

AVIAN INFLUENZA & WILD BIRDS - PARISH COUNCIL GUIDANCE

DEAD WILD BIRD(S) FOUND IN YOUR AREA & AVIAN INFLUENZA SUSPECTED:

Threshold met for contacting DEFRA

- 1 or more dead bird of prey, gull, swan, goose or duck in the same place
- 5 or more dead wild birds of any other species in the same place

NOTE: If you have handled a dead bird without wearing appropriate PPE and there have been cases of bird flu in your area, please also report this to DEFRA.

How to report to DEFRA-please follow this guidance <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/report-dead-wild-birds>

Threshold not met - Small number of birds

Dispose of dead wild bird(s) in accordance with this advice [Removing and disposing of dead wild birds - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/removing-and-disposing-of-dead-wild-birds)

Threshold met – Avian Flu Suspected

Do not pick up dead or sick birds – all must be handled with appropriate PPE as per the guidance.

Cordon off the area(s) with tape where dead birds have been found.

Display SBC 'SUSPECTED' Avian Flu Posters to advise members of the public.

IF DEFRA HAS CONFIRMED NO Avian Flu:

Refer to Threshold not met guidance and dispose of dead wild bird(s) in accordance with this advice [Removing and disposing of dead wild birds - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/removing-and-disposing-of-dead-wild-birds)

IF DEFRA HAS CONFIRMED Avian Flu:

DEFRA will notify UKHSA, who will inform SBC Public Health Team and support with incident/case management.

If Avian Flu is confirmed by DEFRA - Place SBC 'CONFIRMED' Avian Flu Posters at site to warn and inform members of the

COLLECTION & DISPOSAL WITH SUSPECTED OR CONFIRMED AVIAN FLU:

There is no obligation for land owners / managers to remove dead wild birds from their land providing they are not causing a risk to human health. Please do not handle these birds yourselves. Handling of the dead birds should be arranged through a licensed agency. You must remove dead wild birds if they present a risk to human health or if the dead birds are:

- in an area used by children or pets
- on a public right of way or an area people often visit
- in an area where wild birds regularly feed, breed or roost
- in an area where animals are likely to scavenge them

Removal of dead birds when avian influenza has been confirmed should only be carried out by staff wearing enhanced PPE, including a fit-tested FFP3 respirator and eye protection. SBC's Public Health department can arrange appropriate PPE – contact healthprotection@swindon.gov.uk

Removed dead birds must be placed in an appropriate secure container such as a secured commercial waste bin before collection. Collection & disposal of dead wild birds with suspected avian influenza MUST be carried out by a licensed Category 1 Animal By-Product waste disposal company such as Westcorn Environ Waste Limited <https://www.westcorn.co.uk/>

The cost of collection & disposal will be covered by SBC Operations Directorate.