

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

Citation for Special Area of Conservation (SAC)

Name: Staverton Park and The Thicks, Wantisden
Unitary Authority/County: Suffolk
SAC status: Designated on 1 April 2005
Grid reference: TM356509
SAC EU code: UK0012741
Area (ha): 81.45
Component SSSI: Staverton Park and The Thicks, Wantisden SSSI

Site description:

This site is representative of old oak *Quercus* spp. woods, and its ancient oaks have rich invertebrate and epiphytic lichen assemblages. Despite being in the most 'continental' part of southern Britain, the epiphytic lichen flora of this site includes rare and Atlantic species, such as *Haemotomma elatinum*, *Lecidea cinnabarina*, *Thelotrema lepadinum*, *Graphis elegans* and *Stenocybe septata*. Part of the site includes an area of old holly *Ilex aquifolium* trees that are probably the largest in Britain. The site has a very well-documented history and good conservation of woodland structure and function.

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:

- Old acidophilous oak woods with *Quercus robur* on sandy plains. (Dry oak-dominated woodland)

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

Register reference number: UK0012741

Date of registration: 14 June 2005

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