



Tees Valley Nature Partnership

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Dear Mr Carter,

Recommendation to Change the Boundary of a Local Wildlife Site Within Hartlepool Borough

At the meeting of the Tees Valley Nature Partnership Steering Group on 22nd September 2016 a motion was passed to ratify the following recommendation made by Hartlepool BC (HBC) to reduce the boundary of the following LWS:

HP39 High Newton Hanzard Meadow

This recommendation has been made following the assessment presented below:

In-field meadow area.

- Site visits on 29/03/2016 and 24/08/2016 were part of wider site visits regarding on-going planning applications.
- Interest feature: G1, Neutral Meadow
- Site records show that the meadow contained nine qualifying herbaceous plant species and three qualifying grass species.
- Condition status 2016: Destroyed – meadow area within the field ploughed up and now part of a larger arable field.
- Likelihood of recovery: nil.
- Current nature conservation interest: nil.
- Qualifying criteria: none.
- Current public use or enjoyment: nil.
- Photograph – see below.

Linear verges (both sides of track).

- The two visits coincided with recent close mowing of the verges and it was not possible to undertake a comprehensive vegetation survey. Site records show that the verges contained 16 qualifying herbaceous plant species and two qualifying grass species.
- A re-survey is recommended for 2017 to assess whether the verges section of the LWS remain as a qualifying feature.
- Photographs – see below.

In accordance with these recommendations the following actions are needed:

1. The site owner should be notified of the boundary change if agreed.
2. ERIC Northeast Local Record Centre should be notified of the boundary change if agreed.
3. The HBC Local Plan team should be notified so that the Proposals Map can be amended if boundary change is agreed.

I would be most grateful if you would confirm the amendment or otherwise to this site. You may contact Rachel Murtagh, the Tees Valley Nature Partnership Officer directly on rmurtagh@teeswildlife.org

Thank-you for your continuing support to help create a rich and healthy natural environment in the Tees Valley.

Yours sincerely,

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Mr Richard Gunton, Member and Acting Chair, Tees Valley Nature Partnership
Director of Park Services, NYMNPA

Enc: Map and aerial photo of proposed amendment to site

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Photograph 1: 29/03/2016 – the main area of the LWS grassland, ploughed out and consisting of a crop of autumn cereal.



Photograph 2: 29/03/2016 – the LWS verges (both sides of road) running north; close mown.



Photograph 3: 29/03/2016 – the LWS verges (both sides) running south; close mown.



Photograph 4: 24/09/2016 – the LWS eastern verge running south; rank edge/ close mown.

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