

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

Citation for Special Area of Conservation (SAC)

Name: Lyppard Grange Ponds
Unitary Authority/County: Worcestershire
SAC status: Designated on 1 April 2005
Grid reference: SO879556
SAC EU code: UK0030198
Area (ha): 1.09
Component SSSI: Lyppard Grange Ponds SSSI

Site description:

Lyppard Grange Ponds are two field ponds located in the grounds of the former Lyppard Grange Farm. The terrestrial habitat within these grounds, previously formal garden and orchard, has become neglected rough grassland with brambles and scrub, and retains many mature native and exotic trees. The area serves as public open space within recently constructed housing and other built development. These two ponds, along with the associated terrestrial habitats, support a large breeding colony of great crested newts, and are a remnant of a formerly more widespread newt habitat when large numbers of ponds were maintained for agricultural purposes.

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: UK0030198

Date of registration: 14 June 2005

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