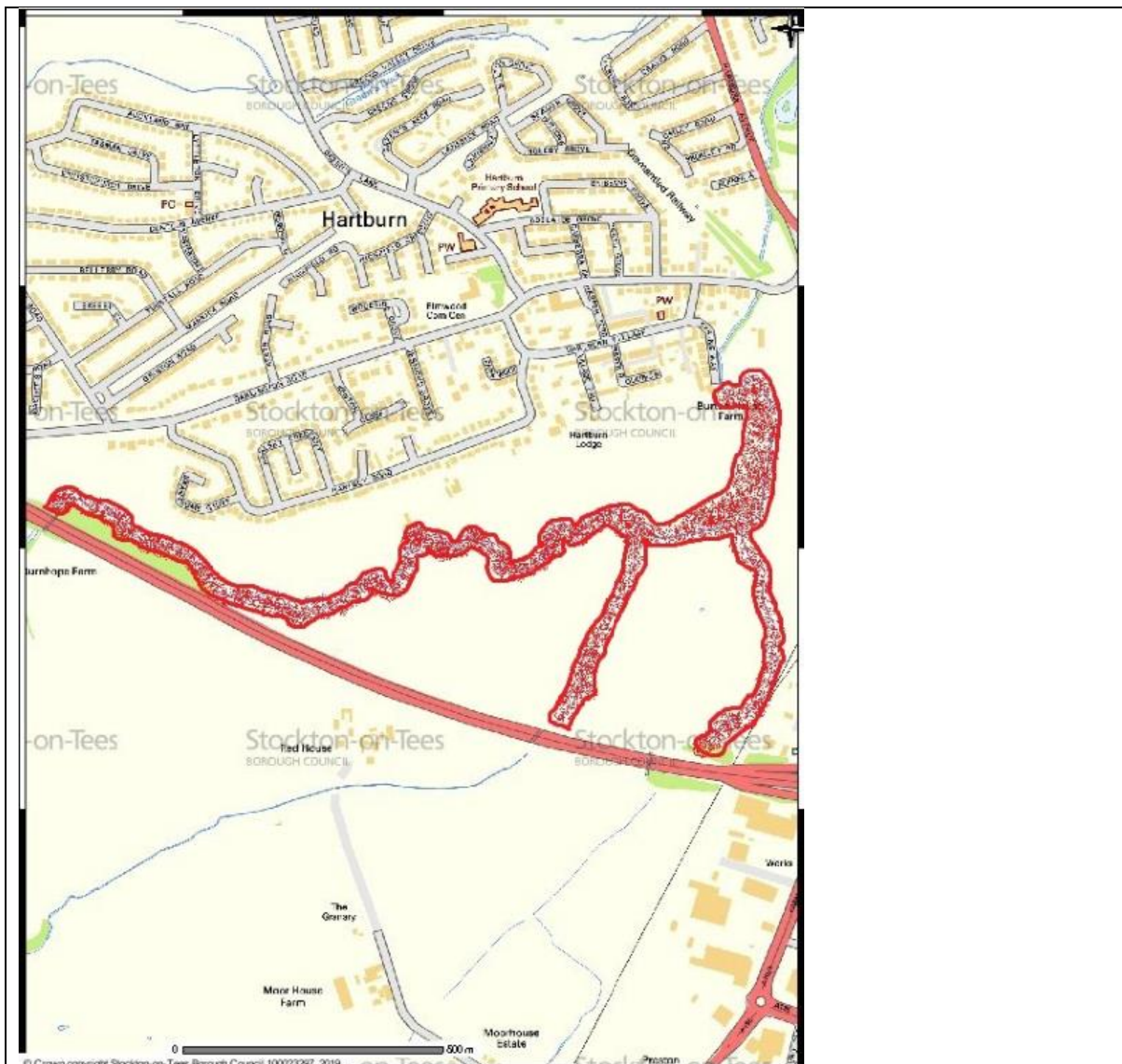


Tees Valley Nature Partnership - Natural Assets Working Group

Local Wildlife Site Data Sheet 11/12/2019

SITE NAME:	HARTBURN BECK
NGR:	NZ374131
District:	Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
Land ownership:	Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
Qualifying feature:	Water vole (<i>Arvicola amphibious</i>)
TVNP Qualifying criteria code:	M4
Most recent site survey date:	August 2019
Recent survey effort and Ecology reports:	Research undertaken by Stockton BC (David Askey) and INCA (Ian Bond). Report produced by Ian Bond. Video footage of active water vole taken by Kirsty Pollard of Durham Wildlife Trust in July 2019
Location of site details and evidence:	Stockton BC (David Askey)
Date of LWS recommendation by TVNP:	11/12/2019 (SG 18/12/19)
Recommended management:	Minimise disturbance (people, dogs, cats), monitor for American mink, eradicate American mink, maintain high water quality, avoid ground disturbance on banks including upstream, minimise water pollution (e.g. fertiliser input), ensure in-stream works are only undertaken to a 'water vole conservation management plan'.
Site in positive management:	Yes (11/12/2019)

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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