

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

Citation for Special Area of Conservation (SAC)

Name: Little Wittenham
Unitary Authority/County: Oxfordshire
SAC status: Designated on 1 April 2005
Grid reference: SU572929
SAC EU code: UK0030184
Area (ha): 68.76
Component SSSI: Little Wittenham SSSI

Site description:

Little Wittenham comprises two main ponds set in a predominantly woodland context (broad-leaved and conifer woodland is present). There are also areas of grassland, with sheep grazing and arable bordering the woodland to the south and west. The River Thames is just to the north of the site, and a hill fort to the south. Large numbers of great crested newts *Triturus cristatus* have been recorded in the two main ponds, and research has revealed that they range several hundred metres into the woodland blocks.

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:

- Great crested newt *Triturus cristatus*

This citation relates to a site entered in the Register of European Sites for Great Britain.
Register reference number: UK0030184
Date of registration: 14 June 2005

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