



YELLOWHAMMER, COWPEN BEWLEY WOODLAND PARK

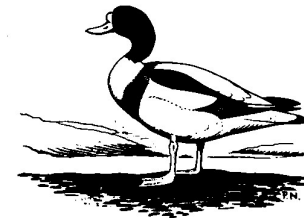
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MAPPING OF SENSITIVE AREAS FOR BIRDS: DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMENTS ON THE DATABASE

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 In early August 2009, Teesmouth Bird Club (TBC) received a request from Durham County Council to comment on its new database entitled '*Mapping Sensitive Areas for Birds*'. The system has been devised by consultants, E³ Ecology Limited, in conjunction with the Council, and its main aim is as a reference tool for Planning and Wildlife Conservation Officers in assessing the ornithological value of sites which are subject to development pressure. Data on each site is available through the Council's Geographic Information System (GIS) and will assist in the development of the participating councils' Local Development Frameworks (LDFs).
- 1.2 The system reviewed included a written report entitled '*Mapping Sensitive Areas for Birds within Stockton and Five Districts of County Durham*' (March 2009) and the Council's GIS, accessed using special password arrangements. We point out that while we appreciate being asked to comment at this stage, we have not been previously consulted during the preparation of this database. The Borough of Stockton-on-Tees lies within the TBC's recording area and bird records for this area are included in our annual '*Cleveland Bird Reports*'. We also have an excellent knowledge of the birds of the Stockton area, including its breeding species, embodied in our new tetrad atlas ¹*'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'*. We feel that an early opportunity has been missed to tap into our local knowledge of important sites within the Borough, though the comments contained herein will, hopefully, assist the iterative process.

2.0 TBC'S APPRAISAL PROCESS

- 2.1 The consultant's report and database access details were circulated to members of the TBC's Conservation Sub-Committee and the comments contained in this report represent the Club's formal response. We were specifically requested by Durham County Council to consider the following:
- (i) The accuracy of the data;
 - (ii) Whether the data should be released to the community?
 - (iii) Whether a short executive summary should be released to the community.
 - (iv) Whether TBC would like a facility on the GIS in order to send the Council information for updating the database.
 - (v) Comments on the consultant's report.
- 2.2 We point out that we have only commented on sites within the Borough of Stockton-on-Tees, which lies within our recording area.

¹ Published by the Teesmouth Bird Club, November 2008.

3.0 TBC'S COMMENTS

General Comments

- 3.1 On first viewing, and on reading the accompanying report, this seemed an over-complicated system, with the assessment criteria almost being at a similar level to that used for detailed, development site EIAs. However, on familiarisation, the database is more user-friendly and, clearly, a huge amount of work has gone into its preparation. It is imaginative and we have not come across a similar system elsewhere. It is to be highly commended. Such mapping of sensitive bird sites will provide a very useful tool to all involved in the planning and development of our local landscape, provided that people are properly inducted/trained on its access, application and use. It will, hopefully, help to protect sites at lower levels of designation than SSSIs, which are important in local and regional contexts for certain bird species or assemblages.
- 3.2 With this system being a Durham County Council initiative, we are unclear why Stockton District has been included but Hartlepool omitted, both districts formerly being part of County Durham when the River Tees formed the administrative boundary.
- 3.3 We see no reference in Data Sources to the Teesmouth Bird Club's tetrad atlas, '*The Breeding Birds of Cleveland*', published in November 2008. This gives comprehensive information on the status, distribution and density of all 127 breeding species in Cleveland, including the Borough of Stockton-on-Tees. The data for each kilometre square will need to be updated to include relevant, up-to-date information, if it hasn't been done already. Similarly, there is no obvious reference to Teesmouth Bird Club's '*Cleveland Bird Reports*' for 1974-2008, though it would appear from the data that use has been made of these. This source should be properly referenced accordingly.
- 3.4 The information given for some squares is not always directly relevant and gives a false indication of the species that actually occur within them, eg. those listed for the Teesmouth and Cleveland Coast SPA (such as Little Tern) and Wynyard. We understand, however, why this has been done.
- 3.5 The Enhancement Opportunities for each square are identical and say nothing about how certain sites, such as wetlands and developing woodlands, could be improved. We consider that this is a missed opportunity to aid biodiversity planning.
- 3.6 Individual site designations (such as Local Wildlife Sites contained in the Local Development Frameworks and Wildlife Trust reserves) are not given within each kilometre square, where applicable and we consider that the system will be improved by their inclusion.

The Accuracy of the Data

- 3.7 We have appraised the ornithological information for each 1km square and find this to be generally comprehensive and accurate, though, as stated previously, there is no reference to TBC's Breeding Birds Survey (1999-2006). The Club also has also conducted winter waterbird surveys in 2006-07 and 2008-09 on all non-WeBS water bodies in Cleveland, including Stockton District. These included the non-tidal River Tees and this information could be made available to update the database on request.

3.8 At a more detailed level, we have assessed the data for Stockton District on a square by square basis and comment as follows:

SITE NAME	NZ GRID REF.	TBC COMMENTS
CASTLE EDEN DENE WALKWAY	4027	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. The site holds breeding Goshawk and Honey Buzzard (latter not proven). Within the past few years, has held several pairs of breeding Long-eared Owl. In 2008-09 held wintering Hawfinch, now an extremely uncommon bird in Cleveland, which has declined alarmingly and is probably now extinct as a breeding species. Consequently, wintering sites must be protected.
WYNYARD	4127	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. Wynyard Lake often a key wintering site for Goosander. Goshawk has been seen at Wynyard on a number of occasions in recent years and probably breeds. Honey Buzzard may have bred in recent years (3 juveniles seen in September 2006, along with other occasional breeding season sightings) but this has never been proven.
WYNYARD	4247	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As for 4127.
WYNYARD	4227	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. Breeding Goshawk.
WYNYARD	4427	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As for 4127.
BRIERLEY WOOD	3926	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. No other comments.
CASTLE EDEN DENE WALKWAY	4026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. For other comments see NZ4027.
WYNYARD	4126	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. For other comments see NZ4127.
WYNYARD	4226	As above.
WYNYARD	4326	As above.
WOLVISTON	4426	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. Barn Owl possibly breeds in this area. In the recent past, birds have been seen hunting over the A19 verges near the Wolviston interchange.

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NEWTON BEWLEY	4526	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. No comments.
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GREATHAM	5026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. Upstream Greatham Creek is a feeding and resting area for various waders, including Redshank, Dunlin and Curlew and regularly holds Little Egret.
SEAL SANDS	5326	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. Nothing further to add as this site is well documented.
SEAL SANDS	5426	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. Nothing further to add as this site is well documented, apart from the centre of this site falls on an area known as 'The Peninsula' – a major roosting area for waders at high tide. .
SEAL SANDS	5425	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. No reference to the breeding colony of Kittiwakes on the ConocoPhillips jetties on the Riverr Tees (10 pairs in 2005 and 62 pairs in 2008 (Jetty No 5)). This is one of only two breeding colonies away from the East Cleveland cliffs and is increasing.
SEAL SANDS – TEESMOUTH AND CLEVELAND COAST SPA	5325	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. Nothing further to add.
SEAL SANDS – TEESMOUTH AND CLEVELAND COAST SPA	5225	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. This square contains part of reclaimed Seal Sands, dominated by open grassland, scrub and reed bed. The reed beds and pools adjacent to the Long Drag are important for both breeding, migrant and wintering species. Scarce species/rarities have included Sharp-tailed, Spotted, Broad-billed and Pectoral Sandpipers, Bittern, Bearded Tit (may have bred as ♀ with a brood patch caught and tinged some years ago). Reed and Sedge Warblers omitted as breeding species, plus Water Rail and Reed Bunting.
GREATHAM CREEK – TEESMOUTH AND CLEVELAND COAST SPA	5125	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. Long Drag bushes contain a variety of breeding birds atypical of an estuarine setting and have held rarities in the past, including Scarlet Rosefinch, Golden Oriole and Great Spotted Cuckoo. See also comments for 5225.
GREATHAM CREEK – TEESMOUTH AND CLEVELAND COAST SPA (COWPEN MARSH)	5025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. Error: Purple Sandpiper does not occur in this square. Cowpen Marsh is a regular site for rare/scarce birds, which in recent years have included Corncrake, Bittern, Lesser Yellowlegs and Night Heron. .

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GREATHAM CREEK – TEESMOUTH AND CLEVELAND COAST SPA (COWPEN MARSH)	4925	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. See comments for 5025. Nothing further to add.
COWPEN BEWLEY	4825	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. Cowpen Bewley Woodland Park (CBWP) has a wide range of breeding and wintering birds. Has Little Owl, Willow Tit, breeding Mute Swan, Little Grebe. Used to be a major wintering site for Long-eared Owl but probably no longer. Occasionally attracts scarce/rare birds, which in recent years have included Red-rumped Swallow, Hobby and Glaucous-winged Gull (in fields to east of CBWP). Kingfisher regular in winter. Enhancement opportunities include managing the developing forest (thinning, re-stocking, manipulating the edge 'ecotone' of maximum benefit to birds, lake management (eg vegetation clearance to avoid lake silting up).
COWPEN BEWLEY	4725	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. Developing woodland requiring management. Important habitat bordering the Tees Estuary. No further comments.
BILLINGHAM	4625	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. Nothing to add.
BILLINGHAM	4525	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. Nothing to add, other than this has important green space within a mainly urban area.
WOLVISTON	4425	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. Nothing to add.
WYNYARD	4325	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. Nothing to add.
WYNYARD	4225	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. Wynyard Lake often a key wintering site for Goosander. Goshawk has been seen at Wynyard on a number of occasions in recent years and probably breeds. Honey Buzzard may have bred in recent years (3 juveniles seen in September 2006, along with other occasional breeding season sightings) but this has never been proven. There is a flight path of geese, ducks and Grey herons to and from Wynyard Park Lake and Crookfoot Reservoir. The woodlands at Wynyard hold <i>ca</i> 20 pairs of breeding Grey Herons, one of only 3 breeding sites in the whole of the Cleveland sub-region.
WYNYARD	4125	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. Nuthatch recorded breeding during TBC's Breeding Birds Survey.

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CASTLE EDEN WALKWAY	4025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. Nothing to add.
GRINDON	3925	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. Nothing to add.
STILLINGTON FOREST PARK	3724	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. Green Woodpecker occurs here (present 2009).
WHITTON BECK	3824	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. Nothing to add.
THORPE THEWLES	3924	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. Nothing to add.
CASTLE EDEN WALKWAY	4024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. Within the past few years, has held several pairs of breeding Long-eared Owl. In 2008-09 held wintering Hawfinch, now an extremely uncommon bird in Cleveland, which has declined alarmingly and is probably now extinct as a breeding species. Consequently, any known wintering sites must be protected.
WYNYARD	4124	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. Nothing to add
WYNYARD	4224	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. Nothing to add.
WYNYARD	4324	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. Nothing to add.
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WOLVISTON	4425	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. Barn Owl possibly breeds in this area. In the recent past, birds have been seen hunting over the A19 verges near the Wolviston interchange.
BILLINGHAM	4625	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. Nothing to add.
COWPEN BEWLEY	4725	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. Nothing to add.

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TEESPORT	5424	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. TBC's breeding Birds Survey revealed breeding BAP, Red and Amber List species, including Linnet, Skylark, Grey Partridge and Reed Bunting. Kestrel also breeds.
SEAL SANDS	5324	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. Nothing to add.
RECLAMATION POND	5223	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. A major site for wintering birds, with the highest single site count of Coot in Cleveland. Also important for high concentrations of wintering Gadwall, Shoveler, Tufted Duck (often over 150), Little Grebe and Great Crested Grebe. The site has significant concentrations of breeding birds, including in 2009 the highest density of breeding Great Crested Grebes ever in Cleveland (9-10 pairs). Important for breeding Water Rail, Little Grebe, Pochard, Tufted Duck and Mute Swan. Regularly holds scarce wintering species, such as Slavonian and Red-necked Grebes. Major feeding area for Common Terns, from the Saltholme colonies, and Little Gull. Major gull roost for birds using the nearby landfill sites. Slavonian and Black-necked Grebes have nearly bred in recent years but for the aggressive actions of Coots. Wintering Kingfishers (2-3 birds). Regularly turns up scarce or rare species, which in the past have included Gull-billed Tern, Franklin's and Ring-billed Gulls, Lesser Scaup, Ring-necked Duck and Wilson's Phalarope. TBC has a report on this site, which can be made available to Durham CC on request. Despite its major ornithological importance, this site is to be infilled over the next 10 years for industrial use.
DORMANS POOL – TEESMOUTH AND CLEVELAND COAST SPA	5123	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. Includes the western part of the Reclamation Pond (see comments for 5223) and the northern part of Dormans Pool. Dormans Pool is a SSSI and part of the complex of wetlands known as the 'North Tees Marshes'. A 73-page historic review of this site, breeding bird survey (2007 and 2008 breeding seasons), winter bird assemblage review and 5-year Management Plan were completed by TBC in March 2009. The Management Plan will be implemented by RSPB starting in 2010, should the Society purchase the site from Impetus Reclamation Ltd. Among the listed/protected species which breed in 2007-2008 were Mute Swan, Greylag Goose, Gadwall (3 pairs), Pintail 91 pair), Teal (1 pair), Shoveler (3 pairs), Pochard (6 pairs), Water Rail (6 pairs), Lapwing (1 pair), Cuckoo (1 pair), Meadow Pipit (2 pairs), Dunnock (9 pairs), Stonechat (1 pair), Song Thrush (1 pair), Grasshopper Warbler (1 pair), Willow Warbler (1 pair), Linnet (6 pairs) and Reed Bunting (18 pairs). A copy of this report can be made available to Durham C.C. on request. For comments on Long Drag see 5125 and 5225. TBC members have exclusive rights of access to Dormans Pool and the Reclamation Pond under a 5-year legal agreement with the landowner, Impetus Reclamation Limited. Otherwise, the two sites comprise private land.
SALTHOLME POOLS – TEESMOUTH AND CLEVELAND	5023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. Error – Little Tern does not breed in this 1 km square.

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COAST SPA		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Saltholme is one of the main areas at Teesmouth for the occurrence of scarce and rare species, which have in the past included Long-toed Stint, White-rumped, Baird's, Broad-billed and Marsh Sandpipers, Great White Egret, Whiskered Tern (2009), Purple Heron (2 in 2009), Glaucous-winged Gull (2009 – 2nd record for UK), Hooded Merganser, Citrine Wagtail and many others. Now part of the RSPB's new, successful Saltholme Reserve and managed as a wetland habitat.
HAVERTON HOLE – TEESMOUTH AND CLEVELAND COAST SPA	4923	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. Error – Little Tern does not breed in this 1 km square. Haverton Hole has a very dense population of breeding Reed Warblers. The site is also renowned for holding Cleveland's first breeding Marsh Harriers and (possibly) Marsh and Savi's Warblers. Haverton Hole has also attracted its fair share of rare birds, eg. Purple Heron (2 in 2009), Great White Egret, Glossy Ibis, Buff-breasted Sandpiper, Blue-winged Teal and Marsh and Great Reed Warblers.
SALTHOLME POOLS – TEESMOUTH AND CLEVELAND COAST SPA	4823	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. Little Tern does not breed in this 1 km square. See comments for 5023.
BELASIS TECHNOLOGY PARK	4723	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. A locally important series of man-made ponds within a landscaped setting of value to breeding wildfowl, Coot and Moorhen. There is a large population of Canada Geese, which feed on the amenity grassland surrounding the ponds, occasionally numbering up to 150 birds (these are almost certainly from the Teesmouth population). The site is occasionally watched and has turned up scarce/rare species in the recent past, including Buff-breasted Sandpiper, White Stork and Ring-billed Gull. Proper pond management required in order to prevent silting up, whilst maintaining marginal cover.
CHARLTON'S POND	4623	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. The site is an important freshwater body within urban Billingham and has attracted rare/scarce species in the recent past, eg. Double-crested Cormorant (1st record for UK), Slavonian Grebe and Great Grey Shrike.
BILLINGHAM BECK	4523	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. Significant part now managed as a Country Park by Stockton-on-Tees B.C.
BILLINGHAM BECK	4423	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. Significant part now managed as an Ecology Park by Stockton-on-Tees B.C. Willow Tit regular at feeding station and probably breeds.
VIEWLEY HILL	4323	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. Nothing to add.
THORNEY CLOSE FARM	4223	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. Nothing to add.
WYNYARD	4123	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See comments for 4225.
THORPE THEWLES	4023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. Nothing to add.
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WHITTON BECK	3823	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. Nothing to add.
STILLINGTON	3623	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. Nothing to add.
OLD STILLINGTON	3622	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. Nothing to add.
CARLTON	3922	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. Nothing to add.
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HOWDEN HALL	4122	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. Nothing to add.
NORTH WEST JUNCTION	4222	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. Nothing to add.
NORTH WEST JUNCTION	4322	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. Nothing to add.
BILLINGHAM BECK	4422	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. See comments for 4423 and 4523.
BILLINGHAM BECK	4522	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. See comments for 4423. This square holds the main focus of the Billingham Beck Country Park. The willows and alders along the beck often attract wintering redpolls, which have included Mealy Redpoll within the last few years.
BILLINGHAM	4622	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. Nothing to add.

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BILLINGHAM	4722	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. Nothing to add.
RIVER TEES MUDFLATS – TEESMOUTH AND CLEVELAND COAST SPA	5222	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. Error – Little Tern does not breed in this 1 km square.
DORMANS POOL- TEESMOUTH AND CLEVELAND SPA	5122	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. For comments on Dormans Pool see 5123. This square includes the northern part of the former Hargreave's Quarry, a highly sensitive 'brownfield' site and important ornithological site in the Tees Estuary. The northern part of the quarry has now been tipped on and the area has been built up to a totally inappropriate level. It is bordered by ornithologically significant and nationally designated sites, including Dormans Pool SSSI to the north, RSPB Saltholme SSSI, the newly created Port Clarence Pools to the west, and remnant scrub, wetland and open grassland to the south and east. TBC has concerns over the further increased use of this site for the disposal of hazardous waste, bearing in mind that there are already three large working tips in the area already (Seaton Meadows and Cowpen Bewley Landfill being the other two). The RSPB's new flagship reserve at Saltholme lies less than a kilometre away to the north-west and is on target to attract 100,000 visitors per year, many coming from outside the Tees Valley area. Further toxic waste treatment is not commensurate with the development of the surrounding area as wildlife and ecological resource and will adversely affect visitors' perceptions of the Tees area. Further tipping will also destroy additional habitat. The site also only lies a short distance away from Middlesbrough's prestigious Middlehaven development. The site has attracted a wide range of breeding, wintering and migrant species, the latter including Red-footed Falcon, Nightjar, Lesser Grey Shrike, Golden Oriole and Penduline Tit, and has been a traditional winter roost site for Long-eared Owls.
SALTHOLME POOLS – TEESMOUTH AND CLEVELAND COAST SPA	5022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. This square contains the well known Saltholme Pools and Back Saltholme, which together form part of Saltholme Marsh, one of the best breeding, wintering and passage areas for waders. Key breeding species being targeted by RSPB are Redshank, Lapwing and Snipe. Corncrake sang from the meadow area in the summer of 2009 and may be encouraged to breed in the future through appropriate meadow management.
HAVERTON HOLE – TEESMOUTH AND CLEVELAND COAST SPA	4922	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. See comments under 4923. In addition, the Allotment Pool, part of RSPB Saltholme, lies in the north-western part of this square – an important area for wildfowl and some wading birds (such as Wood, Common and Green Sandpipers) and Little Grebe.
MIDDLESBROUGH	4822	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. Nothing to add.
BILLINGHAM	4722	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. Nothing to add.

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BILLINGHAM	4622	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. Nothing to add.
BILLINGHAM BECK	4521	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. The wetlands adjacent to the old A19, locally known as 'Norton Bottoms', have a rich combination of open water, reed bed, scrub and mature trees. The site has breeding Water Rail (a scarce breeding species in Cleveland) and in the recent past has held Bearded Tit and Bittern.
GILPIN BROWN	4421	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. Nothing to add.
GILPIN BROWN	4321	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. Nothing to add.
STOCKTON	4121	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. Nothing to add.
CARLTON	4021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. Nothing to add.
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REDMARSHALL	3821	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. Nothing to add.
REDMARSHALL	3820	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. Nothing to add.
REDMARSHALL	3920	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. Nothing to add.
COALGARTH FARM	4020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. Nothing to add.
STOCKTON	4120	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. Nothing to add.
PETERLEE	4220	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. This square is incorrectly named as 'Peterlee' in the District of Easington.
GILPIN BROWN	4320	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing to add.
GILPIN BROWN	4420	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. Nothing to add.
STOCKTON	4520	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. Nothing to add.
BILLINGHAM BECK	4620	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. The section of Billingham Beck in the north-eastern section of the square is an important wintering site for Green Sandpiper in Cleveland, probably one of only two such sites.
MIDDLESBROUGH	4720	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. The section of Billingham Beck in the north-eastern section of the square is an important wintering site for Green Sandpiper in Cleveland, probably one of only two such sites. The Beck holds locally important wintering populations of Teal, Mallard and Moorhen.
PORTRACK MARSH	4619	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. A well-watched site for which annual reports are produced by TBC member, Gary Sharples and these can be made available on request. The Marsh is a wetland of increasing importance around the Tees Estuary, having important breeding populations of the more common species associated with freshwater habitat. A main wintering site for Jack Snipe in Cleveland, with sometimes over 10 birds present, and a regular winter roost site for Long-eared Owl. Frequently attracts rare/scarce migrant birds, which in recent years have included Whooper Swan, Penduline Tit, Smew, Ring-billed Gull and Great White Egret. Requires ongoing wetland management to maintain its importance.
THORNABY	4718	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. This area has been counted as part of the Teesmouth Bird Club's two Cleveland Water Body Surveys (2006-07 and 2008-09) of non-WeBS sites. Details can be provided on request.
OLD RIVER TEES	4618	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. This area has been counted as part of the Teesmouth Bird Club's two Cleveland Water Body Surveys (2006-07 and 2008-09) of non-WeBS sites. Details can be provided on request.
THORNABY	4518	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. The River Tees upstream of the Barrage has been counted as part of the Teesmouth Bird Club's two Cleveland Water Body Surveys (2006-07 and 2008-09) of non-WeBS sites. Details can be provided on request. The River Tees at Stockton Riverside has an important wintering population of Mute Swans in Cleveland.
STOCKTON	4418	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The River Tees upstream of the Barrage has been counted as part of the Teesmouth Bird Club's two Cleveland Water Body Surveys (2006-07 and 2008-09) of non-WeBS sites. Details can be provided on request. The River Tees at Stockton Riverside has an important wintering population of Mute Swans in Cleveland.
STOCKTON	4318	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. This square contains the important green space of Ropner Park. Nothing to add to data.
PETERLEE	4218	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. This square is incorrectly named as 'Peterlee' in the District of Easington. It contains important green space within urban West Stockton
STOCKTON	4118	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. Nothing to add.
URLAY NOOK	4018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. Nothing to add.
ELTON MOOR FARM	3918	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. Nothing to add.
ELTON HOME PARK	3818	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. Nothing to add.
LONGNEWTON	3718	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. Nothing to add.
FOX HILL	3618	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. Nothing to add.
LONGNEWTON	3717	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. Nothing to add.
URLAY NOOK	3817	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. Nothing to add.
URLAY NOOK	3917	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. Nothing to add.
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URLAY NOOK	4017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to '<i>The Breeding Birds of Cleveland</i>' for breeding bird data or TBC's '<i>Cleveland Bird Reports</i>'. Nothing to add.
HARTBURN BECK	4117	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to '<i>The Breeding Birds of Cleveland</i>' for breeding bird data or TBC's '<i>Cleveland Bird Reports</i>'. Hartburn and Lustrum Becks were the subject of a two-year ornithological study by the Environment Agency as part of a Feasibility Study for a flood relief scheme for the Lustrum Beck corridor. Breeding species recorded included Great Spotted Woodpecker, Sparrowhawk and Tree Sparrow.
HARTBURN BECK	4217	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to '<i>The Breeding Birds of Cleveland</i>' for breeding bird data or TBC's '<i>Cleveland Bird Reports</i>'. See comments for 4117.
HARTBURN BECK	4317	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to '<i>The Breeding Birds of Cleveland</i>' for breeding bird data or TBC's '<i>Cleveland Bird Reports</i>'. See comments for 4117. This square contains Bowesfield Pond, a heavily fished/used water body on the edge of urban Stockton. Breeding species recorded during the EA study included Mute Swan, Moorhen and Coot. Wintering species included Goosander and Kingfisher. When in flood, the beck and adjacent wet pasture attracts a range of wildfowl and Pied Wagtail. Summer floods attract hordes of feeding <i>hirundines</i>.
STOCKTON	4417	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to '<i>The Breeding Birds of Cleveland</i>' for breeding bird data or TBC's '<i>Cleveland Bird Reports</i>'. The section of non-tidal River Tees upstream of the Barrage to the Stockton District boundary has been studied as part of the TBC's Cleveland Water Body Surveys of 2006-07 and 2008-09. Details can be provided on request.
THORNABY	4517	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to '<i>The Breeding Birds of Cleveland</i>' for breeding bird data or TBC's '<i>Cleveland Bird Reports</i>'. Nothing to add.
OLD RIVER TEES	4617	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to '<i>The Breeding Birds of Cleveland</i>' for breeding bird data or TBC's '<i>Cleveland Bird Reports</i>'. Old River Tees has been studied as part of the TBC's Cleveland Water Body Surveys of 2006-07 and 2008-09. Details can be provided on request.
BILLINGHAM	4616	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to '<i>The Breeding Birds of Cleveland</i>' for breeding bird data or TBC's '<i>Cleveland Bird Reports</i>'. This square is wrongly named: it is not Billingham but would be better named 'Stainsby Beck' or 'Thornaby'. No further data to add.
THORNABY	4516	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to '<i>The Breeding Birds of Cleveland</i>' for breeding bird data or TBC's '<i>Cleveland Bird Reports</i>'. Nothing to add.
BOWESFIELD MARSH	4416	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to '<i>The Breeding Birds of Cleveland</i>' for breeding bird data or TBC's '<i>Cleveland Bird Reports</i>'. Bowesfield Marsh was studied as part of the TBC's Cleveland Water Body Survey of 2006-07 and details can be provided on request. It proved to be the most important non-WeBS wetland in Cleveland, based on the sheer numbers and variety of birds. It is a rapidly improving reserve and assuming greater importance as regular watching produces more data. It occasionally has several thousand wintering Golden Plover, a

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		<p>sizeable flock of wintering Ruff and good numbers of wildfowl, particularly Teal and Shoveler. Waders are regular, including Black-tailed Godwit, Green, Common and Wood Sandpipers, Redshank and Lapwing. Wintering and passage Jack Snipe are regular. The surrounding scrub attracts autumn passage and wintering <i>passerines</i>, including Siskin, Lesser Redpoll and Reed Bunting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The site holds breeding Pochard and Little Ringed Plover. • The Marsh has attracted scarce/rare birds in recent years, including Great Grey Shrike, Corncrake, American Golden Plover and, in November 2009, Cleveland's second Cetti's Warbler. • This site is so important that it needs full protection by designation as a SSSI and the associated management through a documented, long-term Management Plan.
YARM	4316	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No reference to '<i>The Breeding Birds of Cleveland</i>' for breeding bird data or TBC's '<i>Cleveland Bird Reports</i>'. • This square is improperly named and would be better termed 'Preston Farm'. • No further data to add.
EAGLESCLIFFE	4216	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No reference to '<i>The Breeding Birds of Cleveland</i>' for breeding bird data or TBC's '<i>Cleveland Bird Reports</i>'. • No further data to add.
COWLEY MOOR	4116	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No reference to '<i>The Breeding Birds of Cleveland</i>' for breeding bird data or TBC's '<i>Cleveland Bird Reports</i>'. • No further data to add.
URLAY NOOK	4016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No reference to '<i>The Breeding Birds of Cleveland</i>' for breeding bird data or TBC's '<i>Cleveland Bird Reports</i>'. • This square is inappropriately named and would be better termed 'Coatham Stob'. • No further data to add, other than Nightjar is a key species here. • The site has great potential as the woodlands develop.
URLAY NOOK	3916	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No reference to '<i>The Breeding Birds of Cleveland</i>' for breeding bird data or TBC's '<i>Cleveland Bird Reports</i>'. • Moor Plantation is a good area of mixed woodland, with Oak, and in 2009 held singing Wood Warbler at a time when breeding might be suspected. This species is all but extinct in Cleveland as a breeding bird, so sites such as this are of major importance, particularly where they contain stands of Oak.
URLAY NOOK	3816	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No reference to '<i>The Breeding Birds of Cleveland</i>' for breeding bird data or TBC's '<i>Cleveland Bird Reports</i>'. • No further data to add.
LONGNEWTON	3716	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No reference to '<i>The Breeding Birds of Cleveland</i>' for breeding bird data or TBC's '<i>Cleveland Bird Reports</i>'. • No further data to add.
LONGNEWTON RESERVOIR	3616	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No reference to '<i>The Breeding Birds of Cleveland</i>' for breeding bird data or TBC's '<i>Cleveland Bird Reports</i>'. • Over recent years, the reservoir has become a major winter gull roost, producing record numbers of Lesser Black-backed Gulls in particular. Other scarce gulls have been recorded in the roost, including Iceland, Glaucous, Yellow-legged and Caspian (the site being the main source of records for the latter species). • The reservoir is often notable for wintering Goosander and other wildfowl.

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HARDSTONES FARM	3615	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. No further data to add.
LONGNEWTON	3715	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. No further data to add.
URLAY NOOK	3815	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. No further data to add.
URLAY NOOK	3915	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. This is an area of developing woodland, which will provide good habitat in the future.
URLAY NOOK	4015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. No further data to add.
EAGLESCLIFFE	4115	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. Breeding Oystercatcher, Little Ringed Plover, Little Grebe. Wintering Tufted Duck.
EAGLESCLIFFE	4215	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. The River Tees upstream of the Barrage has been counted as part of the Teesmouth Bird Club's two Cleveland Water Body Surveys (2006-07 and 2008-09) of non-WeBS sites. Details can be provided on request.
YARM	4315	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. This square would be better termed 'Preston Park'. The River Tees upstream of the Barrage has been counted as part of the Teesmouth Bird Club's two Cleveland Water Body Surveys (2006-07 and 2008-09) of non-WeBS sites. Details can be provided on request.
BASSLETON WOOD	4415	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. The River Tees upstream of the Barrage has been counted as part of the Teesmouth Bird Club's two Cleveland Water Body Surveys (2006-07 and 2008-09) of non-WeBS sites. Details can be provided on request. The name of the square is spelt incorrectly on the database.
THORNABY PLANTATION	4515	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. No further data to add.
STAINSBY WOOD	4615	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. No further data to add.
TEESSIDE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE	4614	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. No further data to add.

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THORNABY PLANTATION	4514	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. No further data to add.
INGLEBY BARWICK	4414	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. A roost site of Long-eared Owls was found in the winter of 2009 in mature hedgerow bordering Ingleby Barwick – a previously unknown site.
YARM	4314	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. This site name would be better named 'Ingleby Barwick'. See comments under 4414.
EGGLESCLIFFE	4214	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. The River Tees upstream of the Barrage has been counted as part of the Teesmouth Bird Club's two Cleveland Water Body Surveys (2006-07 and 2008-09) of non-WeBS sites. Details can be provided on request.
EGGLESCLIFFE	4114	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. No further data to add.
URLAY NOOK	4014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. The works at Urlay Nook have a private Nature Reserve area, which is known to have a range of breeding and wintering owls, including Long-eared and Barn.
URLAY NOOK	3914	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. See comments for 4014.
CALL HILL	3814	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. Common Buzzard has been reported from the Burn Wood area during spring and summer (possibly breeding?).
WHITE HOUSE FARM	3813	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. No further data to add.
URLAY NOOK	3913	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. No further data to add.
URLAY NOOK	4013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. No further data to add.
EGGLESCLIFFE	4113	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. The River Tees upstream of the Barrage has been counted as part of the Teesmouth Bird Club's two Cleveland Water Body Surveys (2006-07 and 2008-09) of non-WeBS sites. Details can be provided on request.

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EGGLESCLIFFE	4213	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. The River Tees upstream of the Barrage has been counted as part of the Teesmouth Bird Club's two Cleveland Water Body Surveys (2006-07 and 2008-09) of non-WeBS sites. Details can be provided on request.
YARM	4313	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. The River Tees upstream of the Barrage has been counted as part of the Teesmouth Bird Club's two Cleveland Water Body Surveys (2006-07 and 2008-09) of non-WeBS sites. Details can be provided on request. The River Tees at Yarm was the 10th most important water body in the 2008-09 Cleveland Water Body Survey.
INGLEBY BARWICK	4413	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. No further data to add.
THORNABY PLANTATION	4513	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. No further data to add.
MALTBY	4613	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. No further data to add.
MALTBY BECK	4713	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. The fields around Thornton have breeding and wintering Red-legged Partridge.
MALTBY BEC K	4813	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. No further data to add – very little of this square is in Stockton District.
MALTBY BECK	4812	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. No further data to add.
MALTBY	4712	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. No further data to add.
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HIGH LEVEN	4512	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. No further data to add.
LEVEN BRIDGE	4412	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. The Leven Valley regularly supports 3-4 Common Buzzards and they probably breed in this area.
YARM	4312	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. The Leven Valley regularly supports 3-4 Common Buzzards and they probably breed in this area. The Leven,

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		<p>from Weary Bank downstream, supports breeding Marsh Tit, Willow Tit, Grey Wagtail, Green Woodpecker (scarce breeding species in Cleveland) and Great Spotted Woodpecker.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The River Leven supports the only known breeding Goosanders in Cleveland and is also the last remaining site for Lesser Spotted Woodpecker (in the vicinity of Weary Bank bridge); it is, therefore, of major regional significance. This is a regular site for Otter in the Cleveland sub-region.
YARM	4212	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. The River Tees upstream of the Barrage has been counted as part of the Teesmouth Bird Club's two Cleveland Water Body Surveys (2006-07 and 2008-09) of non-WeBS sites. Details can be provided on request. The River Tees at Yarm was the 10th most important water body in the 2008-09 Cleveland Water Body Survey. There is has been a wintering herd of Mute Swans at Yarm Quayside in recent years.
AISLABY	4112	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. The River Tees upstream of the Barrage has been counted as part of the Teesmouth Bird Club's two Cleveland Water Body Surveys (2006-07 and 2008-09) of non-WeBS sites. Details can be provided on request. The River Tees at Yarm was the 10th most important water body in the 2008-09 Cleveland Water Body Survey.
AISLABY	4012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. No further data to add.
AISLABY	3912	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. No further data to add.
FEATHERSTONE HOUSE	3812	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. No further data to add.
NEWSHAM GRANGE	3711	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. No further data to add.
ROSE COTE FARM	3811	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. No further data to add.
AISLABY WOOD	4011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. No further data to add.
YARM	4111	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. No further data to add.
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WEARY BANK	4411	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. The Leven Valley regularly supports 3-4 Common Buzzards and they probably breed in this area. The Leven, from Weary Bank downstream, supports breeding Marsh Tit, Willow Tit, Grey Wagtail, Green Woodpecker (scarce breeding species in Cleveland) and Great Spotted Woodpecker. The River Leven supports the only known breeding Goosanders in Cleveland and is also the last remaining site for Lesser Spotted Woodpecker (in the vicinity of Weary Bank bridge); it is, therefore, of regional significance. This is a regular site for Otter in the Cleveland sub-region.
STOCKDALE WOOD	4511	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. This square has wintering Snipe and Teal and breeding Grasshopper Warbler.
HILTON	4611	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. No further data to add.
GREENFIELD	4711	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. No further data to add.
LOW FIELDS	4811	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. No further data to add.
HIGH WORSALL	3810	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. No further data to add.
SALTERGILL PLANTATION	4110	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. One of only 2 regular sites for Lesser Spotted Woodpecker in Cleveland sub region, where it possibly breeds. The site has breeding Goshawk. Other species include the locally scarce Nuthatch, which breeds in the plantation.
PIT WOOD	4210	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. The site has breeding Goshawk.
KIRKLEVINGTON	4310	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. No further data to add.
WEARY BANK	4410	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. The Leven Valley regularly supports 3-4 Common Buzzards and they probably breed in this area. The Leven, from Weary Bank up- and downstream, supports breeding Marsh Tit, Willow Tit, Grey Wagtail, Green Woodpecker (scarce breeding species in Cleveland) and Great Spotted Woodpecker. The River Leven supports the only known breeding Goosanders in Cleveland and is also the last remaining site for Lesser Spotted Woodpecker (in the vicinity of Weary Bank bridge); it is, therefore, of regional

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WEARY BANK	4409	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. The Leven Valley regularly supports 3-4 Common Buzzards and they probably breed in this area. The Leven, from Weary Bank downstream, supports breeding Marsh Tit, Willow Tit, Grey Wagtail, Green Woodpecker (scarce breeding species in Cleveland) and Great Spotted Woodpecker. The River Leven supports the only known breeding Goosanders in Cleveland and is also the last remaining site for Lesser Spotted Woodpecker (in the vicinity of Weary Bank bridge); it is, therefore, of regional significance. This is a regular site for Otter in the Cleveland sub-region.
KIRKLEVINGTON	4309	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. No further data to add.
KIRKLEVINGTON	4209	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. No further data to add.
GROVE PLANTATION	4109	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reference to <i>'The Breeding Birds of Cleveland'</i> for breeding bird data or TBC's <i>'Cleveland Bird Reports'</i>. No further data to add.

Should the Data be Released to the Community?

- 3.9 This depends upon what Durham County Council considers to be the end use of the database. If it is intended as a tool to assist Planners and other professionals to make comprehensive assessments of sites that are subject to potential development, then we consider that there would be no need for the public to have access to it. In addition, some of the data is highly sensitive, such as the locations of rare breeding species, details of which should not be in the public domain. TBC suggests that the database be retained and used by the Council 'in-house' but with access permitted to selected external bodies, such as Durham and Teesmouth Bird Clubs, which can help to update it periodically.

Should an Executive Summary be Released to the Community?

- 3.10 This is such an excellent system that the public should be at least made aware of its existence, not just to bring kudos to the Council but also to encourage potential developers to request information from the database via officers before making an Application for a site. Similarly, individuals or organisations undertaking ecologically-based surveys may also request information from the database, which they otherwise could not do if they were unaware of its existence.

Whether TBC would like a Facility on the GIS in order to send the Council Information for Updating the Database

- 3.11 In view of TBC's recent survey work embracing the Borough of Stockton, it would be beneficial for such a facility to be included. TBC may request payment for the provision of data, as this is both time-consuming and unavailable from any other source. The Cleveland Breeding Birds and Water Body Surveys are obvious sources of additional data.

Comments on the Consultant's Report

- 3.12 The report is generally clear, well laid out and comprehensive and gives a good background to the development, content and use of the database. The consultants are to be commended for a thorough piece of work.
- 3.13 One general issue is that we were not consulted prior to or during the preparation of the database. As the report states:

"However, it should be noted that it was difficult or impracticable for organisations such as the Wildlife Trust or Bird Clubs undertake the level of data search required for a study of this scale. Their views on the final data base will therefore be an important element in the auditing of this project. During reconsultation a finalised list of sites with associated values will be reviewed by local organisations to confirm the validity of site assessments."

We consider that this was a lost opportunity at an early stage and we could have provided additional, relevant ornithological information, as well as making suggestions on the nature and end use of the system, and this would have made the 'first draft' of the database considerably more comprehensive.

Future Consultation

- 3.14 We would greatly appreciate being consulted further on this very interesting project, particularly regarding ways in which we can help to update the system.