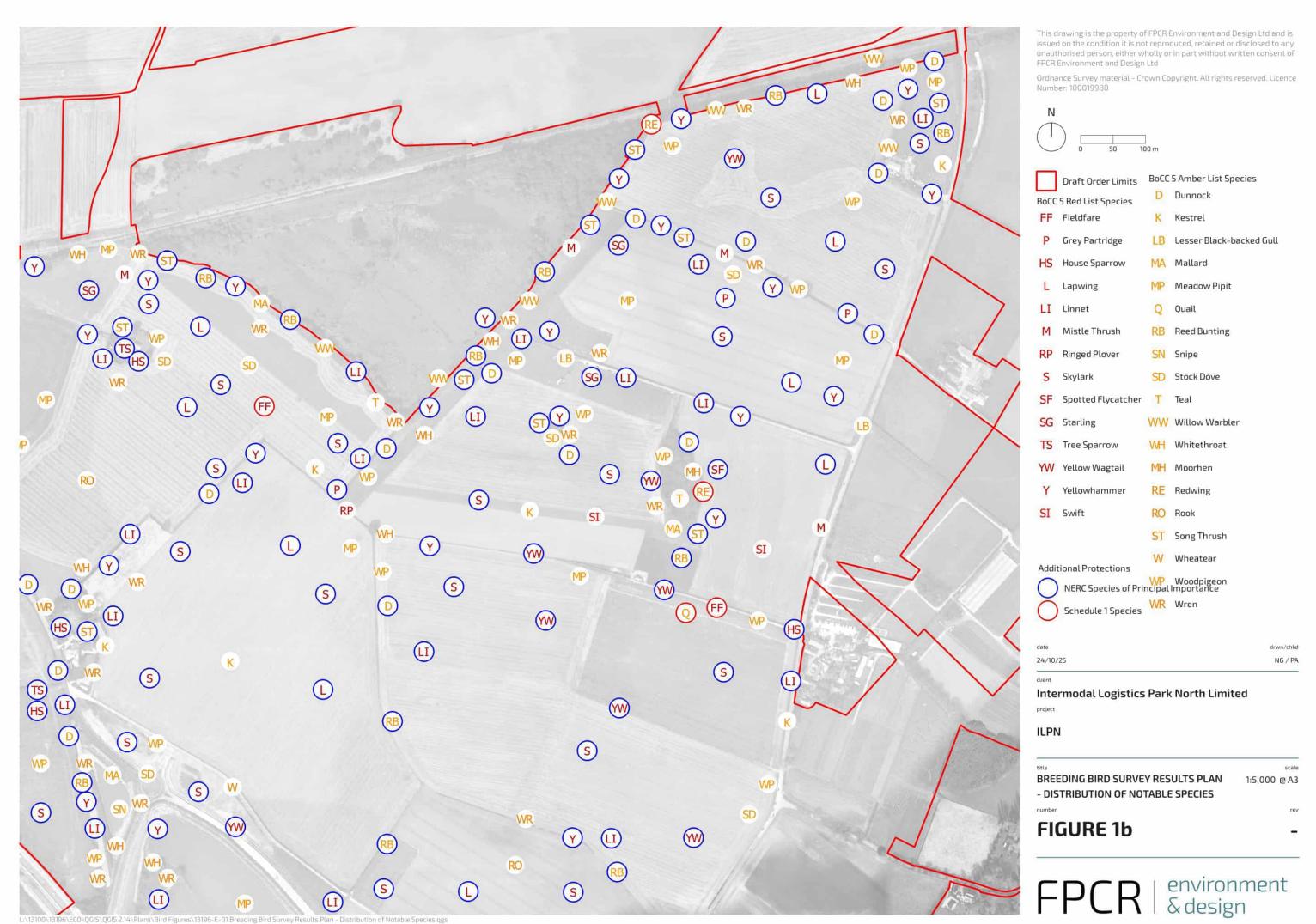


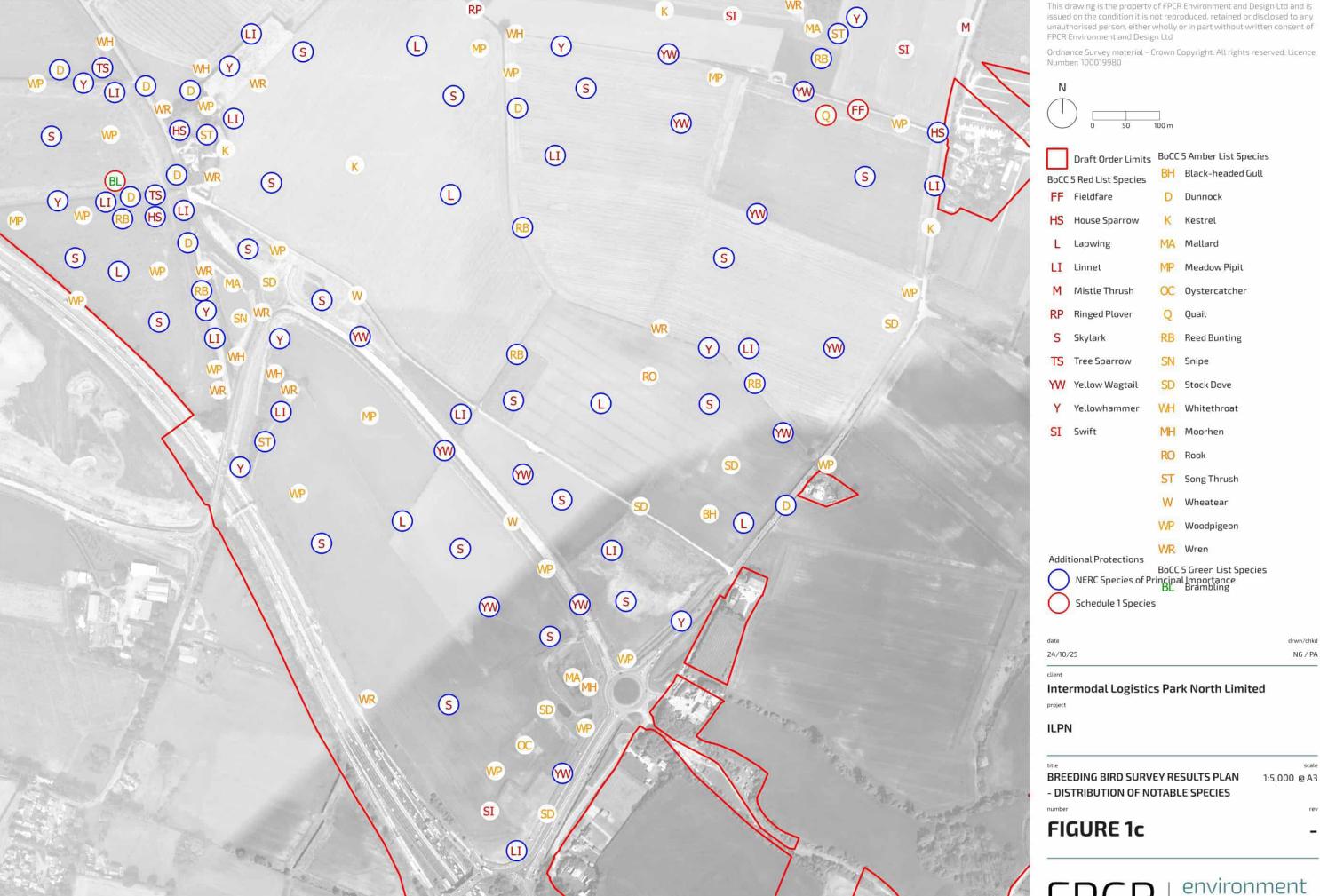
of 38 individuals was considered to be significant, comprising marginally over 1% of the SPA wintering individuals according to the SPA citation (the citation lists 3,040 individuals of golden plover). However, the species was only recorded on 3 out of the 11 winter survey occasions and therefore is not considered to be using the study regularly.

- 2.35 For the remaining species listed on the designated assemblage of the Mersey Estuary SPA, lapwing was the only further species recorded within the study area. The species was recorded on 8 out of the 11 survey occasions with a peak count of 403 individuals. This is below 1% of the 104,599 individuals that comprise the designation assemblage (according to the SPA citation), and therefore are not considered to be a significant number in relation to the SPA.
- 2.36 Based on the results the study area is not considered to be functionally linked land to the Mersey Estuary SPA since no individual designated species or assemblage utilise the study area both regularly and in significant numbers,
- 2.37 As such no further assessment related to the Mersey Estuary SPA is considered to be required.



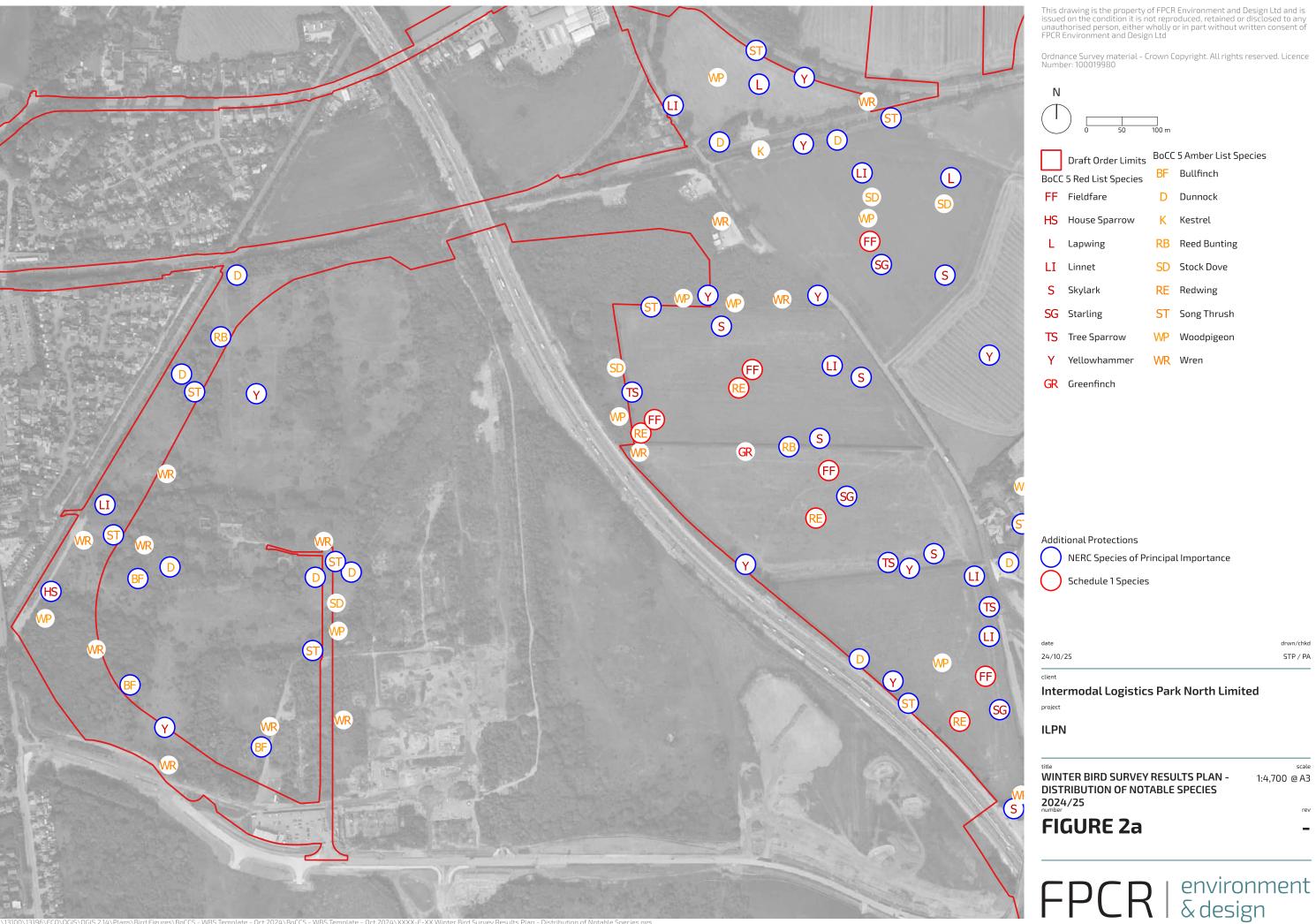
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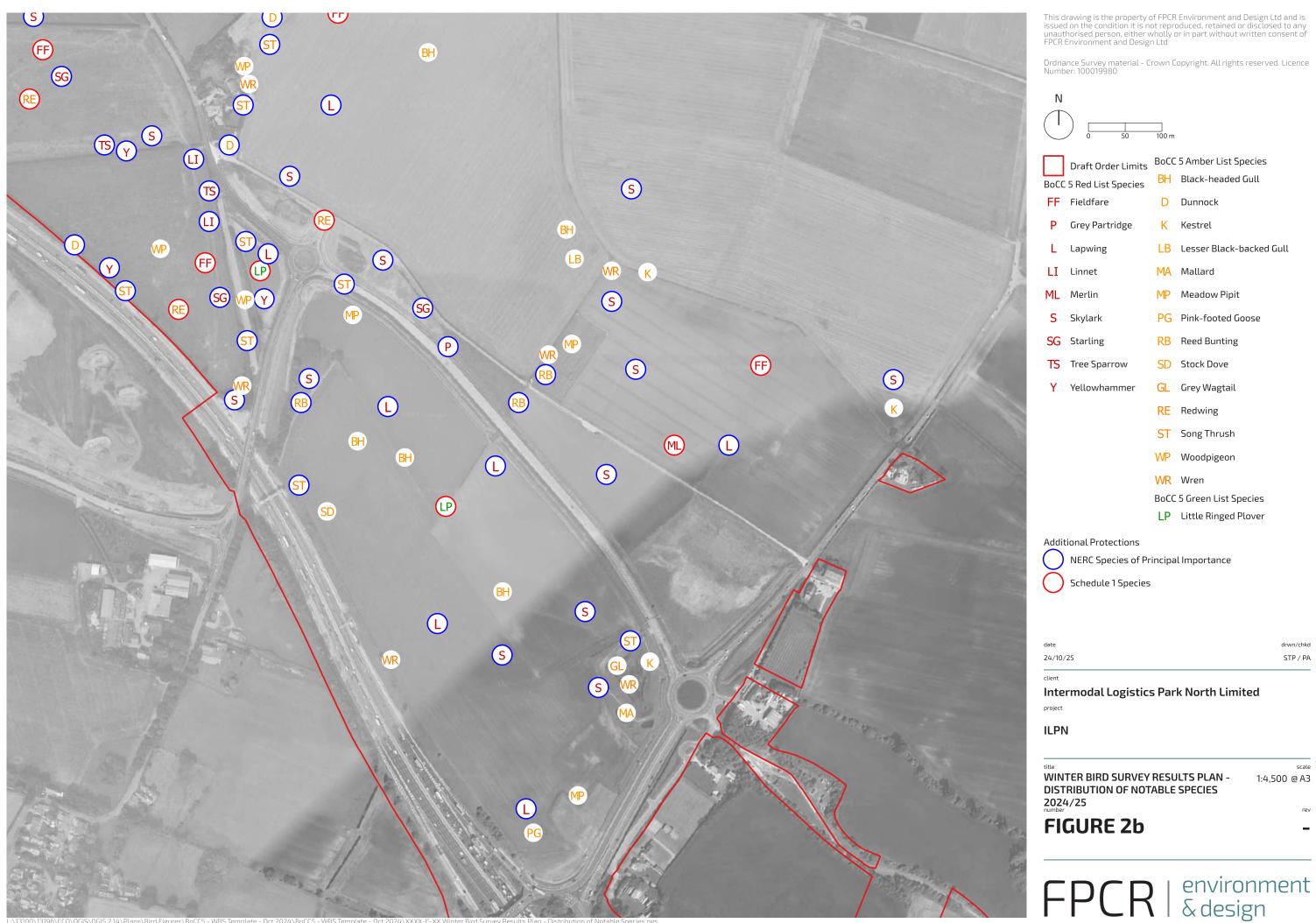


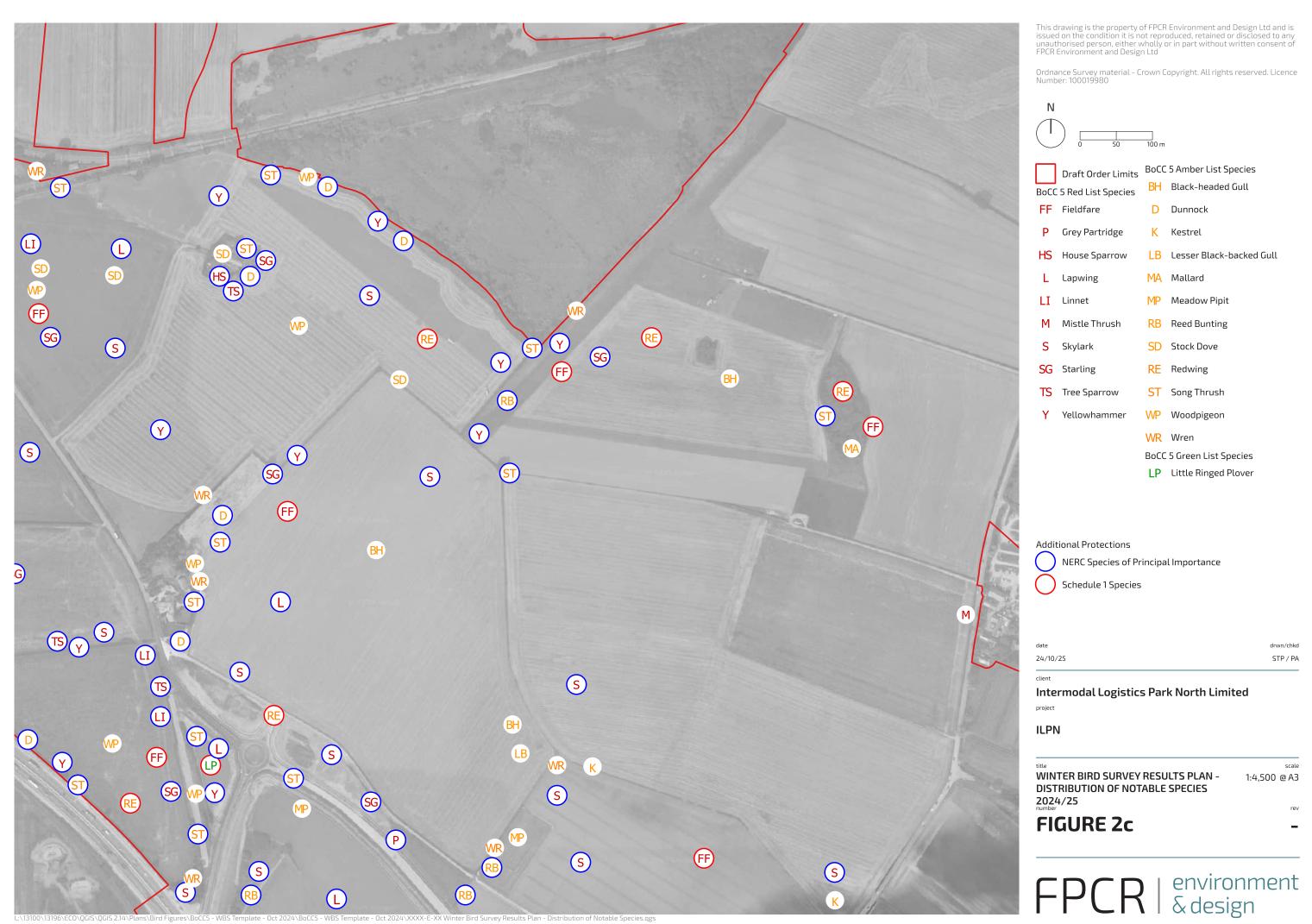


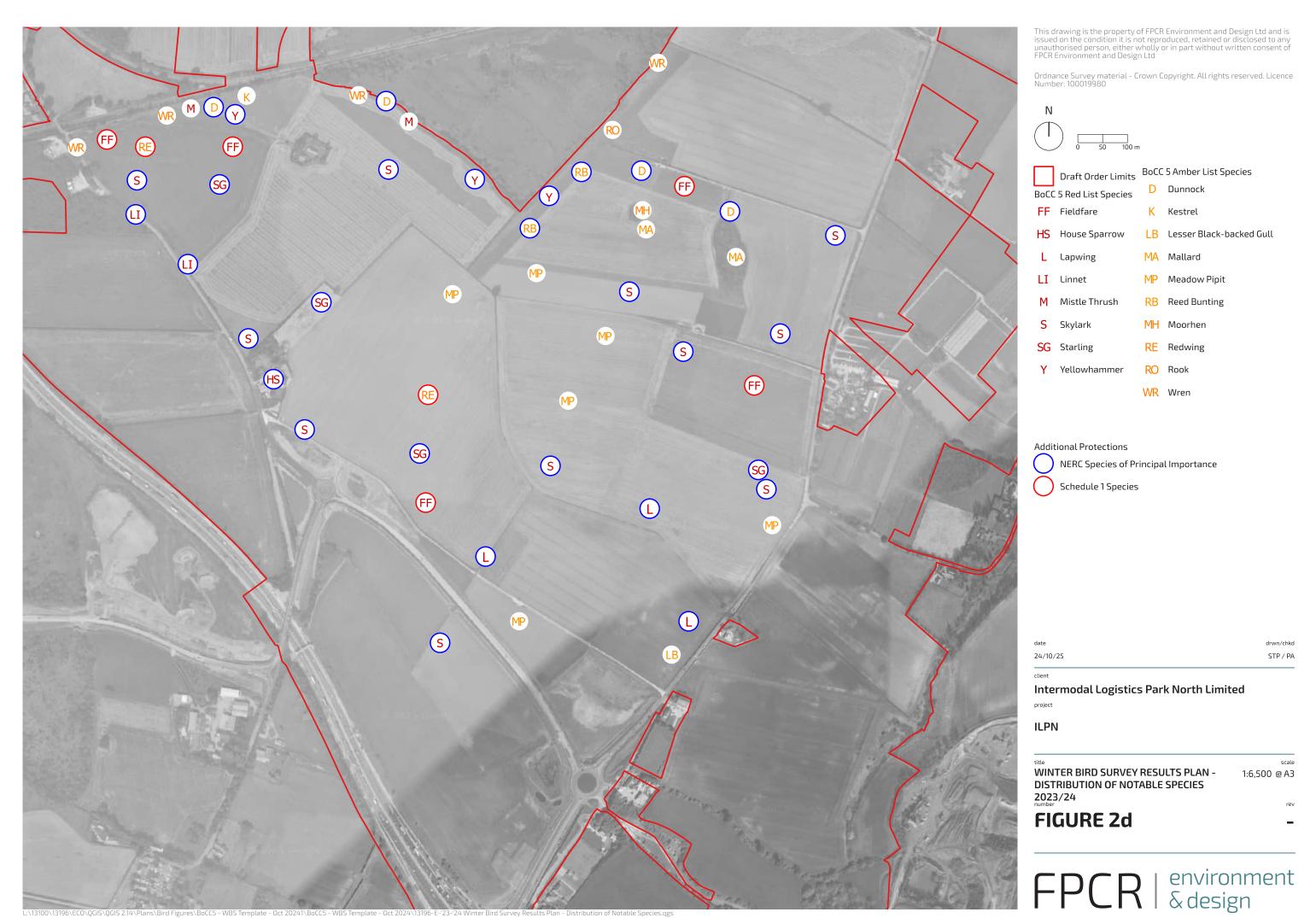
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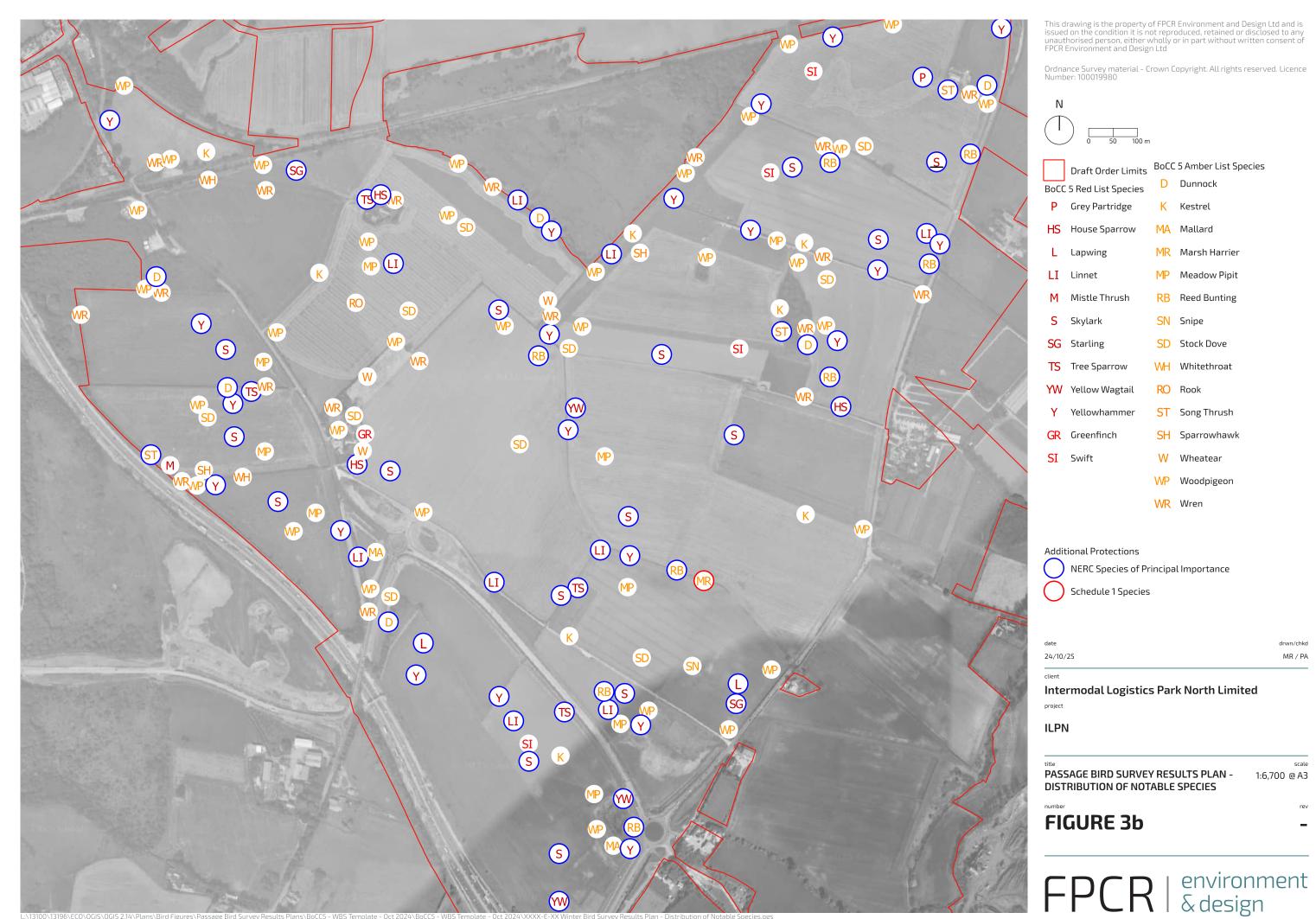




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APPENDIX A: Breeding and Spring Passage Bird Survey Results



Species: Common Name	Species: Scientific Name	Survey 1 19.03.25	Survey 2 15.04.25	Survey 3 28.04.25	Survey 4 15.05.25	Survey 5 28.05.25	Survey 6 26.06.25	Conservation Status & Protection	Breeding Status
Canada Goose	Branta canadensis			5				Not Listed	Possible H
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	4	3	5	6	7	1	Amber List	Probable P
Teal	Anas crecca	4						Amber List	Non-breeder M
Grey Partridge	Perdix perdix	1	4	2	1			Red List NERC S.41	Confirmed P,H
Pheasant	Phasianus colchicus	6	19	10	4	8	5	Not Listed	Probable P,H
Red-legged Partridge	Alectoris rufa	1						Not Listed	Possible H
Quail	Coturnix coturnix						2	Amber List WCA Sch.1	Possible H
Swift	Apus apus			1		2	5	Red List	Possible H
Feral Pigeon	Columba livia f. domestica	60	100			3		Green List	Possible H
Stock Dove	Columba oenas	7	25	7	24	42	4	Amber List	Possible S,H
Woodpigeon	Columba palumbus	272	76	55	113	276	243	Amber List	Confirmed ON,S,H
Collared Dove	Streptopelia decaocto	4	2	5	1		8	Green List	Probable T, S, H
Moorhen	Gallinula chloropus	1	1		1	1		Amber List	Possible H
Oystercatcher	Haematopus ostralegus			1		2		Amber List	Possible H



Lapwing	Vanellus vanellus	70	18	15	16	16	52	Red List NERC S.41	Confirmed FL,DD,A,D,P,H
Woodcock	Scolopax rusticola	1						Red List	Non-breeder M
Snipe	Gallinago gallinago					1		Amber List	Possible H
Black-headed Gull	Chroicocephalus ridibundus	8				10		Amber List	Non-breeder UH
Herring Gull	Larus argentatus	4			6			Red List NERC S.41	Non-breeder UH
Lesser Black-backed Gull	Larus fuscus		1			25		Amber List	Non-breeder UH
Grey Heron	Ardea cinerea	1						Green List	Non-breeder UH
Sparrowhawk	Accipiter nisus	1				2		Amber List	Possible H
Buzzard	Buteo buteo	4	4	4		2	2	Green List	Possible H
Great Spotted Woodpecker	Dendrocopos major				1	3	3	Green List	Possible S, H
Kestrel	Falco tinnunculus	2	3	3	2		3	Amber List	Probable P,H
Jay	Garrulus glandarius	1	3	1				Green List	Possible H
Magpie	Pica pica	14	10	8	5	14	6	Green List	Possible H
Jackdaw	Coloeus monedula	5	3		3	2	2	Green List	Possible H
Rook	Corvus frugilegus			6	7	3	1	Amber List	Possible H



Carrion Crow	Corvus corone	82	33	6	13	24	27	Green List	Confirmed FL,H
Coal Tit	Periparus ater	1	3					Green List	Probable T, S,H
Blue Tit	Cyanistes caeruleus	18	13	3	11	51	18	Green List	Confirmed FL,T,S,H
Great Tit	Parus major	25	15	6	17	17	12	Green List	Probable P,T,S,H
Skylark	Alauda arvensis	47	55	29	67	70	70	Red List NERC S.41	Confirmed FF,DD,A,D,T, P,S,H
Swallow	Hirundo rustica		1	3	8	5	8	Green List	Confirmed ON,H
House Martin	Delichon urbicum						1	Red List	Possible H
Long-tailed Tit	Aegithalos caudatus	13	14	4	8	22	14	Green List	Confirmed FL,P,H
Wood Warbler	Phylloscopus sibilatrix		1					Red List NERC S.41	Non-breeder M
Willow Warbler	Phylloscopus trochilus		5	6	8	7	3	Amber List	Probable T, P,S,H
Chiffchaff	Phylloscopus collybita	12	21	11	14	18	13	Green List	Probable T,P,S,H
Grasshopper Warbler	Locustella naevia		1	1				Red List NERC S.41	Probable S,H, T
Blackcap	Sylvia atricapilla		9	11	13	2	3	Green List	Probable S,H, T
Lesser Whitethroat	Curruca curruca					2		Green List	Probable P,S,H



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Whitethroat	Curruca communis		4	11	16	12	17	Amber List	Confirmed FF,FL,B,T,S,H
Goldcrest	Regulus regulus	2	5			6	1	Green List	Probable T,S,H
Wren	Troglodytes troglodytes	28	39	17	29	35	33	Amber List	Probable T,S,H
Nuthatch	Sitta europaea						1	Green List	Possible H
Treecreeper	Certhia familiaris					1		Green List	Possible S,H
Starling	Sturnus vulgaris	60	4	1	56	4	22	Red List NERC S.41	Confirmed FL,H
Song Thrush	Turdus philomelos	13	16	6	12	10	9	Amber List NERC S.41	Probable FF,P,TS,H
Mistle Thrush	Turdus viscivorus	2	3	1	8	2		Red List	Confirmed FL,P,T,S,H
Redwing	Turdus iliacus	14						Amber List WCA Sch.1	Non-breeder M
Blackbird	Turdus merula	32	35	46	36	32	19	Green List	Confirmed FF,A,T,P,S,H
Fieldfare	Turdus pilaris	259						Red List WCA Sch.1	Non-breeder M
Spotted Flycatcher	Muscicapa striata				1			Red List NERC S.41	Possible S,H
Robin	Erithacus rubecula	29	29	38	16	23	10	Green List	Probable P,T,S,H
Wheatear	Oenanthe oenanthe		4					Amber List	Non-breeder M
Tree Sparrow	Passer montanus	8			3	28	20	Red List NERC S.41	Confirmed ON,H



House Sparrow	Passer domesticus	9	1	2	8	7	16	Red List NERC S.41	Probable N, H
Dunnock	Prunella modularis	22	14	17	13	15	16	Amber List NERC S.41	Confirmed FF,FL,D,P,T,S,H
Yellow Wagtail	Motacilla flava		5		10	17	22	Red List NERC S.41	Confirmed FL,P,T,S,H
Pied Wagtail	Motacilla alba	3	4			3	1	Green List	Possible H
Meadow Pipit	Anthus pratensis	9	89	8	1	4	1	Amber List	Probable P,S,H
Chaffinch	Fringilla coelebs	61	1	5	4	2	2	Green List	Probable P,S,H
Brambling	Fringilla montifringilla	1						Green List WCA Sch.1	Non-breeder M
Bullfinch	Pyrrhula pyrrhula	6	1	2				Amber List NERC S.41	Probable P,H
Greenfinch	Chloris chloris	2	1	2	3			Red List	Probable P,T,S,H
Linnet	Linaria cannabina	51	42	14	98	25	13	Red List NERC S.41	Confirmed FL, P,A,S,H
Goldfinch	Carduelis carduelis	37	12	15	24	12	15	Green List	Probable P,H
Yellowhammer	Emberiza citrinella	32	22	22	23	26	23	Red List NERC S.41	Confirmed FF,B,P,T,S,H
Reed Bunting	Emberiza schoeniclus	8	13		3	9	4	Amber List NERC S.41	Probable FL,P,A,T,S,H



APPENDIX B: Wintering Bird Survey Results 2023/24 and 2024/25



Species: British Common Name	Species: Latin name	Survey 1 22.11.23	Survey 2 19.12.23	Survey 3 17.01.24	Survey 4 27.02.24	Survey 5 17.12.24	Survey 6 and 7 27-29.01.25	Survey 8 and 9 17-18.02.25	Survey 10 and 11 19-20.03.25	Conservation Status & Protection
Pink-footed Goose	Anser brachyrhynchus					190				Amber List
Mute Swan	Cygnus olor				2					Green List
Gadwall	Mareca strepera								2	Amber List
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos		5		9	26	2		7	Amber List
Grey Partridge	Perdix perdix		Present		4				6	Red List NERC S.41
Pheasant	Phasianus colchicus				2				2	Not Listed
Feral Pigeon	Columba livia f. domestica					Present				Not Listed
Stock Dove	Columba oenas						21	110	14	Amber List
Woodpigeon	Columba palumbus	Present		Present	2		267	62	174	Amber List
Collared Dove	Streptopelia decaocto								1	Green List
Moorhen	Gallinula chloropus				1					Amber List
Oystercatcher	Haematopus ostralegus								2	Amber List
Lapwing	Vanellus vanellus		15		26	61	342	403	93	Red List NERC S.41
Golden Plover	Pluvialis apricaria			38				1	10	Green List



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Little Ringed Plover	Charadrius dubius								3	Green List WCA Sch.1
Snipe	Gallinago gallinago			Present				1		Amber List
Black-headed Gull	Chroicocephalus ridibundus	Present					57	38		Amber List
Herring Gull	Larus argentatus	Present						1		Red List NERC S.41
Lesser Black- backed Gull	Larus fuscus	Present					1		1	Amber List
Buzzard	Buteo buteo	Present	1	Present	Present			1	4	Green List
Kestrel	Falco tinnunculus		1	Present		2	2	1	1	Amber List
Merlin	Falco columbarius						1			Red List WCA Sch.1
Jay	Garrulus glandarius	Present	1	Present	2					Green List
Magpie	Pica pica		Present	Present		Present		3	1	Green List
Jackdaw	Coloeus monedula		Present	74				2		Green List
Rook	Corvus frugilegus				1					Amber List
Carrion Crow	Corvus corone	Present	Present	Present	Present			11	13	Green List
Blue Tit	Cyanistes caeruleus	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present		3	3	Green List



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Great Tit	Parus major	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present				Green List
Skylark	Alauda arvensis	Present	20	95	46	4	53	62	21	Red List NERC S.41
Chiffchaff	Phylloscopus collybita							1		Green List
Goldcrest	Regulus regulus					Present				Green List
Wren	Trogolodytes trogolodytes	Present	1	1	5	3	12	19	15	Amber List
Starling	Sturnus vulgaris	Present	86				123	139	3	Red List NERC S.41
Song Thrush	Turdus philomelos			Present			15	13	7	Amber List NERC S.41
Mistle Thrush	Turdus viscivorus			Present	2		3	4	2	Red List
Redwing	Turdus iliacus	Present	83		1	32	32		13	Amber List WCA Sch.1
Blackbird	Turdus merula	Present	Present	Present	1	Present		8	3	Green List
Fieldfare	Turdus piliaris			5	50	3	223	183	225	Red List WCA Sch.1
Robin	Erithacus rubecula	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present		7	3	Green List
Tree Sparrow	Passer montanus						22	3	21 + 1 col	Red List NERC S.41
House Sparrow	Passer domesticus				2			7 + 1 col		Red List NERC S.41



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Dunnock	Prunella modularis	Present		Present	6		14	14	20	Amber List NERC S.41
Grey Wagtail	Motacilla cinerea					1				Amber List
Pied Wagtail	Motacilla alba		Present			Present		1		Green List
Meadow Pipit	Anthus pratensis		15	4	6	13	2	4	1	Amber List
Chaffinch	Fringilla coelebs	Present	Present			Present		2	2	Green List
Brambling	Fringilla montifringilla							1		Green List WCA Sch. 1
Bullfinch	Pyrrhula pyrrhula						2	1	1	Amber List NERC S.41
Greenfinch	Chloris chloris								1	Red List
Linnet	Linaria cannabina		16			44	80	88	14	Red List NERC S.41
Goldfinch	Carduelis carduelis				4			2	1	Green List
Yellowhammer	Emberiza citrinella				5		25	51	42	Red List NERC S.41
Reed Bunting	Emberiza schoeniclus				3		7	3	6	Amber List NERC S.41

