

Review and analysis of changes in waterbird use of the Mersey Estuary SPA, Mersey Narrows & North Wirral Foreshore pSPA and Ribble & Alt Estuaries SPA

Annex 1b - Example of the questionnaire sent to WeBS counters

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Section Name and Code: Southport Beach (46402)

On the map provided, please **outline and number** the MAIN roost(s) for each species in your count sector. If a roost site is used by several species, please give each species its own roost number (see example).

For **each numbered roost**, in the table below please indicate the species and count:

Roost number	Species	Average monthly count	Extra comments
1	Oystercatcher	750	Double that number on v.high tide
2	Bar-tailed Godwit	25	
3	Bar-tailed Godwit	400	Roost site not used in northerly winds
4	Wigeon	100	
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Habitat

For **each numbered roost**, please complete the questions in the tables below regarding the habitat type of each roost by placing a tick in the appropriate space.

Roost No.	Saltmarsh	Shingle Bank	Rock Promontory	Seawall – unfenced	Fenced-off seawall	Sheep Grazed	Cattle Grazed	Ungrazed
1	✓							
2	✓							
3	✓							
4				✓				
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On the map, and if applicable, please annotate **places that allow the public to access the roost area** e.g. car park, footbridge over railway line, footpath, boat slipway etc

If you have **any other information/observations** about the roost please write it on the back of this sheet (or add notes to the map if that is more applicable) e.g. any planned developments.

Disturbance

On your count section, please **Tick the relevant column if it occurs all year, otherwise put A (for autumn Jul -Sep), W (for winter Oct - Feb), and/or S (for spring Mar- Jun) to indicate the season(s) to which it applies:**

Type of disturbance	Every Count	More than half of counts	About half of counts	Less than half of counts	Never
Dogs off lead on intertidal		✓			
Dog walking along shore		✓			
Walking along shore	✓				
Motor vehicles on intertidal					
Bait digging					✓
Cockling					✓
Angling					✓
Kitesurfing					✓
Windsurfing					✓
Canoeing/kayaking					✓
Small powerboats /jet skis				S/A	
Rowing boats					✓
Other boats (sail boats, ferries etc)					✓
Birdwatchers				✓	
Planes/helicopters/microlites etc				✓	
Others (please describe):					