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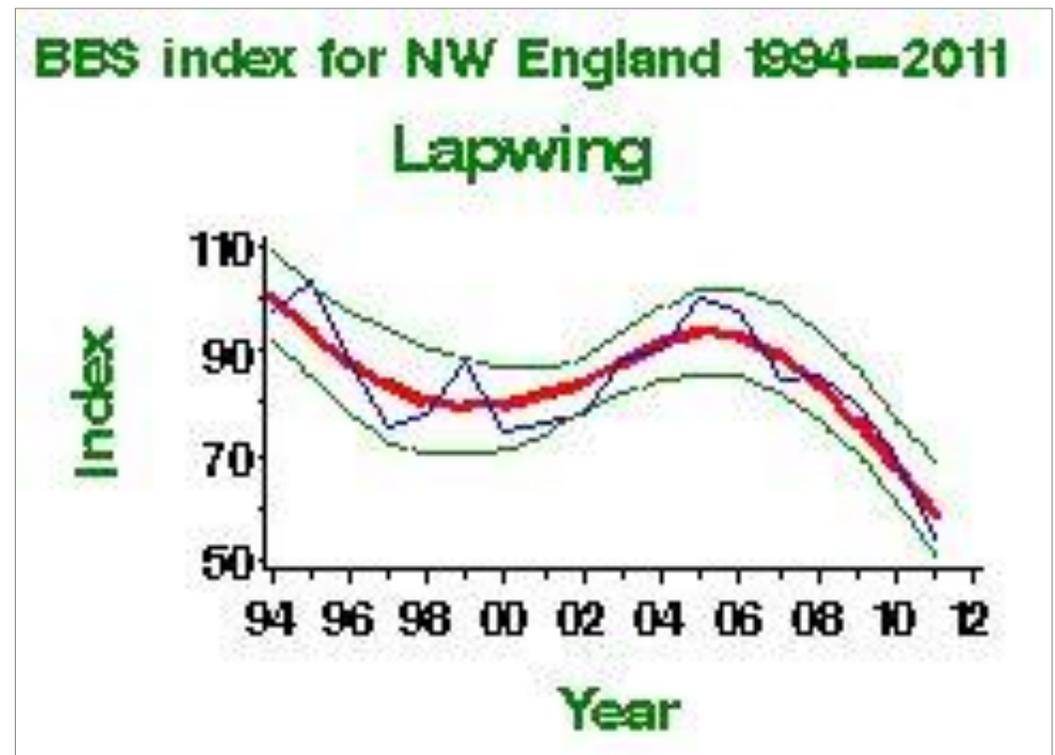
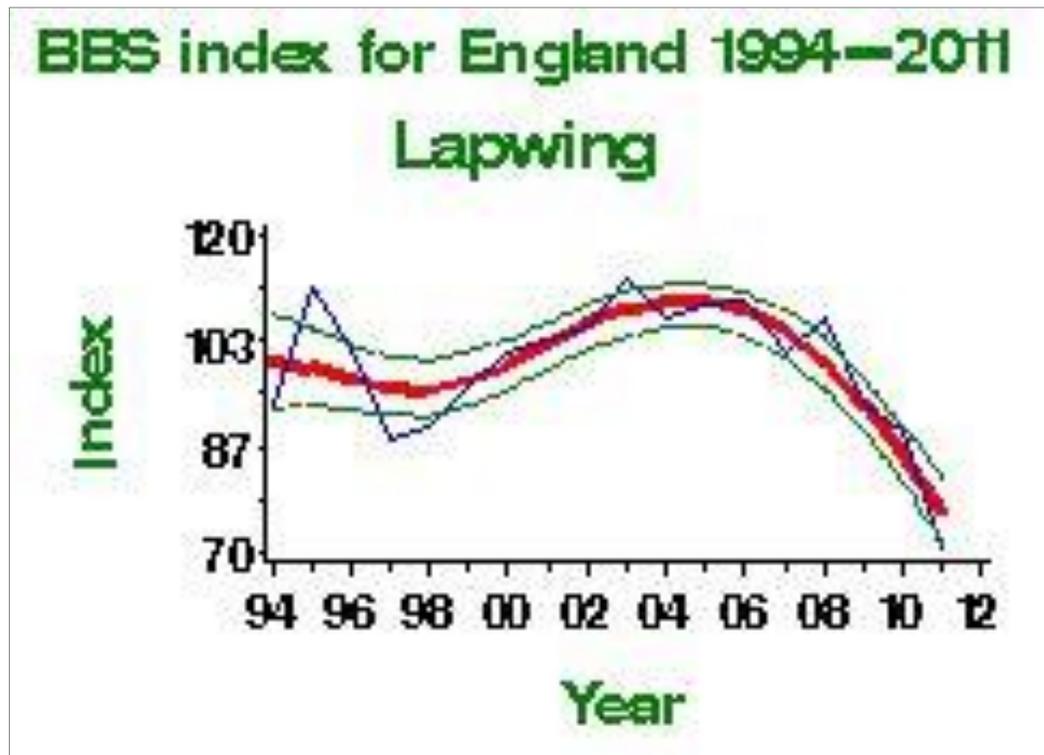
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Lapwing on front of BTO Breeding Bird Survey report 2011

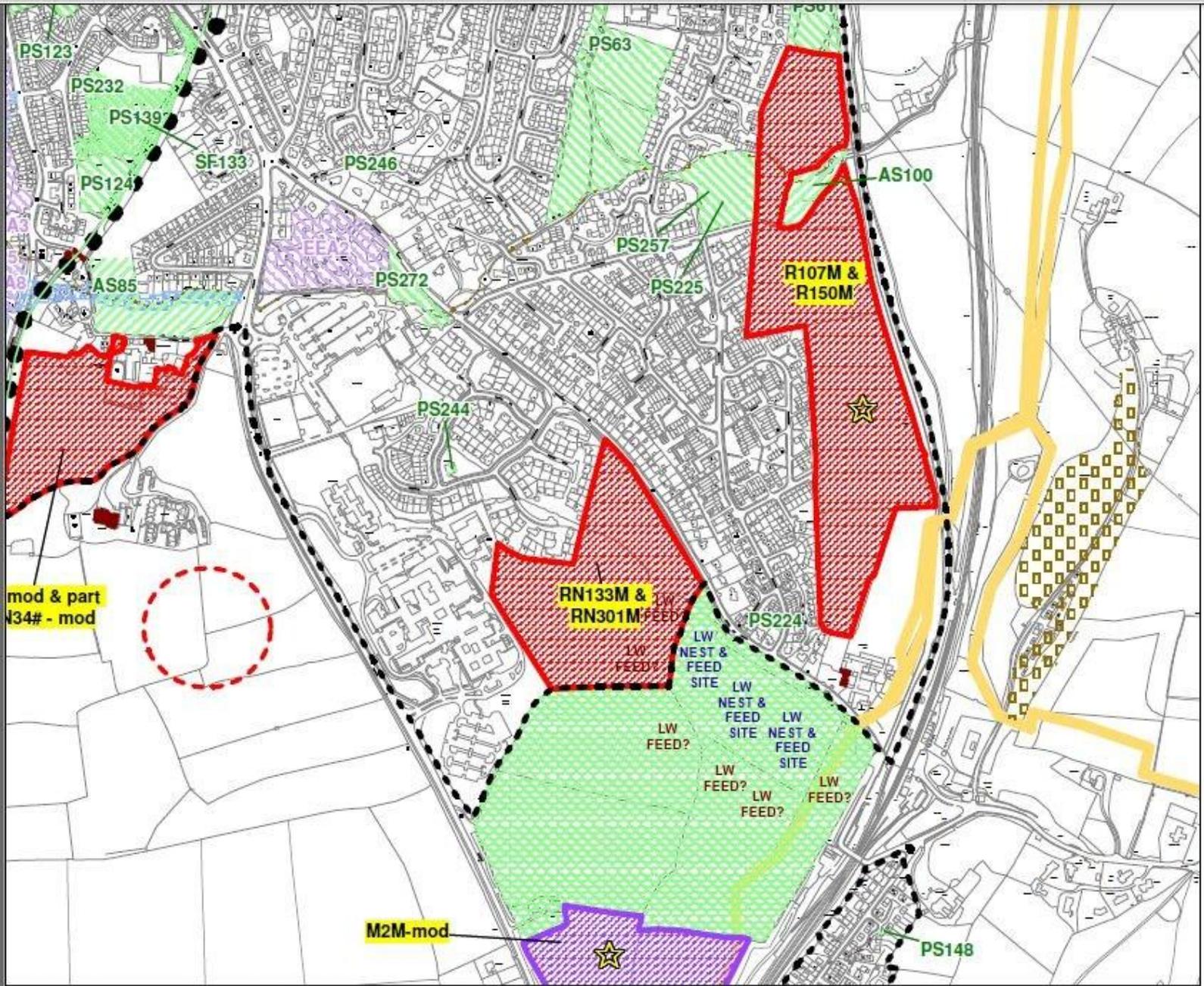
Lapwing population trends - national and regional:

Dramatic declines over the past decade or two both nationally (e.g. in both England and Wales) and regionally - including NW England - as The Breeding Bird Survey graphs so clearly show:



The British Trust for Ornithology state that their present conservation status has changed from **AMBER** to **RED** because of these declines.

Location of Strawberry Field Lapwing nesting site in SE Kendal



LAPWING NEST SITE = Strawberry field

LW = Lapwing

FEED = known feeding site

“I can confirm that between **5 and 6 pairs of Lapwing** nested in tetrad **SD59F** during each of the Atlas years **2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011** and that fledged young were **recorded.**” - Clive Hartley (BTO Rep, Cumbria) 18jun13

Of these:

In the Strawberry field, on average:

3 breeding pairs of lapwing,

(national average) **4 eggs per nest**

Thus **12** chicks possible.

Strawberry field

Thus lapwing family population in Strawberry

field can total $6 + 12 =$ **18 individuals**

(also at least 1 breeding pair of oystercatchers)

blx1.bto.org/atlas/tetrads/open-tetrad-detail.jsp?county=CUMB&grd=SD

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Bird Atlas 2007-11

Mapping Britain and Ireland's birds

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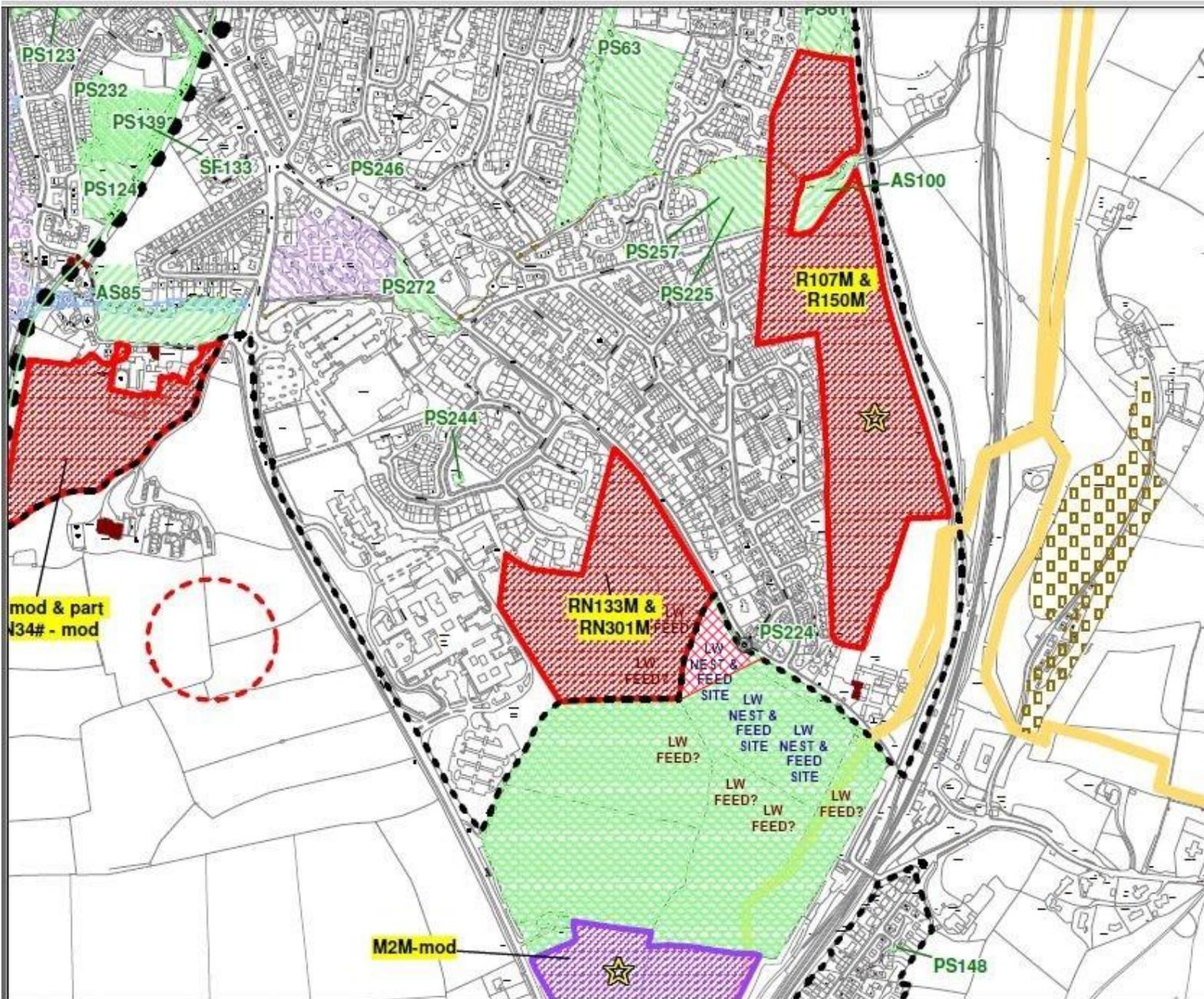
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I have not researched into the extent of the lapwing feeding area, hence the question marks in the adjoining field - added there as a reminder that they are likely to use the surrounding fields too - including possibly the adjacent red-hatched one with housing development proposal.

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