Appendix 11.19 Definition of Terms, Sensitivity, Magnitude and Significance

Definition of terms relating to the sensitivity of the bird components of the site.

Sensitivity	Definition
Very high	Cited interest of SPAs, SACs and SSSIs. Cited means mentioned in the citation text for the site as a species for which the site is designated (SPAs/SACs) or notified (SSSIs).
High	Other species that contribute to the integrity of an SPA or SSSI. A local population of more than 1% of the national population of a species. Ecologically sensitive species, e.g. large birds of prey or rare birds (<300 breeding pairs in the UK). EU Birds Directive Annex 1, EU Habitats Directive priority habitat/species and/or WCA Schedule 1 species (if not covered above).
Medium	Regionally important population of a species, either because of population size or distributional context. UK BAP priority species (if not covered above).
Low	Any other species of conservation interest, e.g. species listed Red or Amber on the Birds of Conservation Concern No.4 (2015) not covered above, LBAP species.

Definition of magnitude.

Level of Magnitude	Definition of Magnitude
High	Total loss or major alteration to key elements/features/characteristics of the baseline (pre-development) conditions such that post development character/composition/attributes of baseline would be fundamentally changed.
Medium	Partial loss or alteration to one or more key elements/features/characteristics of the baseline (pre-development) conditions such that post development character/ composition/ attributes of baseline would be partially changed.
Low	Minor loss of or alteration (as above). Change arising from the loss/alteration would be discernible but underlying character/ composition/attributes of the baseline condition would be similar to pre development circumstances/patterns.
Negligible	Very minor loss or alteration to one or more key elements/features/characteristics of the baseline (pre-development) conditions. Change barely distinguishable, approximating to the "no change" situation.

Significance matrix.

		SENSITIVITY			
		Low	Medium	High	Very High
MAGNITUDE	High	Minor	Moderate	Major	Extreme
	Medium	Minor	Moderate	Moderate	Major
	Low	Negligible	Minor	Minor	Moderate
	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible