

Capability Statement

Ecological & Ornithological Consultants

Helping to deliver sustainable development through pragmatic ecological solutions



Technical Excellence

Robust and defensible assessments



Commercial Awareness

Pragmatic advice that manages risk



Collaborative Approach

Working as part of your project team

ABOUT AVIAN ECOLOGY



Avian Ecology is one of the UK's leading specialist ecological consultancies.

Our team combines nationally recognised technical expertise with a practical understanding of the planning and development process. Widely recognised for our ornithological expertise, we also provide comprehensive ecological services across all disciplines, delivering integrated solutions for projects of every scale.

Whilst we work across a wide range of sectors, we have particular expertise in renewable energy and nationally significant infrastructure projects (NSIPs), supporting some of the UK's largest wind, solar and grid infrastructure projects.

With offices in England and Scotland, and projects delivered throughout the UK, we provide responsive, technically robust advice wherever our clients need us.



AT A GLANCE



40

Ecologists and
Technical
Specialists



20

Years Experience



UK-wide

Project Delivery



750+ MW

Consented over the
last 12 month



120+

Wind Farm Projects



250+

Solar Projects



15+

NSIPs supported



National

Appeal & Public
Enquiry Experience

OUR SERVICES



Planning & Consenting

Strategic ecological advice throughout the planning process.

- Ecological Impact Assessment
- Habitat Regulations Assessment
- Biodiversity Net Gain
- Ecological Planning Support
- Expert Witness & Inquiry Support



Construction & Compliance

End-to-end project support at all stages of development .

- Ecological Clerk of Works (ECoW)
- Protected Species Licensing
- Mitigation
- Post-construction Monitoring



Ecological Surveys

Comprehensive field surveys undertaken by experienced ecologists.

- Preliminary Ecological Appraisal
- Habitats & NVC
- Protected Species Surveys
- River Condition Assessment



Ornithological Surveys

Ornithological assessments undertaken by specialist surveyors.

- Breeding Bird Surveys
- Non-Breeding Bird Surveys
- Vantage Point Surveys
- Raptor Surveys

OUR SECTORS



RENEWABLE ENERGY

Specialists in onshore wind, solar, battery storage and associated infrastructure



UTILITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE

Working with electricity, water and other utility providers on strategic infrastructure projects



COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL

Supporting commercial and industrial developments from planning through to delivery



MINERALS & WASTE

Delivering ecological solutions for quarrying, mineral extraction, landfill and waste infrastructure



RESIDENTIAL

Providing proportionate ecological advice for residential and mixed-use developments of all scales



OUR PEOPLE

Our strength lies in our people. Bringing together nationally recognised specialists and experienced consultants, our team combines technical excellence with a collaborative, pragmatic approach to delivering high-quality ecological advice across the UK.

Our senior team is supported by a highly experienced and diverse technical team, bringing together specialist expertise across ecology, ornithology, GIS, data management and analysis.



Joe Whittick

Managing Director

Over 20 years' experience across consultancy, utilities and local government, with particular expertise in ecological planning, impact assessment and BNG



Howard Fearn

Technical Director

Founder of Avian Ecology and a highly experienced ecologist and ornithologist, Howard brings extensive expertise in EIA, HRA and the planning process



Thomas Goater

Technical Director

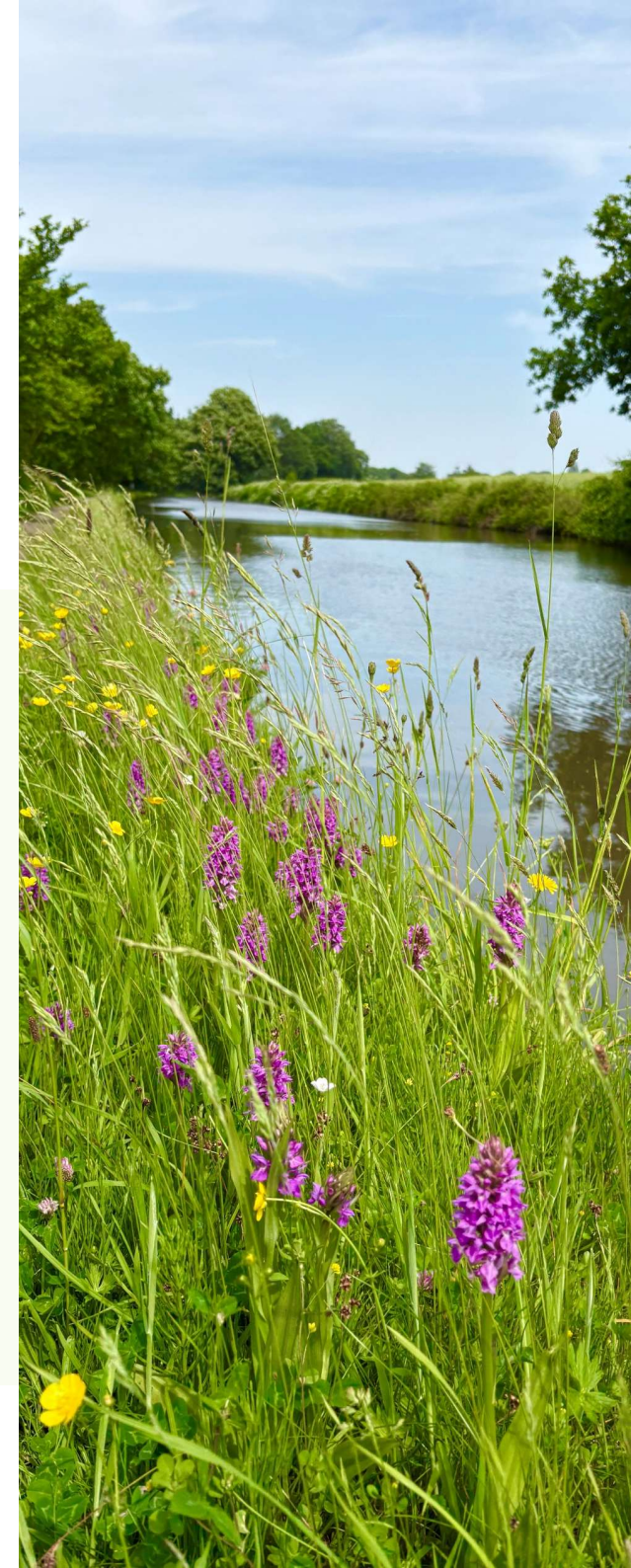
Over 17 years' consultancy experience, specialising in ecology and ornithology for complex onshore wind and infrastructure projects across the UK



Nicole Robinson

Technical Director

Over 15 years' consultancy experience, specialising in ornithological EIA and HRA for complex renewables and infrastructure projects



WHY OUR CLIENTS CHOOSE AVIAN

- **Technical Excellence** - Our specialists are recognised across the industry for their expertise in ornithology, ecology and Environmental Impact Assessment. We regularly advise on technically challenging developments requiring innovative ecological solutions.
- **Commercial Understanding** - We understand that ecology is one of many considerations influencing project delivery. Our advice is designed to manage planning risk while supporting programme, budget and commercial objectives.
- **Collaborative Working** - We integrate seamlessly within multidisciplinary project teams, working alongside planners, engineers, landscape architects, hydrologists and environmental specialists to develop practical, deliverable solutions.
- **Whole Project Lifecycle Support** - We support projects from initial site selection through planning, appeal/public enquiry, licensing, construction, habitat creation and operational monitoring.

EXPERTISE. QUALITY. TRUST

- Clients rely on us because we combine technical excellence with robust quality assurance.
- Our business operates accredited management systems and rigorous internal technical review procedures, ensuring consistent, high-quality outputs across every commission.
- We continually invest in staff development, digital technology and quality management to deliver reliable advice that clients can trust.

OUR COMMITMENT

Our role is to understand ecological constraints, provide clear and proportionate advice, and work collaboratively with project teams to achieve successful outcomes for both our clients and the natural environment.



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