

UPDATE ON AVIAN FLU

Urban Green Newcastle is writing to alert you to the latest situation with Avian Flu. We would be very grateful if you could bring this to the attention of any plot-holders who might be affected, as a matter of urgency.



Unfortunately, Avian Flu has been confirmed at a petting farm within the Ouseburn by the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA), within the Department for Environment, Food, and Rural Affairs (DEFRA).

As a result, APHA have declared a 3km Protection Zone for farms, allotments and smallholdings with immediate effect, along with a 10km Surveillance Zone. Both zones have increased the levels of security required at sites for keepers of poultry and captive birds.

Please refer to the government guidance for the map and measures required at [Declaration of a Protection Zone and a Surveillance Zone \(H5N1 Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza\) – near Byker, Newcastle Upon Tyne, Tyne & Wear \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#). These cover issues such as recording visitors and restricting the movement of birds and eggs, and enhanced biosecurity measures along with constraints on the movement of waste.

Avian influenza (bird flu) is a [notifiable animal disease](#). If you suspect any type of avian influenza in poultry or captive birds you must report it immediately by calling the Defra Rural Services Helpline on 03000 200 301. Failure to do so is an offence.

If you find dead wild waterfowl (swans, geese or ducks) or other dead wild birds, such as gulls or birds of prey, you should report them to the Defra helpline (03459 33 55 77). **Do not touch or pick up** any dead or visibly sick birds that you find. For further information see the government advice at [Avian influenza \(bird flu\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#).

Thank you for your support and assistance in sharing this information.

Best wishes

Urban Green Newcastle