

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

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|---------------------------------------|--------|
| 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

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|------------|------------|
| longitude | latitude |
| 01 41 10 E | 52 44 02 N |

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

2.5 Administrative region

| NUTS code | Region name | % cover |
|-----------|-------------|---------|
| UK402 | Norfolk | 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 |
|-----------------|---------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
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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 | | | | | | |
| A195 | <i>Sterna albifrons</i> | | 220 P | | | B | | A | |

4. Site description:

4.1 General site character

| Habitat classes | % cover |
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| Marine areas. Sea inlets | |
| Tidal rivers. Estuaries. Mud flats. Sand flats. Lagoons (including saltwork basins) | |
| Salt marshes. Salt pastures. Salt steppes | |
| Coastal sand dunes. Sand beaches. Machair | 100.0 |
| Shingle. Sea cliffs. Islets | |
| Inland water bodies (standing water, running water) | |
| Bogs. Marshes. Water fringed vegetation. Fens | |
| Heath. Scrub. Maquis and garrigue. Phygrana | |
| Dry grassland. Steppes | |
| Humid grassland. Mesophile grassland | |
| Alpine and sub-alpine grassland | |
| Improved grassland | |
| Other arable land | |
| Broad-leaved deciduous woodland | |
| 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:

Basic, Gravel, Sand

Geomorphology & landscape:

Coastal, Intertidal sediments (including sandflat/mudflat), Open coast (including bay)

4.2 Quality and importance

ARTICLE 4.1 QUALIFICATION (79/409/EEC)

During the breeding season the area regularly supports:

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| <i>Sterna albifrons</i> | 9.2% of the GB breeding population |
| (Eastern Atlantic - breeding) | 5 year mean, 1992-1996 |

ARTICLE 4.2 QUALIFICATION (79/409/EEC)

4.3 Vulnerability

The little tern colonies within the Great Yarmouth North Denes are dependent upon the maintenance of high accreting beaches. Coast protection schemes have the potential to disrupt or reduce sediment supply to the SPA. However, Beach Management Plans are required before works proceed. These require mitigation measures should an adverse impact occur in the future.

The success of the colony is dependent upon wardening in order to exclude people and dogs and the control of predators. The wardening is jointly undertaken by the RSPB and EN, with agreement of Great Yarmouth Borough Council.

5. Site protection status and relation with CORINE biotopes:

5.1 Designation types at national and regional level

| Code | % cover |
|------------------|---------|
| UK01 (NNR) | 3.0 |
| UK04 (SSSI/ASSI) | 100.0 |