EC Directive 92/43 on the Conservation of Natural Habitats and of Wild Fauna and Flora

Citation for Special Area of Conservation (SAC)

Name: Fens Pools

Unitary Authority/County: Dudley

SAC status: Designated on 1 April 2005

Grid reference: SO920888 SAC EU code: UK0030150

Area (ha): 20.40

Component SSSI: Fens Pools SSSI

Site description:

The site comprises of a series of small pools and a wide range of other habitats from swamp, fen and inundation communities to unimproved neutral and acidic grassland and scrub. Great crested newts *Triturus cristatus* occur as part of an important amphibian assemblage. The site, which shows evidence of post industrial activities, overlies Etruria marls and coal measures of the Carboniferous period.

Qualifying species: The site is designated under article 4(4) of the Directive (92/43/EEC) as it hosts the following species listed in Annex II:

• Great crested newt Triturus cristatus

This citation relates to a site entered in the Register

of European Sites for Great Britain. Register reference number: UK0030150 Date of registration: 14 June 2005

Signed: Trew Salam

On behalf of the Secretary of State for Environment,

Food and Rural Affairs

