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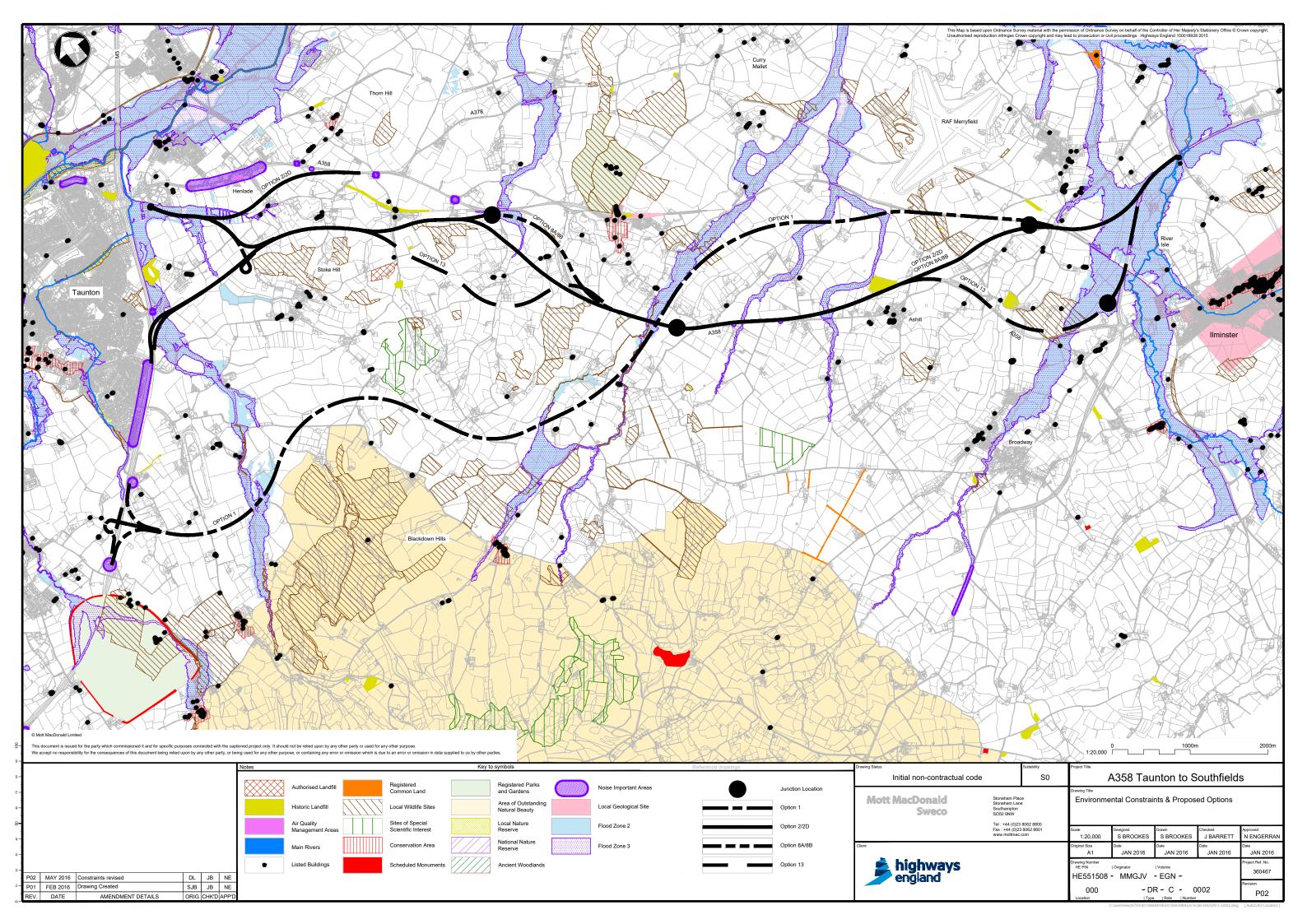
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Appendix A. Location of Scheme Options and Constraints Map



Appendix B. Legislation

B.1 International, European and UK Legislation

Table B.1: International, European and UK Legislation and Policy

Legis lation/Policy	Summary
UK Policy	
National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) 2012:	The purpose of the NPPF is to help achieve sustainable development. Section 11 of the NPPF (Conserving and enhancing the natural environment) sets out the responsibilities of the planning system to minimise impacts on biodiversity and provide net gains in biodiversity where possible. This requires Local Authorities in England to take measures to: - Conserve and enhance biodiversity; - Protect the habitats of these species fromfurther decline; - Protect the species from the adverse effect of development; and - Refuse planning permission for development, if significant harm resulting from a development cannot be avoided (through locating on an alternative site with less harmful impacts) adequately mitigated, or, as a last resort, compensated for.
UK Post-2010 Biodiversity Framew ork	This covers the period 2011 - 2020 and replaces the UK Biodiversity Action Plan (UKBAP) 1994 – 2010. Its aim is to address the underlying causes of biodiversity loss and improve and enhance biodiversity and ecosystemservices. However, the UKBAP priority habitats and species background information is still widely used at country level.
Biodiversity 2020: A strategy for England's wildlife and ecosystem services	This strategy builds on the Natural Environment White Paper for England and sets out the strategic direction for biodiversity policy for the next decade. The strategy describes what is needed to halt overall biodiversity loss by 2020 and includes goals on the follow ing: - Better wildlife habitats; - More sites that are larger and less fragmented areas for wildlife, with an increase in priority habitats by at least 200,000ha; - The restoration of 15% of degraded ecosystems – as a contribution to climate change mitigation and adaptation; - An overall improvement in the status of wildlife and the prevention of further human-induced extinctions of known threatened species; Increased engagement of people in biodiversity issues, aware of its value and taking positive action.
Invasive Species	Plants (Part 2) and animals (Part 1) not normally resident in Britain, but that have been established in the wild, are listed under Schedule 9 of the W&CA 1981 (as amended). Section 14 of the Act makes it an offence to establish plant or otherwise cause to grow in 'the wild' any such species.
Hedgerow Regulations 1997	The Hedgerow Regulation 1997 were made under section 97 of the Environmental Act 1995 and came into force in 1997. They introduce new arrangements for local planning authorities in England and Wales to protect important hedgerows in the countryside by controlling their removal through a system of notification. Important hedgerows are defined by complex assessment criteria, which draw on biodiversity features, historical context and the landscape value of the hedgerow.

B.2 Protected Species Legislation

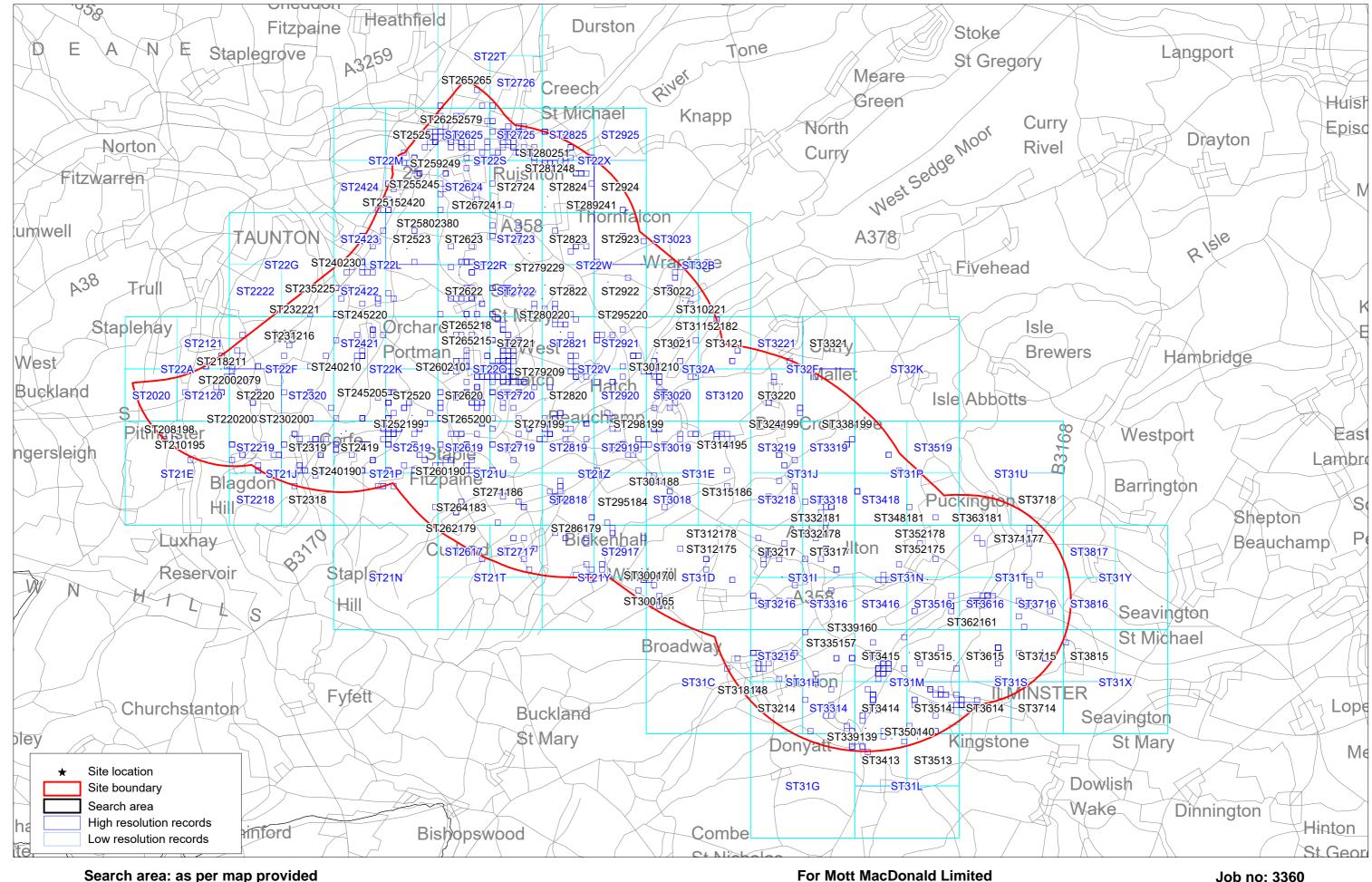
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Species	Legislation
Bats Chiroptera	 All bat species are protected under the Conservation of Habitat and Species Regulations 2010 and W&CA 1981 (as amended). This means it is illegal to: Deliberately capture, injure or kill a bat; Intentionally or recklessly disturb a bat in its roost or deliberately disturb a group of bats; Damage or destroy a bat roosting place (even if bats are not occupying th roost at the time); Possess or advertise/sell/exchange a bat (dead or alive) or any part of a bat; and Intentionally or recklessly obstruct access to a bat roost.
Badgers <i>Meles meles</i>	Badgers and their setts are afforded protection under the Protection of Badgers Ac 1992. This Act is in regards to w elfare legislation for badgers, due to history persecution, rather than their distribution w hich is w idespread and abundant throughout the countryside. Under this act it is an offence to: - Capture, kill, injure and cruelly or ill-treat a badger; - Damage, obstruct or destroy a sett; and, - Disturb a badger w hen within a sett.
Dormice <i>Muscardinus avellanarius</i>	Dormice are protected under the Conservation of Habitat and Species Regulations 2012 and by the W&CA 1981 (as amended). This makes it illegal to: - Intentionally or deliberately injure, kill or take any wild dormouse; - Intentionally or deliberately damage, destroy or obstruct any access to any structure or place used for shelter, breeding, or protection by a dormouse; - Or to intentionally or recklessly disturb a dormouse w hilst it is using such a structure or place; or - Possess or advertise/sell/exchange a dormouse (dead or alive) or any part of a dormouse.
Great crested newts (GCN) Triturus cristatus	 GCN are fully protected by the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 and under the W&CA 1981 (as amended). This makes it illegal to: Intentionally or deliberately kill, injure or take any GCN; Possess or control any live or dead specimen, or anything derived from a GCN; Intentionally or deliberately damage, destroy or obstruct any access to any structure or place used for shelter, breeding, or protection by a GCN; Or to intentionally or recklessly disturb a great crested newt whilst it is using such a structure or place.
Widespread reptile species - Slow w orm Anguis fragilis - Grass snake Natrix natrix - Common lizard Zootoca vivipara - Adder Vipera berus	All UK reptile species are protected under the W&CA 1981 (as amended) making it illegal to: - Intentionally or deliberately injure, kill or take any wild reptile; - Possess or advertise/sell/exchange a reptile (dead or alive) or any part of reptile.
Breeding Birds	 All wild birds in the UK are protected under the W&CA 1981 (as amended) making i illegal to: Kill, injure or take any wild bird; Take, damage or destroy the nest of any wild bird while it is being built or in use; Take or destroy the eggs of any wild bird; and Possess or control (e.g. for exhibition or sale any wild bird or egg unless obtained legally).

Species	Legislation	
	In addition to the above, Schedule 1 birds species are also protected from disturbance, both to their nesting areas and w intering habitats.	
Watervoles Arvicola amphibius	Water voles are protected under the W&CA 1981 (as amended by the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000). This legislation makes it an offence to: - Intentionally kill, injure, disturb or take a wild watervole; and - Intentionally or recklessly damage, destroy or obstruct access to any structure or place used for shelter or protection by this species; - Sell, offer for sale or advertise for live or dead water voles; and - Possess or control a live or dead water vole, or any part of a water vole.	
Otters <i>Lutra</i> lutra	Otters are afforded protection under Schedule 5 and 6 of the W&CA (as amended) and the Conservation Habitats and Species Regulations 2010. This makes it illegal to: - Intentionally kill, injure, disturb or take an otter; - Intentionally or recklessly damage, destroy or obstruct access to any place that an otter uses for shelter or protection.	
White Claw ed Crayfish Austropotamobius pallipes	White-claw ed crayfish are protected under Schedule 5 of the W&CA 1981 (as amended). This makes it illegal to: Intentionally or recklessly kill, injure or take a w hite-clawed crayfish; Sell, offer for sale, possess or transport for the purpose of sale (live or dead animal, part or derivative).	

Appendix C. Biological Data Search (SERC)

- **C.1** Data Distribution Maps
- **C.2** Citations



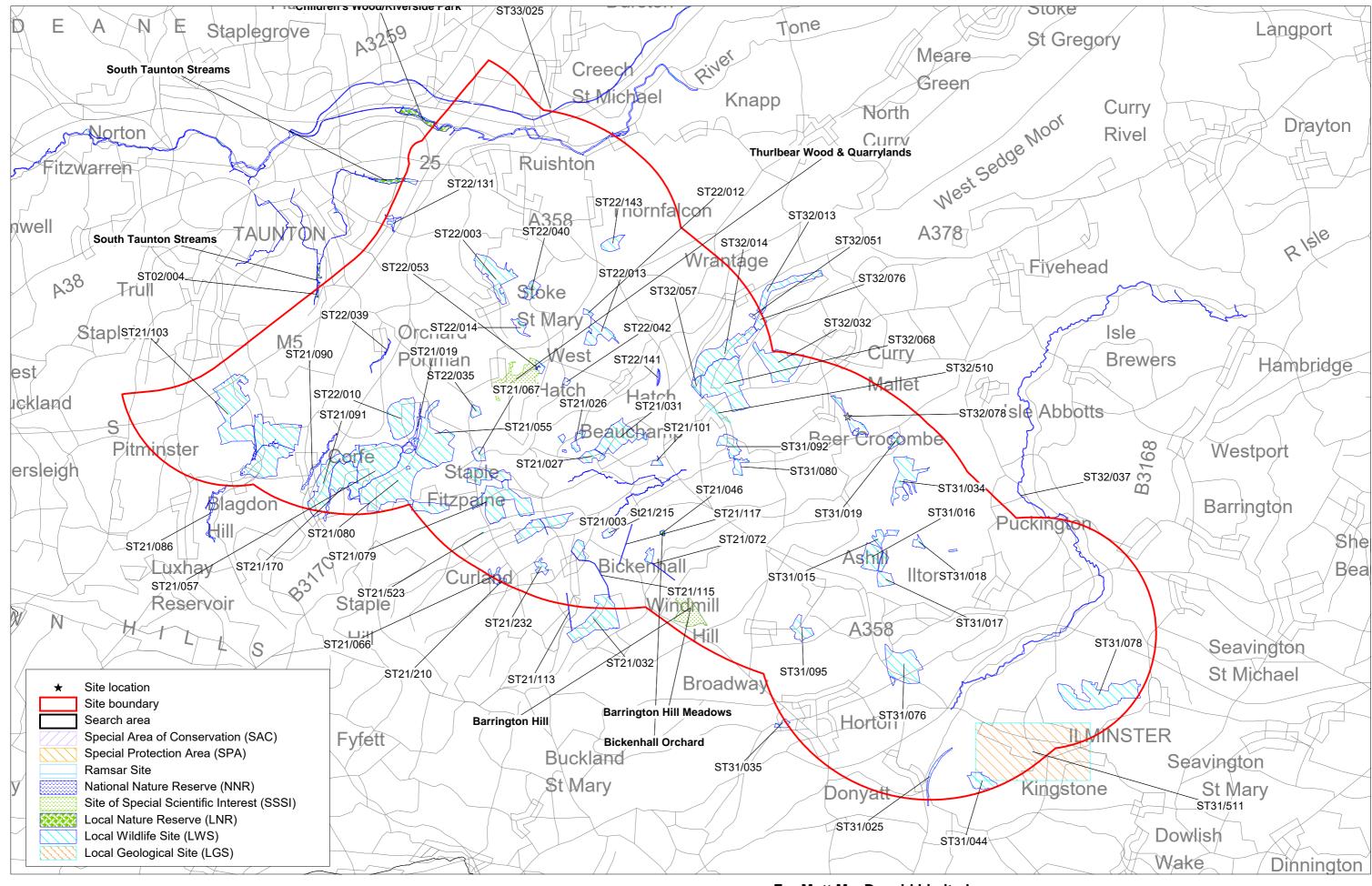
Search area: as per map provided

Requested records: Legally Protected and Biodiversity Priority species Red Data Book species / County Notable species

For Mott MacDonald Limited

Client ref: Taunton to Ilminster

Date: April 2016





Search area: as provided
Requested Sites: Statutory designated sites
Non-statutory designated sites

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Date: 20/04/2016

Client: Mott MacDonald Ltd

Job number: 3360

Project name: Taunton to Ilminster

Location: as above

Search Area: as per search area provided

Refer to accompanying Sites Map for locations

Evaluated sites with statutory designations recorded within the area of search:

Ref	Name	Status
st295183	Bickenhall Orchard	LNR
st248244	South Taunton Streams	LNR
st236254	Children's Wood/Riverside Park	LNR
st300169	Barrington Hill	NNR
st300169	Barrington Hill Meadows	SSSI
st270209	Thurlbear Wood & Quarrylands	SSSI

Evaluated sites with non-statutory designations, Local Wildlife Sites (LWS) and/or Local Geological Sites (LGS), recorded within the area of search:

File Code	Name	Description	Status
	Staple Fitzpaine	Collection of large silcretes: tertiary Paleosol/weathering	LGS
ST21/523	Sarsens.	product.	
		Now the best place for clean exposures of the Middle Lias	LGS
		Moolstone (Moolham Stone), a Ferrunginous sand oolite	
	Ilminster Old Town	limestone with bivalvues, brachiopods, ammonites &	
ST31/511	Walls	belemnites. Especially around the church ST36021457.	
	Hatch Beauchamp	Exposure of Rhaetic clays and limestones in former railway	LGS
ST32/510	Cutting	cutting near Hatch Fault.	

File Code	Name	Description	Status	Criteria ¹
ST02/004	River Tone and Tributaries	Biologically rich river and tributaries with a variety of associated habitats and legally protected species.	LWS	H6.3.1 H6.3.2.2 H6.3.2.3 S3.1.2
ST21/003	River Rag	River corridor with species indicating habitat of high biological quality.	LWS	5S4.2 H6.3.2.3.

File Code	Name	Description	Status	Criteria ¹
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ST21/019	Witch Lodge Fields	Part ancient semi-natural broadleaved woodland, but mainly conifer plantation, with areas of unimproved grassland and scrub.	LWS	5H2.1 5S8.1 5H8.1 5H4.10 S7.5 S1.2
ST21/026	Boon's Copse	Ancient semi-natural broadleaved woodland.	LWS	W
ST21/027	Bens Copse	Ancient woodland site now mixed woodland.	LWS	H2.4
ST21/031	Bickenhall Wood	Ancient woodland site, mainly conifer and mixed plantation but species rich rides and areas of semi-natural broadleaved woodland.	LWS	S1.2 H2.3
ST21/032	Middleroom Wood and Lane	Ancient woodland site, mainly mixed plantation but some semi-natural broadleaved woodland, species-rich rides and green lane.	LWS	S1.2 H2.3 S3.3
ST21/046	Forest Orchard	Unimproved grassland, and orchard trees.	LWS	H3.2
ST21/055	Young Wood	Ancient semi-natural broadleaved woodland, mixed and conifer plantation.	LWS	H2
ST21/057	Lime Ridge Wood	Ancient woodland site, mainly conifer plantation, but semi-natural broadleaved edge with wet broadleaved woodland and pond.	LWS	H2.3 H2.4 S1.2
ST21/066	Parsonage Copse	Ancient semi-natural broadleaved woodland.	LWS	W
ST21/067	Grove Coppice	Ancient semi-natural broadleaved woodland.	LWS	H2.3 S1.2
ST21/072	Near Myrtle Farm	Green lane with Somerset notable species together with species-rich rough grassland, scrub and secondary woodland.	LWS	5H8.1 5S1.2
ST21/079	Staple Farm Area	Large arable farm with headlands and substantial areas of fallow set aside some of them marshy with Somerset notable breeding birds.	LWS	5\$4.2
ST21/080	Piddle Wood	Ancient woodland site with broadleaved and conifer plantation, semi-natural broadleaved stands, rides and grassland, with lichen and invertebrate interest.	LWS	5S2.2 5S2.1 5S9.0 S1.2
ST21/086	Shutlands and Madger's Copse	Ancient semi-natural broadleaved woodland in steep-sided sream valley.	LWS	H2.3
ST21/090	The Goyle	Ancient semi-natural broadleaved woodland in steep-sided stream valley.	LWS	5H1.2 H2.3 S1.2
ST21/091	Pickeridge Wood	Ancient semi-natural broadleaved woodland.	LWS	H2.3
ST21/101	Saltfield Copse	Ancient woodland site with areas of semi- natural broadleaf, woodland and conifer plantation.	LWS	H2.3
ST21/103	Barton Grange and East Poundisford	Parkland with veteran trees.	LWS	5H1.8
ST21/113	Curland Common Lane	Species rich green lane.	LWS	H3.2 S1.2
ST21/115	Forest Farm Drove	Herb-rich drove.	LWS	H3.2
ST21/117	Curry Mallet Drove	Species rich green lane.	LWS	H3.2 S1.2
ST21/170	Pickeridge Golf Course	Areas of unimproved calcareous grassland and ponds within the golf course.	LWS	5H2.1 5S1.2 5H8.1
ST21/210	Staplemead Fields	Species-rich grassland with a narrow strip of broad-leaved woodland.	LWS	5H2.2 5H2.1
St21/215	Abbey Hill Farm Meadow	A large level field supporting herb rich grassland.	LWS	5H2.2

File Code	Name	Description	Status	Criteria ¹
ST21/217	Meadows at West Hatch	A group of four unimproved/semi-improved fields.	LWS	5S0 5S6.2 5S1.2 5H2.1
ST21/232	Bryant's Farm Fields	Unimproved grassland.	LWS	5H2.1
ST22/003	Stoke Wood	Ancient broadleaved semi-natural woodland, some recent broadleaved planting and areas of grassland.	LWS	H2.1 S1.2
ST22/010	Orchard Wood	Ancient woodland site with mixed, conifer and broadleaved plantation and small calcareous grassland banks with scree.	LWS	S1.2 H2.3
ST22/012	Huish Copse East	Ancient broadleaved woodland semi-natural woodland with broadleaved plantation, on an ancient woodland site.	LWS	H2.2
ST22/013	Huish Woods	Ancient broadleaved semi-natural woodland.	LWS	H2:1
ST22/014	Ten Acre Copse	Ancient broadleaved semi-natural woodland.	LWS	H2.3
ST22/035	Didworthy Coppice	Ancient, broadleaved, semi-natural woodland.	LWS	H2.3 S1.2
ST22/039	Broughton Brook	Fast flowing stream with wooded banks, rare invertebrate record.	LWS	S7.3
ST22/040	Knowl Wood	Ancient semi-natural broadleaved woodland	LWS	5H1.2
ST22/042	Wright's Copse	Ancient semi-natural broadleaved woodland, with an area of conifer plantation.	LWS	H2.2
ST22/053	Quarrylands North	Complex site with areas of unimproved and improved grassland, scrub, bracken and colonised building foundations.	LWS	H10.1
ST22/131	Blackbrook Pavilion	Hedgerows with legally protected species.	LWS	5S3.3.1
ST22/141	Road Verges West of Hatch Beauchamp	Species rich road verges with Somerset notables.	LWS	5S1.2
ST22/143	Thorn Clump	Semi-improved grassland and clump of trees with Somerset notable species.	LWS	5S1.2 5S9.0
ST31/015	Scutty Benches Copse	Ancient semi-natural broadleaved woodland.	LWS	5H1.1
ST31/016	Ashill Wood	Ancient semi-natural broadleaved woodland.	LWS	5H1.1
ST31/017	Every's Copse	Ancient semi-natural broadleaved woodland, conifer plantation, glades and ponds.	LWS	H2.3
ST31/018	Merryfield Airfield	Unimproved neutral grassland, scrub, fen, ponds and secondary broadleaved woodland.	LWS	S1.2 H3.2
ST31/019	Merryfield (2)	Small field, gentle slope to N.	LWS	H3.2, S 1.2
ST31/025	Donyatt Railway Cutting	Mosaic of habitats with good bird population.	LWS	H10.1
ST31/034	Newlands Plantation and Extensions	Complex of unimproved neutral and marshy grassland, scrub and semi-natural broadleaved woodland.	LWS	S1.2 H3.2
ST31/035	Drakes Meadow and Weir	Semi-natural broadleaved woodland, and section of river.	LWS	5H2.1 5H8.1 S1.2
ST31/044	Herne Hill	,Ancient woodland site with semi-natural broadleaved,conifer and broadleaved plantation stands, supporting important fauna.	LWS	S0 H2.3
ST31/076	Jordans Park	Parkland with an important assemblage of veteran trees in improved grassland.	LWS	5H1.8 PART
ST31/078	Dillington Park	Parkland with an important assemblage of Veteran Trees.	LWS	5H1.8
ST31/080	Hatch Green Fields	Unimproved calcareous and neutral grassland EMB 4/4/97.	LWS	5H2.1 5H.9 5S1.2

File Code	Name	Description	Status	Criteria ¹
ST31/092	Close Park	Parkland with an important assemblage of Veteran Trees.	LWS	5H1.8
ST31/095	Southtown Farm*	Neutral, wet unimproved grassland with Somerset notable species.	LWS	5H2.1 5S9.0
ST32/013			LWS	W
ST32/014	Line Wood	Ancient semi-natural broadleaved woodland.	LWS	5H1.1
ST32/032	Fieldgate Lane Fields	Arable fields with rare flora.	LWS	S1.1
ST32/037	River Isle	Species-rich aquatic habitat.	LWS	S1.2 H6.3.2.1
ST32/051	Crimson Hill Tunnel	Site used by protected species.	LWS	S3.2.2
ST32/057	Oldway Bridge Field and Spring	Unimproved neutral grassland on edge of woodland, an important invertebrate site, also adjacent tufa spring.	LWS	5S8.1 5H0
ST32/068	Hatch Court Park	Parkland with an important assemblageof Veteran Trees.	LWS	5H1.8
ST32/076	Crimson Hill Farm Fields	Steep fields with some scrub with unimproved calcareous grassland and level field with semi-improved calcareous grassland.	LWS	5H2.1
ST32/078	Beer Mill Farm	Unimproved and semi-improved grassland, diverse hedgerows, riverside vegetation and two small ponds.	LWS	5H8.1 5S9.0
ST33/025	Bridgwater and Taunton Canal	Aquatic habitat with notable plant species and water voles.	LWS	H6.1.1 S1.2

¹Criteria – Reasons for Selection for Local Wildlife Sites

Refer to:

Guidelines for the selection of County Wildlife Sites in Somerset - 1991

Available to download at :- http://www.somerc.com/downloads (Local Wildlife Site Guidelines 1991)

For code prefixed by '5' refer to:

County Wildlife Site Selection Guidelines (Somerset) Version 5.4 August 1997, criteria for designation.

Available to download at :- http://www.somerc.com/downloads (Local Wildlife Site Guidelines 1997 (revised 2004)

For code prefixed by '6' refer to:

Somerset Local Wildlife Sites and Local Geological Sites Manual - Policies and Procedures for the Identification and Designation of Wildlife Sites

Available to download at :- http://www.somerc.com/downloads (Local Sites Guidelines 2010)

W – Indicates woodlands designated prior to the 1991 guidelines, hence there are no criteria codes. Designation was based on existing information, such as maps of tithe woodlands. The types of woodland designated as local wildlife sites are detailed in the extract of the 1991 guidelines below:

2. WOODLAND

Include:

- 2.1. All ancient semi-natural broadleaved woodland (use NCC provisional inventory) sites >2 ha. (unless post inventory field survey has revealed severe degradation).
- 2.2. Sites shown as wooded (i.e. wooded or plantation) on the Tithe Map > 0.5 ha. and < = 2 ha. if field survey since 1985 has confirmed extant predominantly broadleaved (semi-natural or plantation) and at least 8 ancient woodland indicators.

- 2.3. Broadleaved plantation on ancient woodland sites > 2 ha. and tithe woodland still semi-natural >2 ha. if post 1985 field survey has confirmed at least 5 ancient woodland indicators.
- 2.4. Conifer plantation on ancient woodland or tithe sites > 2 ha. if post 1985 survey has confirmed at least 5 ancient woodland indicators or coniferisation less than 30 years old or failing or rides with >30 plant species.
- 2.5. Secondary woodland/broadleaved plantation >2 ha. with 80+ vascular plant species or well developed structure/ride and glade system or 8 ancient woodland indicators.

Notes: 1 "recent records" means 5 years old or less i.e. in the year 1990 1 January 1985 should be regarded as the cut off point, in 1991 use January 1986 etc.

- 2. patchworks of conifer and broadleaved refer to SSSI Guidelines for guidance on whether conifer areas should be omitted or included. Normally blocks of solid conifer >3 ha. should be excluded, but good rides through the blocks may be retained.
- 3. "Severely degraded" means that if the site management were to be immediately changed to the optimum the site would be unlikely to regain most of its previous nature conservation interest within 10 years.

SITE NOTIFIED TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE ON 22 MAY 1987

COUNTY: SOMERSET SITE NAME: BARRINGTON HILL MEADOWS

DISTRICT: YEOVIL

Status: Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) notified under Section 28 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 as amended. National Nature Reserve declared under Section 19 of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949.

Local Planning Authority: SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL, South Somerset District Council

National Grid Reference: ST 300170 Area: 16.1 (ha.) 39.5 (ac.)

Ordnance Survey Sheet 1:50,000: 193 1:10,000: ST 21 NE, ST 31 NW

Date Notified (Under 1949 Act): – Date of Last Revision: –

Date Notified (Under 1981 Act): 1987 Date of Last Revision: –

Other Information:

A new site.

Description and Reasons for Notification:

This site is an outstanding example of a traditionally managed unimproved neutral grassland of a type now rare in Britain. Only 22 hectares of this species-rich community are known to remain in Somerset. Additional interest lies in the occurrence of an extremely rare grass species.

The gently undulating meadows have neutral to calcareous soils derived from the underlying Lower Lias Shales. Drainage is slightly impeded in several areas and at one point two fields are divided by a heavily shaded pond.

The meadows belong to a type characterised by the widespread occurrence of Sweet Vernal Grass *Anthoxanthum odoratum*, Crested Dog's Tail *Cynosurus cristatus*, Cowslip *Primula veris* and Green Winged Orchid *Orchis morio*. A total of 74 different species have so far been recorded. These include Meadow Barley *Hordeum secalinum*, Adder's Tongue *Ophioglossum vulgatum*, Corky-fruited Water-dropwort *Oenanthe pimpinelloides* and Early Purple Orchid *Orchis mascula*.

This site is one of only 3 localities in Britain in which the grass *Gaudinia fragilis* is a prominent feature of the sward. *Gaudinia fragilis* has hitherto been regarded as an uncommon alien species in Britain. However, its occurrence as a well established component in 3 different sites in south east Somerset, suggests that it may be a native species with an extremely local distribution. Barrington Hill Meadows therefore provide an important opportunity for research into the ecology of this grass.

NATURA 2000 – STANDARD DATA FORM

Special Areas of Conservation under the EC Habitats Directive (includes candidate SACs, Sites of Community Importance and designated SACs).

Each Natura 2000 site in the United Kingdom has its own Standard Data Form containing site-specific information. The data form for this site has been generated from the Natura 2000 Database submitted to the European Commission on the following date:

22/12/2015

The information provided here, follows the officially agreed site information format for Natura 2000 sites, as set out in the Official Journal of the European Union recording the Commission Implementing Decision of 11 July 2011 (2011/484/EU).

The Standard Data Forms are generated automatically for all of the UK's Natura 2000 sites using the European Environment Agency's Natura 2000 software. The structure and format of these forms is exactly as produced by the EEA's Natura 2000 software (except for the addition of this coversheet and the end notes). The content matches exactly the data submitted to the European Commission.

Please note that these forms contain a number of codes, all of which are explained either within the data forms themselves or in the end notes.

Further technical documentation may be found here http://bd.eionet.europa.eu/activities/Natura 2000/reference portal

As part of the December 2015 submission, several sections of the UK's previously published Standard Data Forms have been updated. For details of the approach taken by the UK in this submission please refer to the following document: http://incc.defra.gov.uk/pdf/Natura2000 StandardDataForm UKApproach Dec2015.pdf

More general information on Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) in the United Kingdom is available from the <u>SAC home page on the JNCC website</u>. This webpage also provides links to Standard Data Forms for all SACs in the UK.

Date form generated by the Joint Nature Conservation Committee 25 January 2016.

NATURA 2000 - STANDARD DATA FORM



For Special Protection Areas (SPA), Proposed Sites for Community Importance (pSCI), Sites of Community Importance (SCI) and for Special Areas of Conservation (SAC)

SITE **UK0012585**

SITENAME Beer Quarry and Caves

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1. SITE IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Type	1.2 Site code	Back to top
В	UK0012585	

1.3 Site name

Beer Quarry and Caves		
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1.4 First Compilation date	1.5 Update date
1995-06	2015-12

1.6 Respondent:

Name/Organisation: Joint Nature Conservation Committee

Address: Joint Nature Conservation Committee Monkstone House City Road Peterborough

PE1 1JY

Email:

Date site proposed as SCI: 1995-06

Date site confirmed as SCI: 2004-12

Date site designated as SAC: 2005-04

Regulations 11 and 13-15 of the Conservation of Habitats

National legal reference of SAC designation:

(http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2010/490/contents/made).

2. SITE LOCATION

2.1 Site-centre location [decimal degrees]:

Longitude -3.111944444 50.69694444

2.2 Area [ha]: 2.3 Marine area [%]

31.0 0.0

2.4 Sitelength [km]:

0.0

2.5 Administrative region code and name

NUTS level 2 code	Region Name
UKK4	Devon

2.6 Biogeographical Region(s)

Atlantic (100.0 %)

3. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

3.1 Habitat types present on the site and assessment for them

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Annex I Habitat types						Site assessment				
Code	PF	NP	Cover [ha]	Cave [number]	Data quality	A B C D	A B C			
						Representativity	Relative Surface	Conservation	Global	
6210 8			0.03		G	D				

- **PF:** for the habitat types that can have a non-priority as well as a priority form (6210, 7130, 9430) enter "X" in the column PF to indicate the priority form.
- **NP:** in case that a habitat type no longer exists in the site enter: x (optional)
- Cover: decimal values can be entered
- Caves: for habitat types 8310, 8330 (caves) enter the number of caves if estimated surface is not available.
- **Data quality:** G = 'Good' (e.g. based on surveys); M = 'Moderate' (e.g. based on partial data with some extrapolation); P = 'Poor' (e.g. rough estimation)

3.2 Species referred to in Article 4 of Directive 2009/147/EC and listed in Annex II of Directive 92/43/EEC and site evaluation for them

Species				Po	Population in the site				Site assessment		
G	Code	Scientific Name	s	NP	Т	Size	Unit	Cat.	D.qual.	A B C D	A B C

				Min	Max				Pop.	Con.	Iso.	Glo.
М	1323	Myotis bechsteini	p				Р	DD	В	А	С	В
М	1304	Rhinolophus ferrumequinum	p	12	12	i		G	В	В	С	С
М	1303	Rhinolophus hipposideros	p	50	50	i		G	С	В	С	С

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4. SITE DESCRIPTION

4.1 General site character

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Habitat class	% Cover
N23	35.0
N14	50.0
N16	5.0
N09	10.0
Total Habitat Cover	100

Other Site Characteristics

1 Terrestrial: Soil & Geology: basic,clay 2 Terrestrial: Geomorphology and landscape: lowland

4.2 Quality and importance

Rhinolophus ferrumequinum for which the area is considered to support a significant presence. Rhinolophus hipposideros for which the area is considered to support a significant presence. Myotis bechsteini for which this is considered to be one of the best areas in the United Kingdom.

4.3 Threats, pressures and activities with impacts on the site

The most important impacts and activities with high effect on the site

Negative In	npacts	
Rank	Threats and pressures [code]	inside/outside [i o b]
Н	G05	l
Н	E06	В
Н	K02	l
Н	J03	В

Positive I	mpacts		
Rank	Activities, management [code]	Pollution (optional) [code]	inside/outside [i o b]
Н	A02		I
Н	A04		I
Н	B02		I

T = toxic inc	= Nitrogen input, P =		phate input, A = Acid in nemicals, X = Mixed p	•	,
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5.1 Designation Code UK04	Cover [%]	onal and region Code	al level: Cover [%]	Code	Back to top Cover [%]
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6.3 Conservation measures (optional)For available information, including on Conservation Objectives, see Section 4.5.

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7130	Blanket bogs (* if active bog)	57
7140	Transition mires and quaking bogs	57
7150	Depressions on peat substrates of the Rhynchosporion	57
7210	Calcareous fens with Cladium mariscus and species of the Caricion davallianae	57
7220	Petrifying springs with tufa formation (Cratoneurion)	57
7230	Alkaline fens	57
7240	Alpine pioneer formations of the Caricion bicoloris-atrofuscae	57
8110	Siliceous scree of the montane to snow levels (Androsacetalia alpinae and Galeopsietalia ladani)	57
8120	Calcareous and calcshist screes of the montane to alpine levels (Thlaspietea rotundifolii)	57
8210	Calcareous rocky slopes with chasmophytic vegetation	57
8220	Siliceous rocky slopes with chasmophytic vegetation	57
8240	Limestone pavements	57
8310	Caves not open to the public	57
8330	Submerged or partially submerged sea caves	57
9120	Atlantic acidophilous beech forests with Ilex and sometimes also Taxus in the shrublayer (Quercion robori-petraeae or Ilici-Fagenion)	57
9130	Asperulo-Fagetum beech forests	57
9160	Sub-Atlantic and medio-European oak or oak-hornbeam forests of the Carpinion betuli	57
9180	Tilio-Acerion forests of slopes, screes and ravines	57
9190	Old acidophilous oak woods with Quercus robur on sandy plains	57
91A0	Old sessile oak woods with Ilex and Blechnum in the British Isles	57
91C0	Caledonian forest	57
91D0	Bog woodland	57
91E0	Alluvial forests with Alnus glutinosa and Fraxinus excelsior (Alno-Padion, Alnion incanae, Salicion albae)	57
91J0	Taxus baccata woods of the British Isles	57

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С	Significant value	59

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С	< 2%	62
D	Non-significant population	62

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В	Good conservation	63
С	Average or reduced conservation	63

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Α	Population (almost) Isolated	63
В	Population not-isolated, but on margins of area of distribution	63
С	Population not-isolated within extended distribution range	63

3.2 Global Grade (abbreviated to 'Glo.' Or 'G.' in data form)

CODE	DESCRIPTION	PAGE NO
Α	Excellent value	63
В	Good value	63
С	Significant value	63

3.3 Assemblages types

CODE	DESCRIPTION	PAGE NO
WATR	Non breeding waterfowl assemblage	UK specific code
SBA	Breeding seabird assemblage	UK specific code
BBA	Breeding bird assemblage (applies only to sites classified pre 2000)	UK specific code

4.1 Habitat class code

CODE	DESCRIPTION	PAGE NO
N01	Marine areas, Sea inlets	65
N02	Tidal rivers, Estuaries, Mud flats, Sand flats, Lagoons (including saltwork basins)	65
N03	Salt marshes, Salt pastures, Salt steppes	65
N04	Coastal sand dunes, Sand beaches, Machair	65
N05	Shingle, Sea cliffs, Islets	65
N06	Inland water bodies (Standing water, Running water)	65
N07	Bogs, Marshes, Water fringed vegetation, Fens	65
N08	Heath, Scrub, Maquis and Garrigue, Phygrana	65
N09	Dry grassland, Steppes	65
N10	Humid grassland, Mesophile grassland	65
N11	Alpine and sub-Alpine grassland	65
N14	Improved grassland	65
N15	Other arable land	65
N16	Broad-leaved deciduous woodland	65
N17	Coniferous woodland	65
N19	Mixed woodland	65
N21	Non-forest areas cultivated with woody plants (including Orchards, groves, Vineyards, Dehesas)	65
N22	Inland rocks, Screes, Sands, Permanent Snow and ice	65
N23	Other land (including Towns, Villages, Roads, Waste places, Mines, Industrial sites)	65
N25	Grassland and scrub habitats (general)	65
N26	Woodland habitats (general)	65

4.3 Threats code

CODE	DESCRIPTION	PAGE NO
A01	Cultivation	65
A02	Modification of cultivation practices	65
A03	Mowing / cutting of grassland	65
A04	Grazing	65
A05	Livestock farming and animal breeding (without grazing)	65
A06	Annual and perennial non-timber crops	65
A07	Use of biocides, hormones and chemicals	65
A08	Fertilisation	65
A10	Restructuring agricultural land holding	65
A11	Agriculture activities not referred to above	65
B01	Forest planting on open ground	65
B02	Forest and Plantation management & use	65
B03	Forest exploitation without replanting or natural regrowth	65
B04	Use of biocides, hormones and chemicals (forestry)	65
B06	Grazing in forests/ woodland	65
B07	Forestry activities not referred to above	65
C01	Mining and quarrying	65
C02	Exploration and extraction of oil or gas	65
C03	Renewable abiotic energy use	65
D01	Roads, paths and railroads	65
D02	Utility and service lines	65
D03	Shipping lanes, ports, marine constructions	65
D04	Airports, flightpaths	65
D05	Improved access to site	65
E01	Urbanised areas, human habitation	65
E02	Industrial or commercial areas	65

CODE	DESCRIPTION	PAGE NO
E03	Discharges	65
E04	Structures, buildings in the landscape	65
E06	Other urbanisation, industrial and similar activities	65
F01	Marine and Freshwater Aquaculture	65
F02	Fishing and harvesting aquatic ressources	65
F03	Hunting and collection of wild animals (terrestrial), including damage caused by game (excessive density), and taking/removal of terrestrial animals (including collection of insects, reptiles, amphibians, birds of prey, etc., trapping, poisoning, poaching, predator control, accidental capture (e.g. due to fishing gear), etc.)	65
F04	Taking / Removal of terrestrial plants, general	65
F05	Illegal taking/ removal of marine fauna	65
F06	Hunting, fishing or collecting activities not referred to above	65
G01	Outdoor sports and leisure activities, recreational activities	65
G02	Sport and leisure structures	65
G03	Interpretative centres	65
G04	Military use and civil unrest	65
G05	Other human intrusions and disturbances	65
H01	Pollution to surface waters (limnic & terrestrial, marine & brackish)	65
H02	Pollution to groundwater (point sources and diffuse sources)	65
H03	Marine water pollution	65
H04	Air pollution, air-borne pollutants	65
H05	Soil pollution and solid waste (excluding discharges)	65
H06	Excess energy	65
H07	Other forms of pollution	65
101	Invasive non-native species	65
102	Problematic native species	65
103	Introduced genetic material, GMO	65
J01	Fire and fire suppression	65
J02	Human induced changes in hydraulic conditions	65
J03	Other ecosystem modifications	65
K01	Abiotic (slow) natural processes	65
K02	Biocenotic evolution, succession	65
K03	Interspecific faunal relations	65
K04	Interspecific floral relations	65
K05	Reduced fecundity/ genetic depression	65
L05	Collapse of terrain, landslide	65
L07	Storm, cyclone	65
L08	Inundation (natural processes)	65
L10	Other natural catastrophes	65
M01	Changes in abiotic conditions	65
M02	Changes in biotic conditions	65
U	Unknown threat or pressure	65
XO	Threats and pressures from outside the Member State	65

5.1 Designation type codes

CODE	DESCRIPTION	PAGE NO
UK00	No Protection Status	67
UK01	National Nature Reserve	67
UK02	Marine Nature Reserve	67
UK04	Site of Special Scientific Interest (UK)	67

NATURA 2000 – STANDARD DATA FORM

Special Areas of Conservation under the EC Habitats Directive (includes candidate SACs, Sites of Community Importance and designated SACs).

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22/12/2015

The information provided here, follows the officially agreed site information format for Natura 2000 sites, as set out in the Official Journal of the European Union recording the Commission Implementing Decision of 11 July 2011 (2011/484/EU).

The Standard Data Forms are generated automatically for all of the UK's Natura 2000 sites using the European Environment Agency's Natura 2000 software. The structure and format of these forms is exactly as produced by the EEA's Natura 2000 software (except for the addition of this coversheet and the end notes). The content matches exactly the data submitted to the European Commission.

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Further technical documentation may be found here http://bd.eionet.europa.eu/activities/Natura 2000/reference portal

As part of the December 2015 submission, several sections of the UK's previously published Standard Data Forms have been updated. For details of the approach taken by the UK in this submission please refer to the following document: http://incc.defra.gov.uk/pdf/Natura2000 StandardDataForm UKApproach Dec2015.pdf

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Date form generated by the Joint Nature Conservation Committee 25 January 2016.

NATURA 2000 - STANDARD DATA FORM



For Special Protection Areas (SPA), Proposed Sites for Community Importance (pSCI), Sites of Community Importance (SCI) and for Special Areas of Conservation (SAC)

SITE **UK0030168**

SITENAME Hestercombe House

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1. SITE IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Type	1.2 Site code	Back to top
В	UK0030168	

1.3 Site name

Hestercombe House		
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1.4 First Compilation date	1.5 Update date
2001-03	2015-12

1.6 Respondent:

Name/Organisation: Joint Nature Conservation Committee

Address: Joint Nature Conservation Committee Monkstone House City Road Peterborough

PE1 1JY

Email:

Date site proposed as SCI: 2001-03

Date site confirmed as SCI: 2004-12

Date site designated as SAC: 2005-04

Regulations 11 and 13-15 of the Conservation of Habitats

designation:

National legal reference of SAC

and Species Regulations 2010

(http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2010/490/contents/made).

2. SITE LOCATION

2.1 Site-centre location [decimal degrees]:

Longitude -3.084166667 **Latitude** 51.05194444

2.2 Area [ha]: 2.3 Marine area [%]

0.06 0.0

2.4 Sitelength [km]:

0.0

2.5 Administrative region code and name

NUTS level 2 code Region Name

UKK2	Dorset and Somerset

2.6 Biogeographical Region(s)

Atlantic (100.0 %)

3. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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3.2 Species referred to in Article 4 of Directive 2009/147/EC and listed in Annex II of Directive 92/43/EEC and site evaluation for them

Species				Population in the site				Site assessment						
G	Code	Scientific Name	S	NP	Т	T Size		Unit	Cat.	D.qual.	A B C D A B C			
						Min	Max				Pop.	Con.	lso.	Glo.
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Н	G01		l					
Н	M02		В					
Н	E06		В					

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Rank	management		inside/outside [i o b]				

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i = inside, o = outside, b = both

4.5 Documentation

Conservation Objectives - the Natural England links below provide access to the Conservation Objectives (and other site-related information) for its terrestrial and inshore Natura 2000 sites, including conservation advice packages and supporting documents for European Marine Sites within English waters and for cross-border sites. See also the 'UK Approach' document for more information (link via the JNCC website).

Link(s): http://publications.naturalengland.org.uk/category/3212324
http://publications.naturalengland.org.uk/category/act

http://publications.naturalengland.org.uk/category/6490068894089216

5. SITE PROTECTION STATUS (optional)

5.1 Designation types at national and regional level:

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Code	Cover [%]	Code	Cover [%]	Code	Cover [%]
UK04	100.0				

6. SITE MANAGEMENT

Organisation:	Natural England	
Address:		
Email:		
6.2 Management Pla An actual management	• •	
Yes		
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X No		
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A02	Modification of cultivation practices	65
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A05	Livestock farming and animal breeding (without grazing)	65
A06	Annual and perennial non-timber crops	65
A07	Use of biocides, hormones and chemicals	65
A08	Fertilisation	65
A10	Restructuring agricultural land holding	65
A11	Agriculture activities not referred to above	65
B01	Forest planting on open ground	65
B02	Forest and Plantation management & use	65
B03	Forest exploitation without replanting or natural regrowth	65
B04	Use of biocides, hormones and chemicals (forestry)	65
B06	Grazing in forests/ woodland	65
B07	Forestry activities not referred to above	65
C01	Mining and quarrying	65
C02	Exploration and extraction of oil or gas	65
C03	Renewable abiotic energy use	65
D01	Roads, paths and railroads	65
D02	Utility and service lines	65
D03	Shipping lanes, ports, marine constructions	65
D04	Airports, flightpaths	65
D05	Improved access to site	65
E01	Urbanised areas, human habitation	65
E02	Industrial or commercial areas	65

CODE	DESCRIPTION	PAGE NO					
E03	Discharges	65					
E04	Structures, buildings in the landscape	65					
E06	Other urbanisation, industrial and similar activities	65					
F01	Marine and Freshwater Aquaculture	65					
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F03	Hunting and collection of wild animals (terrestrial), including damage caused by game (excessive density), and taking/removal of terrestrial animals (including collection of insects, reptiles, amphibians, birds of prey, etc., trapping, poisoning, poaching, predator control, accidental capture (e.g. due to fishing gear), etc.)						
F04	Taking / Removal of terrestrial plants, general	65					
F05	Illegal taking/ removal of marine fauna	65					
F06	Hunting, fishing or collecting activities not referred to above	65					
G01	Outdoor sports and leisure activities, recreational activities	65					
G02	Sport and leisure structures	65					
G03	Interpretative centres	65					
G04	Military use and civil unrest	65					
G05	Other human intrusions and disturbances	65					
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H02	Pollution to groundwater (point sources and diffuse sources)	65					
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H04	Air pollution, air-borne pollutants	65					
H05	Soil pollution and solid waste (excluding discharges)	65					
H06	Excess energy	65					
H07	Other forms of pollution	65					
101	Invasive non-native species	65					
102	Problematic native species	65					
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J02	Human induced changes in hydraulic conditions	65					
J03	Other ecosystem modifications	65					
K01	Abiotic (slow) natural processes	65					
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K04	Interspecific floral relations	65					
K05	Reduced fecundity/ genetic depression	65					
L05	Collapse of terrain, landslide	65					
L07	Storm, cyclone	65					
L08	Inundation (natural processes)	65					
L10	Other natural catastrophes	65					
M01	Changes in abiotic conditions	65					
M02	Changes in biotic conditions	65					
U	Unknown threat or pressure	65					
ХО	Threats and pressures from outside the Member State	65					

5.1 Designation type codes

CODE	DESCRIPTION	PAGE NO
UK00	No Protection Status	67
UK01	National Nature Reserve	67
UK02	Marine Nature Reserve	67
UK04	Site of Special Scientific Interest (UK)	67

NATURA 2000 – STANDARD DATA FORM

Special Areas of Conservation under the EC Habitats Directive (includes candidate SACs, Sites of Community Importance and designated SACs).

Each Natura 2000 site in the United Kingdom has its own Standard Data Form containing site-specific information. The data form for this site has been generated from the Natura 2000 Database submitted to the European Commission on the following date:

22/12/2015

The information provided here, follows the officially agreed site information format for Natura 2000 sites, as set out in the Official Journal of the European Union recording the Commission Implementing Decision of 11 July 2011 (2011/484/EU).

The Standard Data Forms are generated automatically for all of the UK's Natura 2000 sites using the European Environment Agency's Natura 2000 software. The structure and format of these forms is exactly as produced by the EEA's Natura 2000 software (except for the addition of this coversheet and the end notes). The content matches exactly the data submitted to the European Commission.

Please note that these forms contain a number of codes, all of which are explained either within the data forms themselves or in the end notes.

Further technical documentation may be found here http://bd.eionet.europa.eu/activities/Natura 2000/reference portal

As part of the December 2015 submission, several sections of the UK's previously published Standard Data Forms have been updated. For details of the approach taken by the UK in this submission please refer to the following document: http://incc.defra.gov.uk/pdf/Natura2000 StandardDataForm UKApproach Dec2015.pdf

More general information on Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) in the United Kingdom is available from the <u>SAC home page on the JNCC website</u>. This webpage also provides links to Standard Data Forms for all SACs in the UK.

Date form generated by the Joint Nature Conservation Committee 25 January 2016.

NATURA 2000 - STANDARD DATA FORM



For Special Protection Areas (SPA), Proposed Sites for Community Importance (pSCI), Sites of Community Importance (SCI) and for Special Areas of Conservation (SAC)

SITE **UK0030148**

SITENAME Exmoor and Quantock Oakwoods

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1. SITE IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Type	1.2 Site code	Back to top
В	UK0030148	

1.3 Site name

Exmoor and Quantock Oakwoods		
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1.4 First Compilation date	1.5 Update date
2001-01	2015-12

1.6 Respondent:

Name/Organisation: Joint Nature Conservation Committee

Address: Joint Nature Conservation Committee Monkstone House City Road Peterborough

PE1 1JY

Email:

Date site proposed as SCI: 2001-01

Date site confirmed as SCI: 2004-12

Date site designated as SAC: 2005-04

National legal reference of SAC

designation:

Regulations 11 and 13-15 of the Conservation of Habitats

and Species Regulations 2010

(http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2010/490/contents/made).

2. SITE LOCATION

2.1 Site-centre location [decimal degrees]:

Longitude -3.5825 **Latitude** 51.18388889

2.2 Area [ha]: 2.3 Marine area [%]

1894.05 0.0

2.4 Sitelength [km]:

0.0

2.5 Administrative region code and name

NUTS level 2 code Region Name

UKK4	Devon
UKK2	Dorset and Somerset

2.6 Biogeographical Region(s)

Atlantic (100.0 %)

3. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

3.1 Habitat types present on the site and assessment for them

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Annex I Habitat types						Site assessment			
Code	PF	NP	Cover [ha]	Cave Data [number] Quality A B C D		A B C D	A B C		
						Representativity	Relative Surface	Conservation	Global
4030 B			0.57		G	D			
9120 B			70.08		G	D			
91A0			1414.86		G	A	С	В	В
91E0	Х		45.46		G	С	С	A	С

- **PF:** for the habitat types that can have a non-priority as well as a priority form (6210, 7130, 9430) enter "X" in the column PF to indicate the priority form.
- **NP:** in case that a habitat type no longer exists in the site enter: x (optional)
- Cover: decimal values can be entered
- Caves: for habitat types 8310, 8330 (caves) enter the number of caves if estimated surface is not
 available
- **Data quality:** G = 'Good' (e.g. based on surveys); M = 'Moderate' (e.g. based on partial data with some extrapolation); P = 'Poor' (e.g. rough estimation)

3.2 Species referred to in Article 4 of Directive 2009/147/EC and listed in Annex II of Directive 92/43/EEC and site evaluation for them

Species			Population in the site					Site assessment								
G	Code	Scientific Name	s	NP	Т	T Size		T Size I		Unit	Cat.	D.qual.	A B C D	A B C		
						Min	Max				Pop.	Con.	lso.	Glo.		
М	1308	Barbastella barbastellus			р	51	100	i		М	В	Α	С	А		
F	1163	Cottus gobio			р				С	DD	D					
F	1096	<u>Lampetra</u> <u>planeri</u>			р				R	DD	D					
I	1083	<u>Lucanus</u> <u>cervus</u>			р				Р	DD	D					
М	1355	Lutra lutra			р				Р	DD	С	В	С	С		
М	1323	Myotis bechsteini			р				Р	DD	С	В	С	С		
М	1303	Rhinolophus hipposideros			р				Р	DD	D					
F	1106	Salmo salar			p				С	DD	D					

- Group: A = Amphibians, B = Birds, F = Fish, I = Invertebrates, M = Mammals, P = Plants, R = Reptiles
- **S**: in case that the data on species are sensitive and therefore have to be blocked for any public access enter: yes
- **NP:** in case that a species is no longer present in the site enter: x (optional)
- **Type:** p = permanent, r = reproducing, c = concentration, w = wintering (for plant and non-migratory species use permanent)
- **Unit:** i = individuals, p = pairs or other units according to the Standard list of population units and codes in accordance with Article 12 and 17 reporting (see reference portal)
- Abundance categories (Cat.): C = common, R = rare, V = very rare, P = present to fill if data are deficient (DD) or in addition to population size information
- Data quality: G = 'Good' (e.g. based on surveys); M = 'Moderate' (e.g. based on partial data with some extrapolation); P = 'Poor' (e.g. rough estimation); VP = 'Very poor' (use this category only, if not even a rough estimation of the population size can be made, in this case the fields for population size can remain empty, but the field "Abundance categories" has to be filled in)

4. SITE DESCRIPTION

4.1 General site character

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Habitat class	% Cover
N07	0.5
N19	1.0
N06	0.5
N08	6.0
N10	0.5
N23	0.5
N16	87.0
N17	1.0

N09	3.0	ì
Total Habitat Cover	100	ı

Other Site Characteristics

1 Terrestrial: Soil & Geology: sedimentary,acidic,sandstone,neutral,nutrient-poor 2 Terrestrial: Geomorphology and landscape: upland,hilly,valley,slope,floodplain

4.2 Quality and importance

Old sessile oak woods with Ilex and Blechnum in the British Isles for which this is considered to be one of the best areas in the United Kingdom. Alluvial forests with Alnus glutinosa and Fraxinus excelsior (Alno-Padion, Alnion incanae, Salicion albae) for which the area is considered to support a significant presence. Myotis bechsteini for which the area is considered to support a significant presence. Barbastella barbastellus for which this is considered to be one of the best areas in the United Kingdom. Lutra lutra for which the area is considered to support a significant presence.

4.3 Threats, pressures and activities with impacts on the site

The most important impacts and activities with high effect on the site

Negative Impacts							
Rank	Threats and pressures [code]		inside/outside [i o b]				
Н	A04						
Н	B02		I				
Н	H04		В				
Н	K04		I				
Н	101		В				

Positive Impacts							
Rank		Pollution (optional) [code]	inside/outside [i o b]				
Н	B02		I				
Н	B06		I				
Н	A04		I				
Н	A02		I				

Rank: H = high, M = medium, L = low

Pollution: N = Nitrogen input, P = Phosphor/Phosphate input, A = Acid input/acidification,

T = toxic inorganic chemicals, O = toxic organic chemicals, X = Mixed pollutions

i = inside, o = outside, b = both

4.5 Documentation

Conservation Objectives - the Natural England links below provide access to the Conservation Objectives (and other site-related information) for its terrestrial and inshore Natura 2000 sites, including conservation advice packages and supporting documents for European Marine Sites within English waters and for cross-border sites. See also the 'UK Approach' document for more information (link via the JNCC website).

Link(s): http://jncc.defra.gov.uk/pdf/Natura2000 StandardDataForm UKApproach Dec2015.pdf

http://publications.naturalengland.org.uk/category/3212324 http://publications.naturalengland.org.uk/category/6490068894089216

5. SITE PROTECTION STATUS (optional)

5.1 Designation types at national and regional level:

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Code	Cover [%]	Code	Cover [%]	Code	Cover [%]
UK01	22.4	UK04	100.0		

6. SITE MANAGEMENT

Organisation:	Natural England
Address:	
Email:	
6.2 Management P An actual management Yes	• •
No, but in pre	paration
X No	
	measures (optional)
For available informa	ation, including on Conservation Objectives, see Section 4.5.

6.1 Body(ies) responsible for the site management:

EXPLANATION OF CODES USED IN THE NATURA 2000 STANDARD DATA FORMS

The codes in the table below are also explained in the <u>official European Union guidelines for the Standard Data Form</u>. The relevant page is shown in the table below.

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Α	Designated Special Protection Area	53
В	SAC (includes candidates Special Areas of Conservation, Sites of Community Importance and designated SAC)	53
С	SAC area the same as SPA. Note in the UK Natura 2000 submission this is only used for Gibraltar	53

3.1 Habitat representativity

CODE	DESCRIPTION	PAGE NO
Α	Excellent	57
В	Good	57
С	Significant	57
D	Non-significant presence	57

3.1 Habitat code

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1110	Sandbanks which are slightly covered by sea water all the time	57
1130	Estuaries	57
1140	Mudflats and sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide	57
1150	Coastal lagoons	57
1160	Large shallow inlets and bays	57
1170	Reefs	57
1180	Submarine structures made by leaking gases	57
1210	Annual vegetation of drift lines	57
1220	Perennial vegetation of stony banks	57
1230	Vegetated sea cliffs of the Atlantic and Baltic Coasts	57
1310	Salicornia and other annuals colonizing mud and sand	57
1320	Spartina swards (Spartinion maritimae)	57
1330	Atlantic salt meadows (Glauco-Puccinellietalia maritimae)	57
1340	Inland salt meadows	57
1420	Mediterranean and thermo-Atlantic halophilous scrubs (Sarcocornetea fruticosi)	57
2110	Embryonic shifting dunes	57
2120	Shifting dunes along the shoreline with Ammophila arenaria ("white dunes")	57
2130	Fixed coastal dunes with herbaceous vegetation ("grey dunes")	57
2140	Decalcified fixed dunes with Empetrum nigrum	57
2150	Atlantic decalcified fixed dunes (Calluno-Ulicetea)	57
2160	Dunes with Hippopha® rhamnoides	57
2170	Dunes with Salix repens ssp. argentea (Salicion arenariae)	57
2190	Humid dune slacks	57
21A0	Machairs (* in Ireland)	57
2250	Coastal dunes with Juniperus spp.	57
2330	Inland dunes with open Corynephorus and Agrostis grasslands	57
3110	Oligotrophic waters containing very few minerals of sandy plains (Littorelletalia uniflorae)	57
3130	Oligotrophic to mesotrophic standing waters with vegetation of the Littorelletea uniflorae and/or of the Isoëto-Nanojuncetea	57
3140	Hard oligo-mesotrophic waters with benthic vegetation of Chara spp.	57
3150	Natural eutrophic lakes with Magnopotamion or Hydrocharition - type vegetation	57

CODE	DESCRIPTION	PAGE NO
3160	Natural dystrophic lakes and ponds	57
3170	Mediterranean temporary ponds	57
3180	Turloughs	57
3260	Water courses of plain to montane levels with the Ranunculion fluitantis and Callitricho-Batrachion vegetation	57
4010	Northern Atlantic wet heaths with Erica tetralix	57
4020	Temperate Atlantic wet heaths with Erica ciliaris and Erica tetralix	57
4030	European dry heaths	57
4040	Dry Atlantic coastal heaths with Erica vagans	57
4060	Alpine and Boreal heaths	57
4080	Sub-Arctic Salix spp. scrub	57
5110	Stable xerothermophilous formations with Buxus sempervirens on rock slopes (Berberidion p.p.)	57
5130	Juniperus communis formations on heaths or calcareous grasslands	57
6130	Calaminarian grasslands of the Violetalia calaminariae	57
6150	Siliceous alpine and boreal grasslands	57
6170	Alpine and subalpine calcareous grasslands	57
6210	Semi-natural dry grasslands and scrubland facies on calcareous substrates (Festuco-Brometalia) (* important orchid sites)	57
6230	Species-rich Nardus grasslands, on silicious substrates in mountain areas (and submountain areas in Continental Europe)	57
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Special Areas of Conservation under the EC Habitats Directive (includes candidate SACs, Sites of Community Importance and designated SACs).

Each Natura 2000 site in the United Kingdom has its own Standard Data Form containing site-specific information. The data form for this site has been generated from the Natura 2000 Database submitted to the European Commission on the following date:

22/12/2015

The information provided here, follows the officially agreed site information format for Natura 2000 sites, as set out in the Official Journal of the European Union recording the Commission Implementing Decision of 11 July 2011 (2011/484/EU).

The Standard Data Forms are generated automatically for all of the UK's Natura 2000 sites using the European Environment Agency's Natura 2000 software. The structure and format of these forms is exactly as produced by the EEA's Natura 2000 software (except for the addition of this coversheet and the end notes). The content matches exactly the data submitted to the European Commission.

Please note that these forms contain a number of codes, all of which are explained either within the data forms themselves or in the end notes.

Further technical documentation may be found here http://bd.eionet.europa.eu/activities/Natura 2000/reference portal

As part of the December 2015 submission, several sections of the UK's previously published Standard Data Forms have been updated. For details of the approach taken by the UK in this submission please refer to the following document: http://incc.defra.gov.uk/pdf/Natura2000 StandardDataForm UKApproach Dec2015.pdf

More general information on Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) in the United Kingdom is available from the <u>SAC home page on the JNCC website</u>. This webpage also provides links to Standard Data Forms for all SACs in the UK.

Date form generated by the Joint Nature Conservation Committee 25 January 2016.

NATURA 2000 - STANDARD DATA FORM



For Special Protection Areas (SPA), Proposed Sites for Community Importance (pSCI), Sites of Community Importance (SCI) and for Special Areas of Conservation (SAC)

SITE **UK0030095**

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В	UK0030095	

1.3 Site name

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1.4 First Compilation date	1.5 Update date
2001-03	2015-12

1.6 Respondent:

Name/Organisation: Joint Nature Conservation Committee

Address: Joint Nature Conservation Committee Monkstone House City Road Peterborough

PE1 1JY

Email:

Date site proposed as SCI: 2001-03

Date site confirmed as SCI: 2004-12

Date site designated as SAC: 2005-04

Regulations 11 and 13-15 of the Conservation of Habitats

National legal reference of SAC designation:

(http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2010/490/contents/made).

2. SITE LOCATION

2.1 Site-centre location [decimal degrees]:

Longitude -2.6875 **Latitude** 50.86055556

2.2 Area [ha]: 2.3 Marine area [%]

53.75 0.0

2.4 Sitelength [km]:

0.0

2.5 Administrative region code and name

NUTS level 2 code	Region Name

UKK2	Dorset and Somerset	
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2.6 Biogeographical Region(s)

Atlantic (100.0 %)

3. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

3.1 Habitat types present on the site and assessment for them

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Annex I Habitat types			Site assessment						
Code	PF	NP	Cover [ha]	Cave [number]	Data quality	A B C D	A B C		
						Representativity	Relative Surface	Conservation	Global
6410 B			4.03		G	С	С	В	С

- **PF:** for the habitat types that can have a non-priority as well as a priority form (6210, 7130, 9430) enter "X" in the column PF to indicate the priority form.
- **NP:** in case that a habitat type no longer exists in the site enter: x (optional)
- Cover: decimal values can be entered
- Caves: for habitat types 8310, 8330 (caves) enter the number of caves if estimated surface is not available.
- **Data quality:** G = 'Good' (e.g. based on surveys); M = 'Moderate' (e.g. based on partial data with some extrapolation); P = 'Poor' (e.g. rough estimation)

3.2 Species referred to in Article 4 of Directive 2009/147/EC and listed in Annex II of Directive 92/43/EEC and site evaluation for them

Species			Population in the site				Site assessment				
G	Code	Scientific Name	S	NP	Т	Size	Unit	Cat.	D.qual.	A B C D	A B C

				Min	Max			Pop.	Con.	lso.	Glo.
М	1323	Myotis bechsteini	р	51	100	i	М	А	В	Α	В

- Group: A = Amphibians, B = Birds, F = Fish, I = Invertebrates, M = Mammals, P = Plants, R = Reptiles
- **S:** in case that the data on species are sensitive and therefore have to be blocked for any public access enter: yes
- **NP:** in case that a species is no longer present in the site enter: x (optional)
- **Type:** p = permanent, r = reproducing, c = concentration, w = wintering (for plant and non-migratory species use permanent)
- **Unit:** i = individuals, p = pairs or other units according to the Standard list of population units and codes in accordance with Article 12 and 17 reporting (see reference portal)
- Abundance categories (Cat.): C = common, R = rare, V = very rare, P = present to fill if data are deficient (DD) or in addition to population size information
- Data quality: G = 'Good' (e.g. based on surveys); M = 'Moderate' (e.g. based on partial data with some extrapolation); P = 'Poor' (e.g. rough estimation); VP = 'Very poor' (use this category only, if not even a rough estimation of the population size can be made, in this case the fields for population size can remain empty, but the field "Abundance categories" has to be filled in)

4. SITE DESCRIPTION

4.1 General site character

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Habitat class	% Cover
N16	58.3
N10	40.0
N06	1.7
Total Habitat Cover	100

Other Site Characteristics

1 Terrestrial: Soil & Geology: sedimentary,clay,basic,limestone,neutral 2 Terrestrial: Geomorphology and landscape: valley,slope,lowland

4.2 Quality and importance

Molinia meadows on calcareous, peaty or clayey-silt-laden soils (Molinion caeruleae) for which the area is considered to support a significant presence. Myotis bechsteini for which this is considered to be one of the best areas in the United Kingdom.

4.3 Threats, pressures and activities with impacts on the site

The most important impacts and activities with high effect on the site

Negative Impacts							
Rank		unntinnali	inside/outside [i o b]				
Н	A04		l				
Н	102		В				
Н	H04		В				

Positive Impacts						
Rank	Activities, management [code]	Pollution (optional) [code]	inside/outside [i o b]			
Н	A04		I			
Н	B02		I			
Н	A02		I			

Rank: H = high, M = medium, L = low

Pollution: N = Nitrogen input, P = Phosphor/Phosphate input, A = Acid input/acidification,

T = toxic inorganic chemicals, O = toxic organic chemicals, X = Mixed pollutions

i = inside, o = outside, b = both

4.5 Documentation

Conservation Objectives - the Natural England links below provide access to the Conservation Objectives (and other site-related information) for its terrestrial and inshore Natura 2000 sites, including conservation advice packages and supporting documents for European Marine Sites within English waters and for cross-border sites. See also the 'UK Approach' document for more information (link via the JNCC website).

Link(s): http://publications.naturalengland.org.uk/category/6490068894089216

http://publications.naturalengland.org.uk/category/3212324 http://incc.defra.gov.uk/pdf/Natura2000 StandardDataForm UKApproach Dec2015.pdf

For available information, including on Conservation Objectives, see Section 4.5.

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5. SITE P	ROTECTIO	N STATUS (opti	onal)						
5.1 Design	5.1 Designation types at national and regional level:								
Code	Cover [%]	Code	Cover [%]	Code	Cover [%]				
UK04	100.0								
6. SITE N	MANAGEME	NT							
0.4 D. 1.4					Back to top				
6.1 Body(Ie	es) responsible	e for the site manag	ement:						
Organisatio	on: -	Natural England							
Address:	-				_				
Email:									
6 2 Manage	ement Plan(s):								
•	anagement plan	does exist:							
Yes									
	out in preparation	1							
X No									
6.3 Conser	vation measur	es (optional)							

EXPLANATION OF CODES USED IN THE NATURA 2000 STANDARD DATA FORMS

The codes in the table below are also explained in the <u>official European Union guidelines for the Standard Data Form</u>. The relevant page is shown in the table below.

1.1 Site type

CODE	DESCRIPTION	PAGE NO
Α	Designated Special Protection Area	53
В	SAC (includes candidates Special Areas of Conservation, Sites of Community Importance and designated SAC)	53
С	SAC area the same as SPA. Note in the UK Natura 2000 submission this is only used for Gibraltar	53

3.1 Habitat representativity

CODE	DESCRIPTION	PAGE NO
Α	Excellent	57
В	Good	57
С	Significant	57
D	Non-significant presence	57

3.1 Habitat code

CODE	DESCRIPTION	PAGE NO
1110	Sandbanks which are slightly covered by sea water all the time	57
1130	Estuaries	57
1140	Mudflats and sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide	57
1150	Coastal lagoons	57
1160	Large shallow inlets and bays	57
1170	Reefs	57
1180	Submarine structures made by leaking gases	57
1210	Annual vegetation of drift lines	57
1220	Perennial vegetation of stony banks	57
1230	Vegetated sea cliffs of the Atlantic and Baltic Coasts	57
1310	Salicornia and other annuals colonizing mud and sand	57
1320	Spartina swards (Spartinion maritimae)	57
1330	Atlantic salt meadows (Glauco-Puccinellietalia maritimae)	57
1340	Inland salt meadows	57
1420	Mediterranean and thermo-Atlantic halophilous scrubs (Sarcocornetea fruticosi)	57
2110	Embryonic shifting dunes	57
2120	Shifting dunes along the shoreline with Ammophila arenaria ("white dunes")	57
2130	Fixed coastal dunes with herbaceous vegetation ("grey dunes")	57
2140	Decalcified fixed dunes with Empetrum nigrum	57
2150	Atlantic decalcified fixed dunes (Calluno-Ulicetea)	57
2160	Dunes with Hippopha® rhamnoides	57
2170	Dunes with Salix repens ssp. argentea (Salicion arenariae)	57
2190	Humid dune slacks	57
21A0	Machairs (* in Ireland)	57
2250	Coastal dunes with Juniperus spp.	57
2330	Inland dunes with open Corynephorus and Agrostis grasslands	57
3110	Oligotrophic waters containing very few minerals of sandy plains (Littorelletalia uniflorae)	57
3130	Oligotrophic to mesotrophic standing waters with vegetation of the Littorelletea uniflorae and/or of the Isoëto-Nanojuncetea	57
3140	Hard oligo-mesotrophic waters with benthic vegetation of Chara spp.	57
3150	Natural eutrophic lakes with Magnopotamion or Hydrocharition - type vegetation	57

CODE	DESCRIPTION	PAGE NO
3160	Natural dystrophic lakes and ponds	57
3170	Mediterranean temporary ponds	57
3180	Turloughs	57
3260	Water courses of plain to montane levels with the Ranunculion fluitantis and Callitricho-Batrachion vegetation	57
4010	Northern Atlantic wet heaths with Erica tetralix	57
4020	Temperate Atlantic wet heaths with Erica ciliaris and Erica tetralix	57
4030	European dry heaths	57
4040	Dry Atlantic coastal heaths with Erica vagans	57
4060	Alpine and Boreal heaths	57
4080	Sub-Arctic Salix spp. scrub	57
5110	Stable xerothermophilous formations with Buxus sempervirens on rock slopes (Berberidion p.p.)	57
5130	Juniperus communis formations on heaths or calcareous grasslands	57
6130	Calaminarian grasslands of the Violetalia calaminariae	57
6150	Siliceous alpine and boreal grasslands	57
6170	Alpine and subalpine calcareous grasslands	57
6210	Semi-natural dry grasslands and scrubland facies on calcareous substrates (Festuco-Brometalia) (* important orchid sites)	57
6230	Species-rich Nardus grasslands, on silicious substrates in mountain areas (and submountain areas in Continental Europe)	57
6410	Molinia meadows on calcareous, peaty or clayey-silt-laden soils (Molinion caeruleae)	57
6430	Hydrophilous tall herb fringe communities of plains and of the montane to alpine levels	57
6510	Lowland hay meadows (Alopecurus pratensis, Sanguisorba officinalis)	57
6520	Mountain hay meadows	57
7110	Active raised bogs	57
7120	Degraded raised bogs still capable of natural regeneration	57
7130	Blanket bogs (* if active bog)	57
7140	Transition mires and quaking bogs	57
7150	Depressions on peat substrates of the Rhynchosporion	57
7210	Calcareous fens with Cladium mariscus and species of the Caricion davallianae	57
7220	Petrifying springs with tufa formation (Cratoneurion)	57
7230	Alkaline fens	57
7240	Alpine pioneer formations of the Caricion bicoloris-atrofuscae	57
8110	Siliceous scree of the montane to snow levels (Androsacetalia alpinae and Galeopsietalia ladani)	57
8120	Calcareous and calcshist screes of the montane to alpine levels (Thlaspietea rotundifolii)	57
8210	Calcareous rocky slopes with chasmophytic vegetation	57
8220	Siliceous rocky slopes with chasmophytic vegetation	57
8240	Limestone pavements	57
8310	Caves not open to the public	57
8330	Submerged or partially submerged sea caves	57
9120	Atlantic acidophilous beech forests with Ilex and sometimes also Taxus in the shrublayer (Quercion robori-petraeae or Ilici-Fagenion)	57
9130	Asperulo-Fagetum beech forests	57
9160	Sub-Atlantic and medio-European oak or oak-hornbeam forests of the Carpinion betuli	57
9180	Tilio-Acerion forests of slopes, screes and ravines	57
9190	Old acidophilous oak woods with Quercus robur on sandy plains	57
91A0	Old sessile oak woods with Ilex and Blechnum in the British Isles	57
91C0	Caledonian forest	57
91D0	Bog woodland	57
91E0	Alluvial forests with Alnus glutinosa and Fraxinus excelsior (Alno-Padion, Alnion incanae, Salicion albae)	57
91J0	Taxus baccata woods of the British Isles	57

3.1 Relative surface

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3.1 Conservation status habitat

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WATR	Non breeding waterfowl assemblage	UK specific code
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N03	Salt marshes, Salt pastures, Salt steppes	65
N04	Coastal sand dunes, Sand beaches, Machair	65
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