

APPENDIX A: Target Notes

TABLE A1 – OTTER TARGET NOTES					
Ref	Date	Grid ref	Feature	Notes	Photos
RS1	31/03/25	NO 42703 30767	Potential Holt / not currently a resting site	On top of bank within concrete tipped rubble embedded into bank behind. Gaps appear to lead up into bank which may connect into an old rabbit warren above. Old and recent spraint at entrance (see circled area). Looks approximately 3m from high tide mark. <u>Camera monitoring results 7th – 29th April (22 days)</u> Two passes by single otters early in the monitoring period on the 16th and 17th April and then nothing for the remaining period. One video shows an otter investigating the entrance and another passing by the following night. Based on the monitoring results the feature is not being currently used as a resting site.	

Spr1	31/03/25	NO 42826 30759	Spraint	Spraint site on small grassy promontory with several old spraint, burnt area of grass from urine staining and old fish bones etc. Near to RS2 and RS3.	 Patch of bare grass from urine staining.
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					 Pile of old spraint near to bare grass patch.
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RS2	31/03/25	NO 42836 30767	Potential Holt / not a resting site	Hole into bank under gorse just big enough for otter (see arrow) with vague pathway to it and two old spraint outside (see circled area). Several old spraint on rocks 3m to the north. Approximately 5m above high tide level. <u>Camera monitoring results 7th April – 5th May (28 days)</u> Consistent common rat entries / exits into the feature over the monitoring period. Not considered an otter resting site.	 The photograph shows a rocky bank with a hole in the soil, indicated by a yellow arrow. A yellow circle highlights a small, dark, oval-shaped spraint on a rock. The background shows dry vegetation and a yellow flower.
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RS3	31/03/25	NO 42835 30774	Holt	7m north of RS2. At least two possible tunnels into rubble pile (and under gorse above) with two associated piles of old spraint. A potential resting site could be anywhere along here but there is a concentration of spraints in this locality although all old. Rabbit droppings also present so tunnels could be attributable to them. <u>Camera monitoring results 7th April – 5th May (28 days)</u> One confirmed diurnal rest on the 27th April with a single otter emerging from the entrance in the photo below at 20:44 with dry fur. A potential entry into the holt was noted at a possible new entrance on the 26th April at 05:19 but only the tail can be seen disappearing into the rubble. Nine further otter passes were noted over the 28 days with single otters visiting the feature through the night to spraint and scent mark. Foxes and cats were occasional. It is considered the presence of such predators further limits the site to be used for breeding.	 Location of RS3 within rubble pile with two spraint sites (circled) at potential entrances to holt under the gorse above. RS2 is located beyond the circled areas at the end of the bank.
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					 Entrance to RS3 with spraint adjacent (circled).
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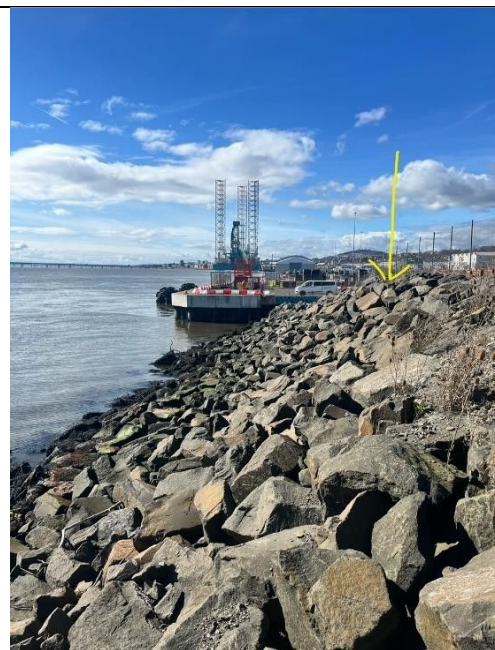
Second potential entrance (arrow) to RS3 with spraint (circled).



View of rubble pile / rock armour where RS2 (left arrow) and RS3 (right arrow) are located. Also shows the high tide line below

RS4	31/03/25	NO 43436 30753	Couch / Potential holt	Possible couch within rock armour with several recent and old spraint or could be a marker for a holt within the labyrinth of rocks that lies beneath and cannot be fully viewed. <u>Camera monitoring results 7th April – 5th May (28 days)</u> One entry into the couch from the rock armour above on the 18th April at 21:38. Ten further passes of single otters were noted over the 28 day period, through the night and mainly along the shore, spraint / scent marking on occasion and sprainting above the couch on one occasion.	 Interior of couch on top of boulder used for rock armour with several recent and old spraint.
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				Fox passes were occasional and a beaver was noted passing by on one occasion.	 Location of couch at the top of the rock armour with old spraint on rock in foreground.
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Approximate location of couch likely well above high tide mark.