

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

## Citation for Special Area of Conservation (SAC)

**Name:** Singleton and Cocking Tunnels  
**Unitary Authority/County:** West Sussex  
**SAC status:** Designated on 1 April 2005  
**Grid reference:** SU872144  
**SAC EU code:** UK0030337  
**Area (ha):** 2.45  
**Component SSSI:** Singleton and Cocking Tunnels SSSI

### Site description:

Singleton and Cocking Tunnels constitute the most important sites for hibernating bats in south-east England, in particular barbastelle *Barbastella barbastellus* and Bechstein's *Myotis bechsteinii* bats. These two disused brick railway tunnels, located in rural Sussex, once formed part of the Chichester to Midhurst railway line. They now support, during the winter months, large numbers of hibernating bats. Eight species have been found in all. In addition to barbastelle and Bechstein's bats those also best represented include Natterer's *Myotis nattereri*, Daubenton's *Myotis daubentoni*, brown long-eared *Plecotus auritus* and Brandt's *Myotis brandti*/whiskered *Myotis mystacinus* and this is the only known location in Britain for the mouse-eared bat *Myotis myotis*.

**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:

- Barbastelle bat *Barbastella barbastellus*
- Bechstein's bat *Myotis bechsteinii*

This citation relates to a site entered in the Register of European Sites for Great Britain.

Register reference number: UK0030337

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On behalf of the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs