**Hawking and falconry report for the Britannia Square area – w/b 8 June 2020**

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| Monday 8 June – session began at approximately 12.00 noon   * A Harris’ hawk was flown. * The pattern observed last week was repeated: the gulls at Numbers 10/11 and 47/48 Britannia reacted very aggressively to the presence of the hawk; the gulls normally present at 3/4, 17 and possibly 28/29 were not seen. * The area was otherwise very quiet in relation to gull activity during the visit. |
| Friday 12 June – session began at approximately 12.00 noon   * A Harris’ hawk was deployed. * Yet again, the pattern of activity was similar to that of at least the three previous sessions: an aggressive gull presence at Numbers 10/11 and 47/48, but an apparent absence of gulls elsewhere. However, the pair at 47/48 also experienced the disruptive effect of the Council’s contractor checking the nest with a cherry picker. . |
| Comment  It is believed that despite the reduced presence of the hawker and his raptors in the area, the project continues to be effective in disrupting the gulls’ activities and in deterring other gulls from attempting to nest in the area – even at this relatively late stage in the season. The disrupting effect may be reducing gull fertility or the confidence to lay as suggested by the absence of any eggs in the nest at 47/48. |

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