



# Isles of Scilly Wildlife Trust

## Higher Moors accessible hide replacement Habitat Regulations Assessment - Screening

The Isles of Scilly Special Protection Area (SPA) was designated in 2001 to “protect key breeding sites for seabirds across the islands”<sup>1</sup>, due to the Islands’ internationally important seabird assemblage. In the 2023 full SPA seabird survey conducted by the Isles of Scilly Wildlife Trust, ten pairs of breeding Manx shearwater were recorded on Porth Hellick Down, over 400m from the hide location. This project will not impact either their habitat or the birds themselves in any way. Regardless, the construction is planned for the winter months, before the Manx shearwater return for the season.

Due to the inland nature of the hide location, there are no other potential impacts on the SPA of this project identified. For this reason, a full Habitat Regulations Assessment is not included.

### References

1. Natural England (2019) *Natural England Consultation Report: Isles of Scilly pSPA*. June 2019. Version 4. Available at: [https://consult.defra.gov.uk/natural-england-marine/isles-of-scilly-potential-special-protection-area/results/ios\\_pspa\\_formalconsultationreport\\_final\\_redacted.pdf](https://consult.defra.gov.uk/natural-england-marine/isles-of-scilly-potential-special-protection-area/results/ios_pspa_formalconsultationreport_final_redacted.pdf) [Accessed 31 July 2024]