

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

Citation for Special Area of Conservation (SAC)

Name: Hatfield Moor
Unitary Authority/County: Doncaster, North Lincolnshire
SAC status: Designated on 1 April 2005
Grid reference: SE699057
SAC EU code: UK0030166
Area (ha): 1363.55
Component SSSI: Hatfield Moors SSSI

Site description:

Hatfield Moors is a remnant of an extensive lowland raised bog which once occupied the Humberhead levels. Hatfield is unique in having developed directly upon nutrient deficient gravels without an initial reed-swamp phase. Much of the bog has been cut for peat yet a restricted representative flora and fauna persists within a mosaic of mire and dry heath habitats beneath birch scrub. The mire communities are dominated by cottongrasses *Eriophorum vaginatum* and *E. angustifolium*, cross-leaved heath *Erica tetralix* and bog-mosses *Sphagnum* spp., but include locally rare species such as cranberry *Vaccinium oxycoccus*, bog myrtle *Myrica gale* and bog rosemary *Andromeda polifolia*.

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

- Degraded raised bogs still capable of natural regeneration

This citation relates to a site entered in the Register of European Sites for Great Britain.
Register reference number: UK0030166
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On behalf of the Secretary of State for Environment,
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