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

Citation for Special Area of Conservation (SAC)

Name: Emer Bog
Unitary Authority/County: Hampshire

SAC status: Designated on 1 April 2005

Grid reference: SU394214

SAC EU code: UK0030147

Area (ha): 37.50

Component SSSI: Baddesley Common SSSI

Site description:

Emer Bog is an excellent example of an ungrazed valley bog with a rich flora and fauna which includes most typical bog species. The main elements of the bog vegetation include tall stands of common reed *Phragmites australis* and a shorter mixed association of sedges, especially white sedge *Carex curta*, bottle sedge *C. rostrata* and star sedge *C. echinata*, with notable quantities of marsh cinquefoil *Potentilla palustris* and bogbean *Menyanthes trifoliata*, together with marsh violet *Viola palustris* and southern marsh-orchid *Dactylorhiza praetermissa*. The bog grades downstream into mature alder carr and upstream into heathland, heavily invaded with pine, birch and scrub.

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:

• Transition mires and quaking bogs. (Very wet mires often identified by an unstable 'quaking' surface)

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