

**EC Directive 79/409 on the conservation of wild birds:
Special Protection Area**

Great Yarmouth North Denes (Norfolk)

The Great Yarmouth North Denes proposed SPA contains two component areas, the Great Yarmouth North Denes actively accreting low dune system and beach, together with the beach and foredune ridge at Winterton-Horsey Dunes.

The two component areas are linked, due to the high mobility of little terns, and to the dynamic nature of the beach shapes which influences suitability for breeding.

The boundary at the Great Yarmouth North Denes component encompasses the dune system and beach down to the Mean Low Water Mark and at the Winterton-Horsey component, the inland boundary follows the line of hard defences and foredune ridge, the seaward boundary follows the Mean Low Water Mark.

The Great Yarmouth North Denes proposed SPA qualifies under Article 4.1, by supporting a nationally important breeding population of little tern *Sterna albifrons*, an Annex 1 species. A total of 277 pairs was recorded breeding in 1991, representing 1% of the EEC breeding population and 11.5% of the British breeding population.

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