



## FALKLAND ISLANDS GOVERNMENT PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

27 February 2024

### Update on confirmed case of avian influenza (bird flu) – Stanley Common

On Monday 12 February 2024 swabs that were taken from a dead hawk found on Stanley Common were tested and returned positive for HPAI. Given that this was an isolated case of one single bird in a low traffic area, a level 1 response was followed and a full protection zone was not declared.

**The restrictions on Stanley Common have now been lifted.** However, the public are encouraged to remain vigilant and report any sick or dead birds in the area.

Since Monday 30 October 2023, 99 suspect birds/animals have been reported, 58 sets of swabs have been taken within the Falkland Islands. Twelve have returned positive results (some are repeat sets from known outbreaks) and 44 negative results. There are two sets of swab results pending.

FIG have prepared information and guidance about bird flu and preventative measures to try and reduce the spread of the virus. This guidance can be found here:

<https://falklands.gov.fk/agriculture/avian-influenza>

The public are reminded to **NOT TOUCH** dead or sick birds but report them to the Veterinary Services on **27366** or **55366** out of hours.