

European Site Conservation Objectives for Ouse Washes Special Protection Area Site Code: UK9008041



With regard to the SPA and the individual species and/or assemblage of species for which the site has been classified (the 'Qualifying Features' listed below), and subject to natural change;

Ensure that the integrity of the site is maintained or restored as appropriate, and ensure that the site contributes to achieving the aims of the Wild Birds Directive, by maintaining or restoring;

- **The extent and distribution of the habitats of the qualifying features**
- **The structure and function of the habitats of the qualifying features**
- **The supporting processes on which the habitats of the qualifying features rely**
- **The population of each of the qualifying features, and,**
- **The distribution of the qualifying features within the site.**

This document should be read in conjunction with the accompanying *Supplementary Advice* document, which provides more detailed advice and information to enable the application and achievement of the Objectives set out above.

Qualifying Features:

- A037 *Cygnus columbianus bewickii*; Bewick's swan (Non-breeding)
 - A038 *Cygnus cygnus*; Whooper swan (Non-breeding)
 - A050 *Anas penelope*; Eurasian wigeon (Non-breeding)
 - A051 *Anas strepera*; Gadwall (Breeding)
 - A052 *Anas crecca*; Eurasian teal (Non-breeding)
 - A053 *Anas platyrhynchos*; Mallard (Breeding)
 - A054 *Anas acuta*; Northern pintail (Non-breeding)
 - A055 *Anas querquedula*; Garganey (Breeding)
 - A056 *Anas clypeata*; Northern shoveler (Non-breeding)
 - A056 *Anas clypeata*; Northern shoveler (Breeding)
 - A082 *Circus cyaneus*; Hen harrier (Non-breeding)
 - A151 *Philomachus pugnax*; Ruff (Breeding)
 - A156a *Limosa limosa limosa*; Black-tailed godwit (Breeding)
- Waterbird assemblage
Breeding bird assemblage

Explanatory Notes: European Site Conservation Objectives

These Conservation Objectives are those referred to in the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended) ('the Habitats Regulations'). They must be considered when a competent authority is required to make a 'Habitats Regulations Assessment' including an Appropriate Assessment, under the relevant parts of this legislation.

These Conservation Objectives, and the accompanying Supplementary Advice (where this is available), will also provide a framework to inform the management of the European Site and the prevention of deterioration of habitats and significant disturbance of its qualifying features

These Conservation Objectives are set for each bird feature for a [Special Protection Area \(SPA\)](#).

Where these objectives are being met, the site will be considered to exhibit a high degree of integrity and to be contributing to achieving the aims of the Wild Birds Directive.

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