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**STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND
MEDWAY CORE STRATEGY PLAN
PUBLIC EXAMINATION 2012**

**Matter 5: Lodge Hill Strategic Allocation
Hearing Session on 14th June 2012**

**Statement of Common Ground
between
Medway Council,
Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
and the Kent Wildlife Trust**



This statement addresses the question of how many nightingales are in the Lodge Hill area. The purpose of this statement, as directed by the Inspector, is to agree the data provided by the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO), as submitted to the Examination in Public of the Medway Core Strategy on 14 June 2012.

The following is common ground between the parties:

1. The BTO is an independent, impartial, charitable research institute, which collects evidence of changes in wildlife populations, particularly birds.
2. The data presented is provisional and was collected and analysed as part of the National Nightingale Survey 2012 conducted by the BTO.
3. The data presented is subject to the caveats detailed in the text at the foot of the map provided by the BTO.
4. The data presented represents a comprehensive survey of breeding nightingales in and around the proposed strategic allocation site.
5. The number of nightingale territories identified by the data can be summarised as follows:

| Survey Area | BTO National Nightingale Survey 2012 |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| Lodge Hill area including the proposed Lodge Hill strategic allocation site, Chattenden Woods SSSI and areas bordering the SSSI | 84 |
| Chattenden Woods SSSI | 27 * |
| Areas bordering the Chattenden Woods SSSI and proposed Lodge Hill Strategic Allocation Site | 6 |
| Proposed Lodge Hill Strategic Allocation Site | 69* |
| Area of Chattenden Woods SSSI which falls within the proposed Lodge Hill Strategic Allocation Site | 16 |
| Within the Lodge Hill Strategic Allocation Site and outside of the area of the Chattenden Woods SSSI which falls within the Strategic Allocation Site | 53* |

*This number includes 2 territories which straddle the border of the Chattenden Woods SSSI and the Lodge Hill Strategic Allocation Site.

Signed on behalf of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds



Date: 22 June 2012

Position: HEAD OF CASEWORK

Signed on behalf of Kent Wildlife Trust:



Date: 22nd June 2012

Position: Head of Conservation, Policy and Evidence

Signed on behalf of Medway Council:



Date: 22.6.2012

Position: LODGE HILL PLANNING AND PROJECT MANAGER .