

AG7.i – Correspondence from RSPB Conversation Officer

Dear Duncan,

Apologies I thought there was more time to respond.

The proposal is of concern because it potentially overlaps with the breeding areas of two species of conservation concern , chough and corn bunting. It should be noted that both species have finished breeding however as both are a resident species it is important that both feeding and roosting areas are left undisturbed.

We would recommend that the following conditions are applied :

- A survey is carried out prior, during and after the event to help inform any measures being used and whether they were successful
- Measures to prevent access to fields with existing corn bunting measures are in place.
- Noise is kept to a minimum a hour before dusk and an hour after dawn to prevent disturbance to roosting chough
- Assessment of potential noise impacts on existing corn bunting fields and installing measures to reduce the impact.

Spalding Associates have been dealing with this festival site ecology previously and are aware of the corn bunting measures in place so would be well placed to carry out any works and identify suitable mitigation measures.

Best wishes

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