

DNS Comments

Please note we are a small charity run by volunteers and have limited capacity and resources to respond in detail.

Q9.1

We understand that Uniper intends to undertake replacement of the two sluices that regulate water flow in and out of the saltmarsh pools in Compartment 2. We understand that budget is being made available to carry out this work in 2026 subject to relevant permissions being in place. This will be carried out under the management plan for this area which is required as part of the planning permission for the existing power station at Connah's Quay.

Q9.4

There is a huge amount of evidence to illustrate the extent of use of the functionally linked land adjacent to the power station by Curlews. Some of this was presented by Uniper in the submission documents.

DNS can supply more if needed, but we understood that this principle has been accepted by all parties.

We stated in the Statutory Consultation that 'These fields are an important wintering area for up to 100 Curlews *Numenius arquata* from September to March. The Curlews feed on the pastures for much of the day; also using the adjoining estuary mudflats and saltmarsh. Other birds using these fields include flocks of Whimbrel *Numenius phaeopus* (during spring migration) and locally important numbers of Stock Doves *Columba oenas*. Most, if not all, of this habitat will be lost, so these birds will lose a particularly important feeding area.'

DNS evidence includes a report on the use of this land by Curlews, published in our annual report:

<https://www.deenats.org.uk/pubs/report2013.pdf> pp30-32.

Survey of the Use of Grazing Fields by Curlew and Lapwing during winter 2012-2013.

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