

APPENDIX 3

Site Designations

IMPORTANCE	SITE DESIGNATION AND EXPLANATION	UK STATUTORY DESIGNATION
SITES OF <i>INTERNATIONAL</i> IMPORTANCE	Ramsar Sites listed under the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance	SSSI
	Special Protection Areas (SPAs) classified under the EC Directive on the Conservation of Wild Birds	SSSI; SPA
	Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) to be designated under the EC Directive on the Conservation of Natural Habitats and of Wild Fauna and Flora (the Habitats Directive)	SSSI; SAC
SITES OF <i>NATIONAL</i> IMPORTANCE	National Nature Reserves (NNRs) declared under section 19 of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949 or section 35 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981	SSSI
	Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs) notified under section 28 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981	SSSI
SITES OF <i>REGIONAL/LOCAL</i> IMPORTANCE	Local Nature Reserves (LNRs) designated by local authorities under section 21 of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949	LNR
	Non-statutory Nature Reserves established and managed by a variety of public and private bodies e.g. county wildlife trusts, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds	-
	Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation or equivalent. These are usually adopted by local authorities for planning purposes. The name and status of this type of site varies considerably	-