



## BIRD SURVEY AND ASSESSMENT

Bird survey and assessment forms a key element of many development proposals, from small scale housing developments to large scale developments requiring full environmental impact assessment.

E3 has a team of in-house ornithologists, including regional experts in the field, who have extensive experience of site survey and assessment. This includes working on projects where development may impact on the bird interest of Special Protection Areas, areas protected under European law for the bird populations they support.

A wide range of surveys can be undertaken with the appropriateness of each for a given site dependent on the habitats and species present, along with the nature of the development.

Survey and assessment is tailored to the site in question and, whilst assessing all bird use, also focuses

on key birds of legislative and conservation concern. For large scale developments, assessment typically includes year-round survey with both breeding and wintering bird surveys to assess use of the site.

The team at E3 has strong links with the renewables industry, working on large scale projects including both overhead lines and wind farms. This work requires vantage point survey to identify any key species and flightlines present within the site. E3 also has the in-house expertise to undertake the collision modelling process to determine predicted collision mortality for key target species.

Following completion of site assessment, design of appropriate mitigation and enhancement can often form a key part of development proposals. E3 has a track record in producing site specific, novel mitigation to ensure the maintenance of local bird populations.

