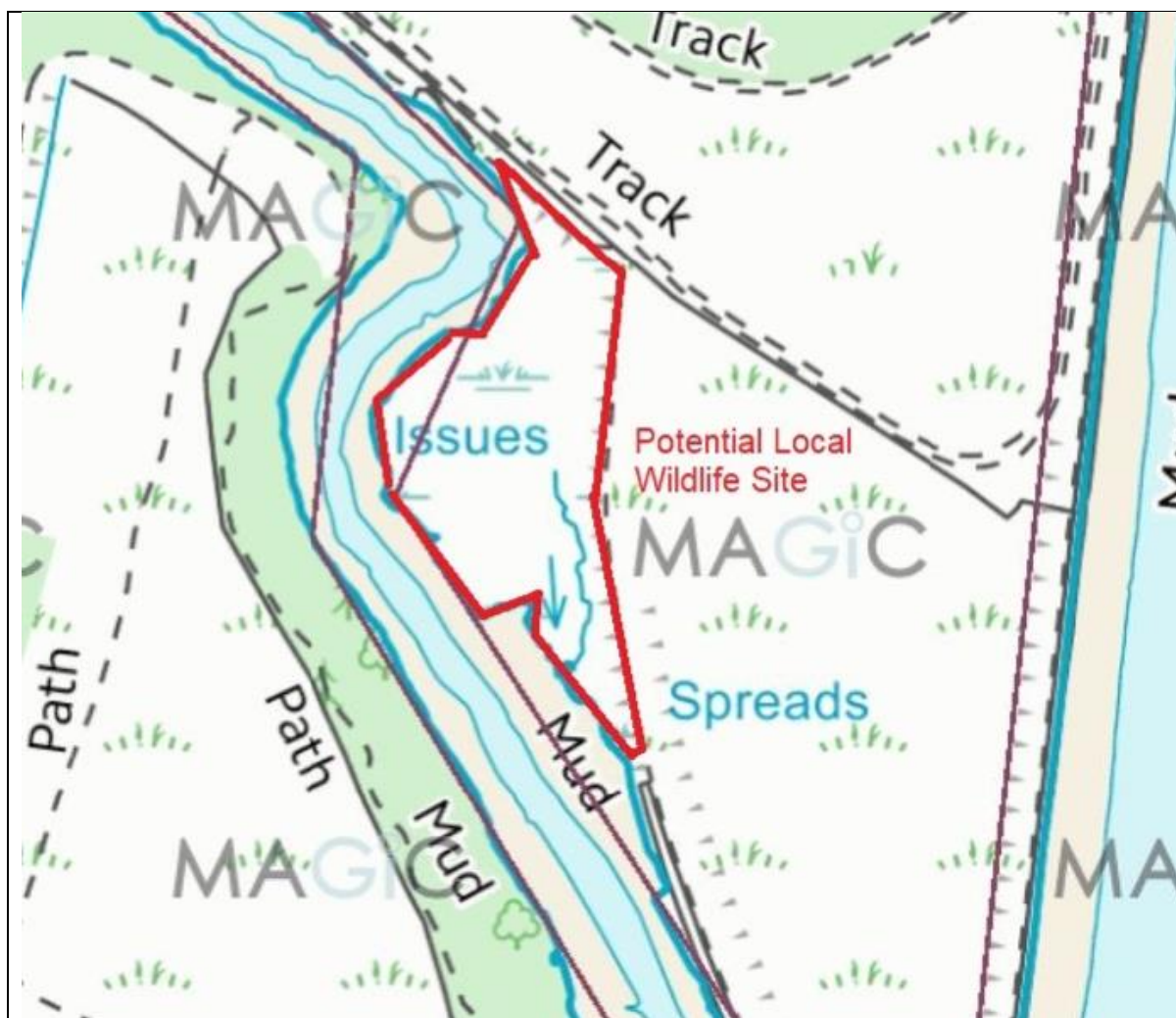


Tees Valley Nature Partnership - Natural Assets Working Group

Local Wildlife Site Data Sheet 11/12/2019

SITE NAME:	Billingham Beck Saltmarsh South
NGR:	NZ 476-203
District:	Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
Land ownership:	Inter Terminals (Riverside site)
Qualifying feature:	Saltmarsh
TVNP Qualifying criteria code:	C1
Most recent site survey date:	17 July 2018
Recent survey effort and Ecology reports:	INCA (Mike Leakey and Ian Bond)
Location of site details and evidence:	INCA Habitat Assessment Project, INCA office
Date of LWS recommendation by TVNP:	11/12/2019 (Steering Group 18/12/19)
Recommended management:	Non-intervention
Site in positive management:	No (17/07/2018)

Site boundary:



Site description:

An area of saltmarsh extending to approximately 0.66 Ha on the northern bank of Billingham Beck, 300m upstream from its confluence with the River Tees. Zonation apparently confined to mid and upper saltmarsh communities. Vegetation is dominated by Sea Couch *Elytrigia atherica* (Dominant) along with Red Fescue *Festuca rubra* (Frequent). Other key indicator species comprise of Saltmarsh Grass *Puccinellia* spp. (Rare), Sea Arrowgrass *Triglochin maritima* (Rare), Spear-leaved Orache *Atriplex hastata* (Rare), Grass-leaved Orache *Atriplex littoralis* (Rare), Sea Beet *Beta vulgaris* (Rare) and Sea Aster *Aster tripolium* (Rare). Percentage of bare ground: <2%.

The habitat is used as a high-water haul-out by small numbers of both common and grey seals, predominantly in summer.

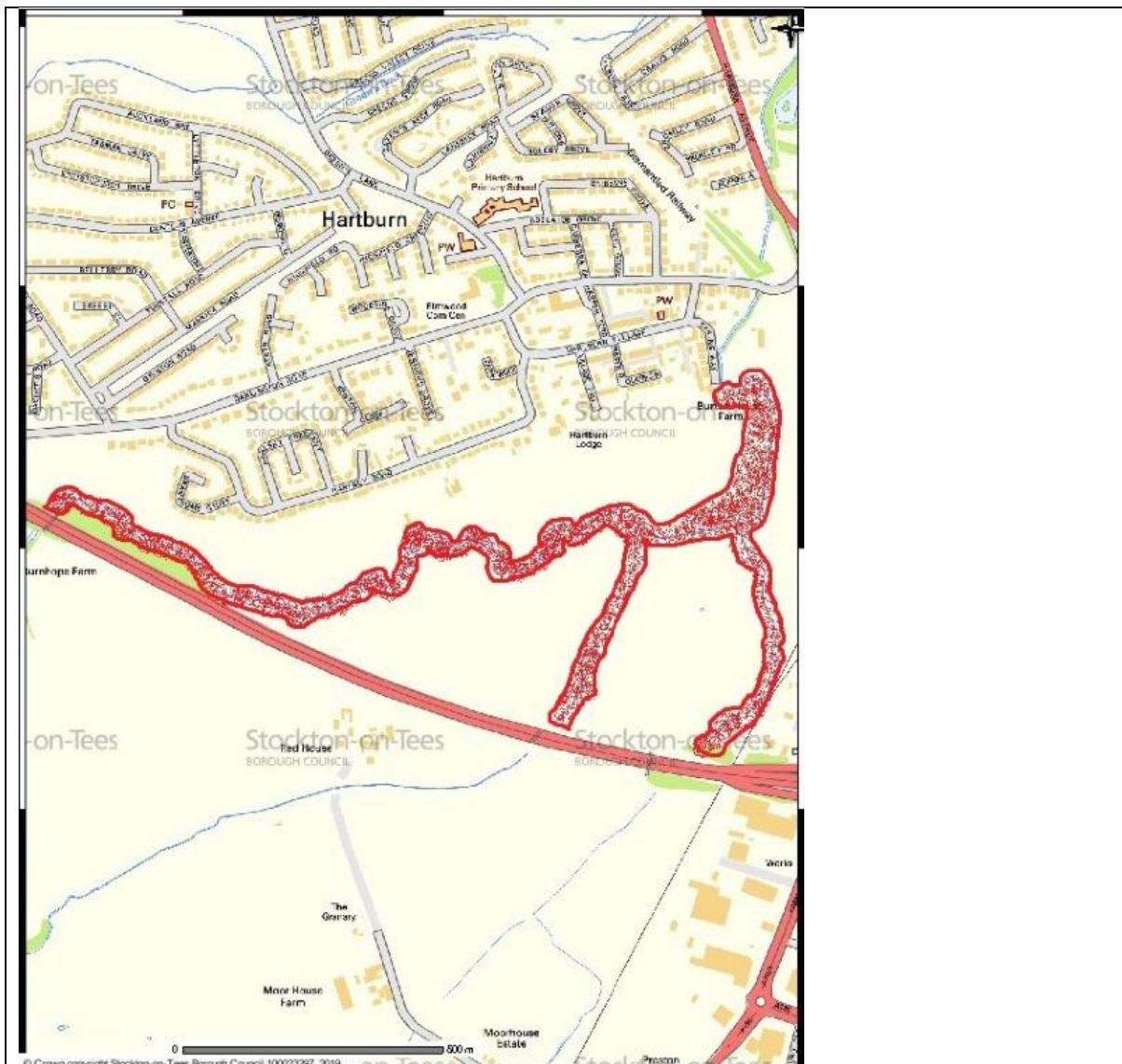
The saltmarsh habitat lies outside the Inter Terminals operational site.

Site location:



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Site boundary:



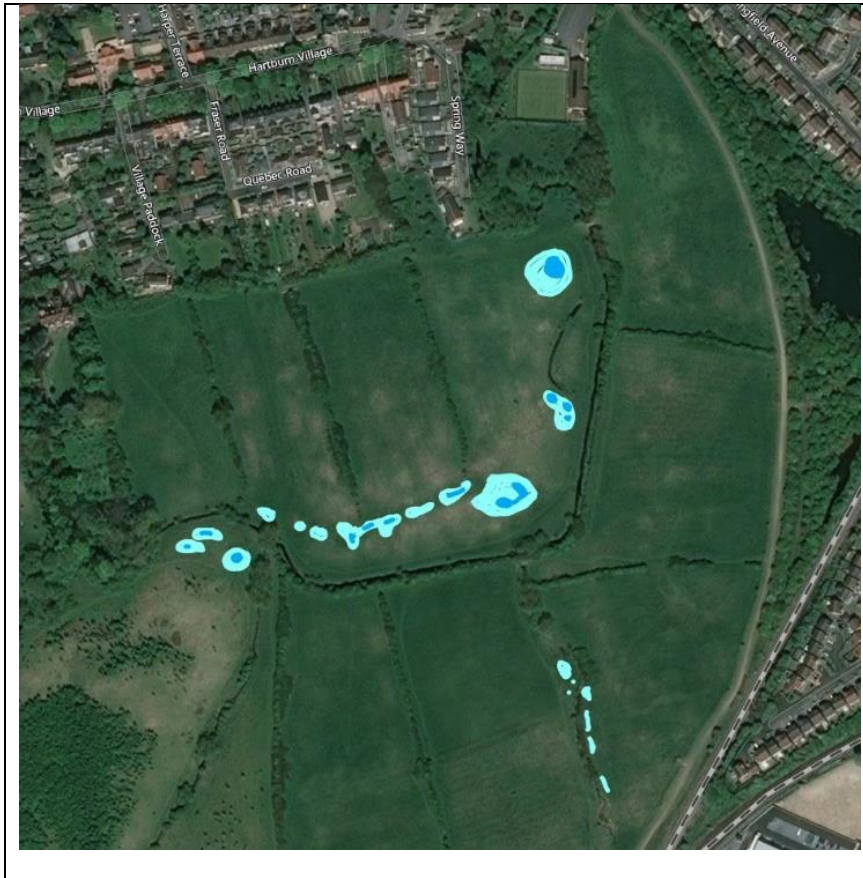
Site description:

Hartburn Beck and two smaller tributaries support a colony of water voles at the Stockton Borough Council owned Hartburn Fields site (aka The Six Fields). The beck channel has previously been straightened through the main part of the site, although is still subject to seasonal flooding. Several ponds were added in 2018 as part of an Environment Agency flood alleviation project on the Hartburn Beck / Lustrum Beck catchment. These are included within the LWS boundary.

Recent management history:

Footpath alongside a length of the beck moved further away from the watercourse in 2018 and several large ponds created in 2018.

Existing ponds:



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