EC Directive 79/409 on the Conservation of Wild Birds: Special Protection Area (SPA)

Name: Thorne and Hatfield Moors

Unitary Authority/County: Doncaster, East Riding of Yorkshire and North Lincolnshire

Consultation proposal: Thorne, Crowle and Goole Moors Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and Hatfield Moors SSSI have been recommended as a Special Protection Area because of their European ornithological importance.

Boundary of SPA: See SPA map.

Size of SPA: The SPA covers an area of 2,449.2 ha.

European ornithological importance of the SPA: Thorne and Hatfield Moors SPA is of European importance because:

The site qualifies under article 4.1 of the Directive (79/409/EEC) as it is used regularly by 1% or more of the Great Britain population of a species listed in Annex 1 in any season:

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<th>Annex 1 species</th>
<th>5 year peak mean 1993 &amp; 1995 - 1998</th>
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<td>Nightjar <em>Caprimulgus europaeus</em></td>
<td>66 pairs - breeding</td>
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Non-qualifying species of interest
The site also supports small numbers (at non-qualifying levels) of other Annex 1 species: Hen Harrier *Circus cyaneus*, Merlin *Falco columbarius* and Short-eared Owl *Asio flammeus* hunt over the site in winter and at least one pair of Hobbies *Falco subbuteo* feed over the site in summer. Also notable are Nightingales *Luscinia megarhynchos* breeding at one of their most northerly regular sites in Britain.

Data sources

Status of SPA
Thorne and Hatfield Moors was classified as a Special Protection Area on 16 August 2000.