

NATURA 2000

STANDARD DATA FORM

FOR SPECIAL PROTECTION AREAS (SPA)
FOR SITES ELIGIBLE FOR IDENTIFICATION AS SITES OF COMMUNITY IMPORTANCE (SCI)
AND
FOR SPECIAL AREAS OF CONSERVATION (SAC)

1. Site identification:

1.1 Type 1.2 Site code

1.3 Compilation date 1.4 Update

1.5 Relationship with other Natura 2000 sites

1.6 Respondent(s)

1.7 Site name

1.8 Site indication and designation classification dates

date site proposed as eligible as SCI	
date confirmed as SCI	
date site classified as SPA	199303
date site designated as SAC	

2. Site location:

2.1 Site centre location

longitude	latitude
00 04 33 W	52 34 41 N

2.2 Site area (ha) 2.3 Site length (km)

2.5 Administrative region

NUTS code	Region name	% cover
UK401	Cambridgeshire	100.00%

2.6 Biogeographic region

Alpine

Atlantic

Boreal

Continental

Macaronesia

Mediterranean

3. Ecological information:

3.1 Annex I habitats

Habitat types present on the site and the site assessment for them:

Annex I habitat	% cover	Representativity	Relative surface	Conservation status	Global assessment

3.2 Annex I birds and regularly occurring migratory birds not listed on Annex I

Code	Species name	Population			Site assessment				
		Resident	Migratory		Population	Conservation	Isolation	Global	
Breed	Winter	Stage							
A054	<i>Anas acuta</i>			1435 I		B		C	
A056	<i>Anas clypeata</i>		36 P			B		C	
A056	<i>Anas clypeata</i>			318 I		B		C	
A052	<i>Anas crecca</i>			2179 I		C		C	
A050	<i>Anas penelope</i>			8292 I		B		C	
A055	<i>Anas querquedula</i>		5 P			A		C	
A051	<i>Anas strepera</i>			206 I		B		C	
A051	<i>Anas strepera</i>		25 P			B		C	
A037	<i>Cygnus columbianus bewickii</i>			1718 I		A		C	
A156a	<i>Limosa limosa limosa</i>		16 P			A		B	

4. Site description:

4.1 General site character

Habitat classes	% cover
Marine areas. Sea inlets	
Tidal rivers. Estuaries. Mud flats. Sand flats. Lagoons (including saltwork basins)	2.0
Salt marshes. Salt pastures. Salt steppes	
Coastal sand dunes. Sand beaches. Machair	
Shingle. Sea cliffs. Islets	
Inland water bodies (standing water, running water)	67.0
Bogs. Marshes. Water fringed vegetation. Fens	
Heath. Scrub. Maquis and garrigue. Phygrana	
Dry grassland. Steppes	
Humid grassland. Mesophile grassland	10.0
Alpine and sub-alpine grassland	
Improved grassland	
Other arable land	20.0
Broad-leaved deciduous woodland	1.0
Coniferous woodland	
Evergreen woodland	
Mixed woodland	
Non-forest areas cultivated with woody plants (including orchards, groves, vineyards, dehesas)	
Inland rocks. Scree. Sands. Permanent snow and ice	
Other land (including towns, villages, roads, waste places, mines, industrial sites)	
Total habitat cover	100%

4.1 Other site characteristics

Soil & geology:

Acidic, Alluvium, Basic, Clay, Neutral, Peat

Geomorphology & landscape:

Floodplain, Lowland

4.2 Quality and importance

ARTICLE 4.1 QUALIFICATION (79/409/EEC)

Over winter the area regularly supports:

<i>Cygnus columbianus bewickii</i> (Western Siberia/North-eastern & North-western Europe)	23.9% of the GB population 5 year peak mean 1991/92-1995/96
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ARTICLE 4.2 QUALIFICATION (79/409/EEC)**During the breeding season the area regularly supports:**

<i>Anas clypeata</i> (North-western/Central Europe)	3.6% of the population in Great Britain Count, as at 1990
<i>Anas querquedula</i> (Western Siberia/Europe/Western Africa)	33.3% of the population in Great Britain 5 year mean, 1988-1992
<i>Anas strepera</i> (North-western Europe)	3.2% of the population in Great Britain Count, as at 1990
<i>Limosa limosa limosa</i> (Western Europe/W Africa)	55.2% of the population in Great Britain Count, as at 1992

Over winter the area regularly supports:

<i>Anas acuta</i> (North-western Europe)	5.2% of the population in Great Britain 5 year peak mean 1991/92-1995/96
<i>Anas clypeata</i> (North-western/Central Europe)	3.2% of the population in Great Britain 5 year peak mean 1991/92-1995/96
<i>Anas crecca</i> (North-western Europe)	1.6% of the population in Great Britain 5 year peak mean 1991/92-1995/96
<i>Anas penelope</i> (Western Siberia/North-western/North-eastern Europe)	3% of the population in Great Britain 5 year peak mean 1991/92-1995/96
<i>Anas strepera</i> (North-western Europe)	2.5% of the population in Great Britain 5 year peak mean 1991/92-1995/96

4.3 Vulnerability

The continued international importance of this site is dependant on the maintenance of a winter flooding regime and a high but controlled summer water table. The establishment of a water level management regime is being addressed through the Nene Washes Management Strategy Group. A Management Plan was agreed in 1992 and a Water Level Management Plan is currently being drafted. English Nature also has management agreements with a number of landowners. Wildfowling occurs on all sections of the Washes but is not considered to cause significant disturbance at current levels. Any proposals for increased wildfowling will be regulated through the Habitat Regulations.

5. Site protection status and relation with CORINE biotopes:**5.1 Designation types at national and regional level**

Code	% cover
UK04 (SSSI/ASSI)	100.0