

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

Citation for Special Area of Conservation (SAC)

Name: Rochdale Canal
Unitary Authority/County: Manchester, Oldham, Rochdale
SAC status: Designated on 1 April 2005
Grid reference: SD893038
SAC EU code: UK0030266
Area (ha): 25.55
Component SSSI: Rochdale Canal SSSI

Site description:

The Rochdale Canal contains important habitats for submerged aquatic plants and emergent vegetation, including extensive colonies of the nationally scarce floating water-plantain *Luronium natans*. The site also supports a diverse assemblage of aquatic flora, in particular nine species of pondweed *Potamogeton* spp. The plant communities found in the Rochdale Canal are characteristic of mesotrophic water bodies, i.e. those which are moderately nutrient-rich.

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:

- Floating water-plantain *Luronium natans*

This citation relates to a site entered in the Register of European Sites for Great Britain.
Register reference number: UK0030266
Date of registration: 14 June 2005

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