Finance and Corporate Services
Information Management

17 October 2012
FOIA reference: F0001408

Dear XXXX

I am writing in respect of your recent application of 26 September 2012, for the release of information held by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA).

Your request:

> *"Could you please provide me with the number of birdstrikes reported for Exeter Airport in each of the last 10 years? and if known, the species type".*

Our response:

In assessing your request in line with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), we are pleased to be able to provide the information below.

The CAA runs and administers an on-line birdstrike reporting scheme which is intended to record birdstrikes in UK airspace, regardless of whether damage was caused to the aircraft. A birdstrike means any incident in flight in which there was reason to believe that the aircraft has been in collision with one or more birds.

We have searched the on-line birdstrike database for all bird strikes from 01 January 2002 to date and have included a spreadsheet with data broken down by year, including the bird species type where known. This data includes all reports from all sources. It should be noted that the recording systems have changed over the years, hence a slightly different format for some tabs on the spreadsheet.

The CAA's view is that the volume of bird strikes reported at a particular airport does not necessarily imply greater hazard. Due to the limitations of raw data, users should exercise extreme caution in forming any conclusion or opinion based on quantitative data alone.

Further information on bird strikes occurring within the UK can be found on the CAA's Birdstrike web page.

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Aviation House GW Gatwick Airport South Crawley West Sussex England RH6 0YR www.caa.co.uk
Telephone 01293 768512 rick.chatfield@caa.co.uk

If you are not satisfied with how we have dealt with your request in the first instance you should approach the CAA in writing at:-

Mark Stevens
External Response Manager
Civil Aviation Authority
Aviation House
Gatwick Airport South
West Sussex
RH6 0YR

mark.stevens@caa.co.uk

The CAA has a formal internal review process for dealing with appeals or complaints in connection with Freedom of Information requests. The key steps in this process are set in the attachment.

Should you remain dissatisfied with the outcome you have a right under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act to appeal against the decision by contacting the Information Commissioner at:-

Information Commissioner's Office
FOI/EIR Complaints Resolution
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
www.ico.gov.uk/complaints.aspx

Should you wish to make further Freedom of Information requests, please use the e-form at http://www.caa.co.uk/foi.

Yours sincerely

Rick Chatfield
Information Rights and Enquiries Officer

CAA INTERNAL REVIEW & COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

- The original case to which the appeal or complaint relates is identified and the case file is made available;
- The appeal or complaint is allocated to an Appeal Manager, the appeal is acknowledged and the details of the Appeal Manager are provided to the applicant;
- The Appeal Manager reviews the case to understand the nature of the appeal or complaint, reviews the actions and decisions taken in connection with the original case and takes account of any new information that may have been received. This will typically require contact with those persons involved in the original case and consultation with the CAA Legal Department;
- The Appeal Manager concludes the review and, after consultation with those involved with the case, and with the CAA Legal Department, agrees on the course of action to be taken;
- The Appeal Manager prepares the necessary response and collates any information to be provided to the applicant;
- The response and any necessary information is sent to the applicant, together with information about further rights of appeal to the Information Commissioners Office, including full contact details.

Date	Aerodrome	Bird Species	Remarks
2002	EXETER	Buteo buteo	BUZZARD.
2002	EXETER	Not known	
2002	EXETER	Alauda arvensis	SKYLARK.
2002	EXETER	Corvus frugilegus	ROOK.
2002	EXETER	Hirundo rustica	SWALLOWS.

Date	Aerodrome	Bird Species	Remarks
2003	EXETER	Alauda arvensis	SKYLARK.
2003	EXETER	Alauda arvensis	SKYLARK. .
2003	EXETER	Delichon urbica	HOUSE MARTIN?
2003	EXETER	Hirundo rustica	SWALLOW.
2003	EXETER	Buteo buteo	BUZZARD.

Date	Aerodrome	Bird Species	Remarks
2004	EXETER	Larus argentatus	HERRING GULL.
2004	EXETER	Apus apus	SWIFT.
2004	EXETER	Corvus sp.	ROOK OR CROW (JUVENILE).
2004	EXETER	Hirundo rustica	SWALLOW.
2004	EXETER	Not known	
2004	EXETER	Not Known - small	

Date	Aerodrome	Bird Species
2005	EXETER	Gull sp.
2005	EXETER	Not known
2005	EXETER	Not known
2005	EXETER	Not known
2005	EXETER	Not known
2005	EXETER	Not known
2005	EXETER	Not known

Date	Aerodrome	Bird Species
2006	EXETER	Not known
2006	EXETER	Kestrel
2006	EXETER	Kestrel
2006	EXETER	House Martin
2006	EXETER	Not Known
2006	EXETER	Not Known

Date	Aerodrome	Bird Species
2007	EXETER	Not Known
2007	EXETER	Pigeon sp.
2007	EXETER	Crow
2007	EXETER	Not Known
2007	EXETER	Pigeon sp.
2007	EXETER	Gull sp.
2007	EXETER	Not Known
2007	EXETER	Herring Gull
2007	EXETER	Rook
2007	EXETER	Swift
2007	EXETER	Common gull

BsDate	AerodromeDets	BirdSpecies
2008	EXETER	Sparrow
2008	EXETER	Unknown
2008	EXETER	Gull sp. (Larus sp.)
2008	EXETER	Common gull (Larus canus)
2008	EXETER	Common gull (Larus canus)
2008	EXETER	Kestrel (Falco tinnunculus)
2008	EXETER	Kestrel (Falco tinnunculus)
2008	EXETER	Herring Gull (Larus argentatus)
2008	EXETER	Not Known - small (Not Known - small)
2008	EXETER	Swallow (Hirundo rustica)
2008	EXETER	Swallow (Hirundo rustica)
2008	EXETER	Unknown Bird
2008	EXETER	Swallow (Hirundo rustica)
2008	EXETER	Swallow (Hirundo rustica)
2008	EXETER	Wheatear (Oenanthe oenanthe)
2008	EXETER	Starling (Sturnus vulgaris)
2008	EXETER	Unknown
2008	EXETER	Skylark (Alauda arvensis)
2008	EXETER	Wheatear (Oenanthe oenanthe)
2008	EXETER	Not Known - small (Not Known - small)
2008	EXETER	Unknown Bird

BsDate	AerodromeDets	BirdSpecies
2009	EXETER	Starling (Sturnus vulgaris)
2009	EXETER	Swift (Apus apus)
2009	EXETER	Unknown Bird
2009	EXETER	Swift (Apus apus)
2009	EXETER	Swift (Apus apus)
2009	EXETER	Gull sp. (Larus sp.)
2009	EXETER	House martin (Delichon urbica)
2009	EXETER	Unknown Bird
2009	EXETER	Common gull (Larus canus)
2009	EXETER	Buzzard (Buteo buteo)

BsDate	AerodromeDets	BirdSpecies
2010	EXETER	Unknown Bird
2010	EXETER	Unknown Bird
2010	EXETER	Unknown Bird
2010	EXETER	Unknown Bird
2010	EXETER	Rook (Corvus frugilegus)
2010	EXETER	Pied/white wagtail (Motacilla alba)
2010	EXETER	Pigeon sp. (Columba sp.)
2010	EXETER	No Remains Found
2010	EXETER	Swallow (Hirundo rustica)
2010	EXETER	Corvid (Corvus sp.)
2010	EXETER	No Remains Found
2010	EXETER	Unknown Bird
2010	EXETER	Herring Gull (Larus argentatus)
2010	EXETER	No Remains Found
2010	EXETER	Herring Gull (Larus argentatus)
2010	EXETER	No Remains Found
2010	EXETER	No Remains Found
2010	EXETER	Skylark (Alauda arvensis)
2010	EXETER	Meadow pipit (Anthus pratensis)
2010	EXETER	Woodpigeon (Columba palumbus)
2010	EXETER	Buzzard (Buteo buteo)

BsDate	AerodromeDets	BirdSpecies
2011	EXETER	Swallow (Hirundo rustica)
2011	EXETER	Swift (Apus apus)
2011	EXETER	No Remains Found
2011	EXETER	Herring Gull (Larus argentatus)
2011	EXETER	Swallow (Hirundo rustica)
2011	EXETER	Woodpigeon (Columba palumbus)
2011	EXETER	House sparrow (Passer domesticus)
2011	EXETER	Unknown Bird
2011	EXETER	Wheatear (Oenanthe oenanthe)
2011	EXETER	Skylark (Alauda arvensis)
2011	EXETER	Unknown Bird
2011	EXETER	Unknown Bird

BsDate	AerodromeDets	BirdSpecies
2012	EXETER	Unknown Bird
2012	EXETER	Yellow wagtail (Motacilla flava)
2012	EXETER	Unknown Bird
2012	EXETER	Unknown Bird
2012	EXETER	Swallow (Hirundo rustica)
2012	EXETER	Herring Gull (Larus argentatus)
2012	EXETER	Skylark (Alauda arvensis)
2012	EXETER	Swallow (Hirundo rustica)
2012	EXETER	Gull sp. (Larus sp.)
2012	EXETER	Swallow (Hirundo rustica)
2012	EXETER	Gull sp. (Larus sp.)
2012	EXETER	Unknown Bird
2012	EXETER	Skylark (Alauda arvensis)
2012	EXETER	Swallow (Hirundo rustica)
2012	EXETER	Swallow (Hirundo rustica)
2012	EXETER	Swallow (Hirundo rustica)
2012	EXETER	Herring Gull (Larus argentatus)
2012	EXETER	Wheatear (Oenanthe oenanthe)
2012	EXETER	Herring Gull (Larus argentatus)
2012	EXETER	Swallow (Hirundo rustica)
2012	EXETER	Unknown Bird
2012	EXETER	Lapwing (Vanellus vanellus)