**Hawking and falconry report for the Britannia Square area – weeks beginning 22 June, 29 June, 6 July**

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| Monday 22 June – session began at approximately 12.30 pm   * A Harris’ hawk was flown. * Very little gull activity was observed – mainly overflights by gulls nesting outside the area * Gulls were observed in the air around Numbers 10 and 11 Britannia Square; they are thought to be nesting on the terrace. * No gulls were observed at Numbers 3/4, 17, 28/29 and 47/48. |
| Friday 26 June – session began at approximately 12.30 pm   * A Harris’ hawk was used. * The pattern from Monday was repeated. The only resident gulls appeared to be on the ‘south terrace’ in the vicinity of the roof of Numbers 10 and 11. They reacted by lifting in the presence of the hawk. * No gulls were observed at the other known nesting sites in Britannia Square. |
| Monday 29 June – session began at approximately 10.00 am   * A Harris’ hawk was flown. * The pattern of gull activity remained unchanged with a pair of gulls present on the ‘south terrace’ around Numbers 10 and 11. * No resident gulls were seen elsewhere during the visit. |
| Friday 3 July – session began at approximately 1.00 pm   * A Harris’ hawk was flown. * The pattern of gull activity again remained unchanged with a pair of gulls present on the ‘south terrace’ around Numbers 10 and 11. * No resident gulls were seen elsewhere during the visit – only ‘flyovers’. |
| Tuesday 7 July – session began at 11.00 am   * A Harris’ hawk was deployed. * The pattern of gull activity was almost identical to other recent occasions with a pair of lifted gulls present above the ‘south terrace’ at Numbers 10 and 11. * No resident gulls were seen elsewhere during the visit – only ‘flyovers’. |
| Comment  My understanding is that the frequency of visits has now dropped to one per week. I have asked Pest Free Solutions to provide a formal plan with dates for the rest of the year. The results of the hawking programme and the other measures taken remain positive. There may now be only one nest in the BSRA area where there are live eggs – the roof of the ‘south terrace’, possibly above Numbers 10 and 11 Britannia Square. |

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