

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

Citation for Special Area of Conservation (SAC)

Name: Denby Grange Colliery Ponds
Unitary Authority/County: Wakefield
SAC status: Designated on 1 April 2005
Grid reference: SE271153
SAC EU code: UK0030036
Area (ha): 18.53
Component SSSI: Denby Grange Colliery Ponds SSSI

Site description:

This water body in Yorkshire, created by coal-mining activity, has consistently yielded high counts of great crested newt *Triturus cristatus* in recent years. The pond is surrounded by replanted ancient woodland, with adjacent anthropogenic habitat associated with the previous mining activities. A large new pond was created recently to help support the population, which was previously reliant on a single breeding site.

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:

- Great crested newt *Triturus cristatus*.

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

Register reference number: UK0030036

Date of registration: 14 June 2005

Signed: *Trew Salmon*

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