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TVNP. Natural Assets Working Group (NAWG). Potential Local Wildlife Site.

### Stainton Way road verge Grassland

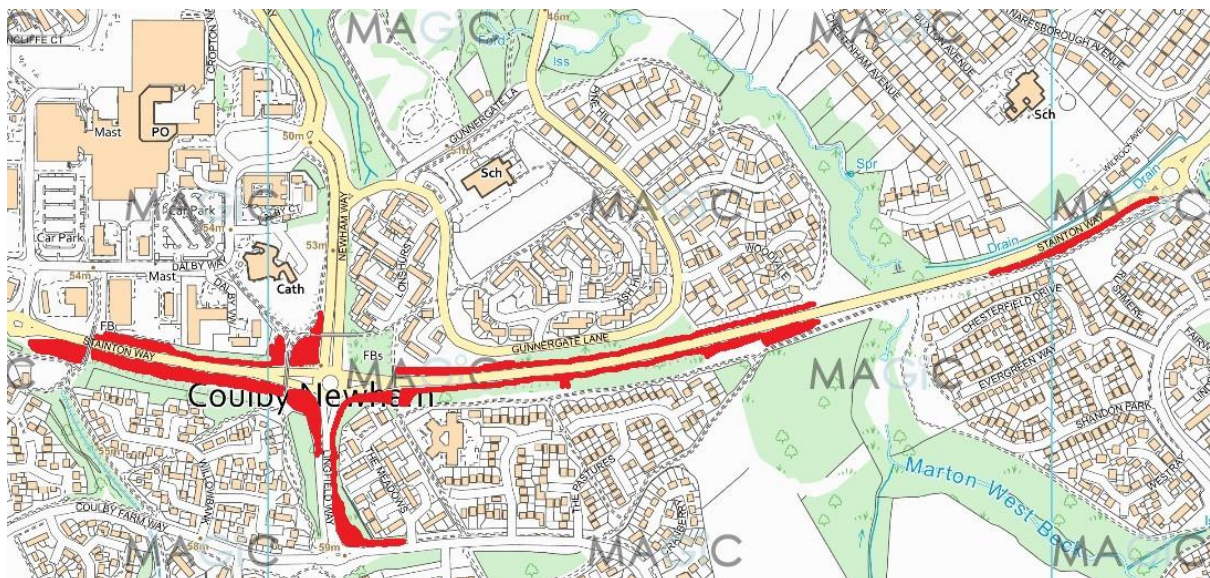
Assessed: 22/05/2020

Decision: Pended.

Notes: sub-urban site with massed display of meadow buttercup at end of May. Wildflowers probably from farmland soil seedbank when road was created.

- Site name: **Stainton Way road verge Grassland.**
- OS National Grid Ref: NZ 5155-1435.
- Land ownership: Middlesbrough BC Highways Regs apply.
- Contact: Simon Blenkinsop.
- District: Middlesbrough Borough Council.
- Qualifying feature: Neutral grassland.
- Tees Valley Nature Partnership Qualifying criteria code: G1.
- Most recent site survey date: 22 May 2020.
- Research and survey undertaken by Martin Allen.
- Location of site details and evidence: see below.
- Recommended management: Litter pick before mowing. Cut and remove July/August for most; Bonnygrove Way road verge leave to flower in late summer. No weedkiller application around shrubs.
- Recent management history: Uncut spring/summer then cuttings left on site.
- Site in positive management: Yes (22 May 2020).
- Date of LWS recommendation by Tees Valley Nature Partnership 16/09/20

#### Site extent



## Site location



## Botanical survey

Survey for species listed as qualifying species in Appendix 2 of the Guidelines for the Selection of local Wildlife Sites in the Tees Valley (June 2010): Neutral Grassland Flora – three grasses and five herbs are required for LWS status (rare plants are not included on this list).

The site supports four grass species and twelve herb species.

Table 1

Scientific Name	Common Name
<i>Alopecurus pratensis</i>	Meadow Foxtail
<i>Anthoxanthum odoratum</i>	Sweet Vernal-grass
<i>Centaurea nigra</i>	Common Knapweed
<i>Conopodium majus</i>	Pignut
<i>Cynosurus cristatus</i>	Crested Dog's-tail
<i>Hypochaeris radicata</i>	Cat's-ear
<i>Lathyrus pratensis</i>	Meadow Vetchling
<i>Lotus corniculatus</i>	Common Bird's-foot-trefoil
<i>Primula veris</i>	Cowslip
<i>Prunella vulgaris</i>	Selfheal
<i>Ranunculus bulbosus</i>	Bulbous Buttercup
<i>Rumex acetosa</i>	Common Sorrel

<i>Scorzonerooides autumnalis</i>	Autumn Hawkbit
<i>Trifolium medium</i>	Zigzag Clover
<i>Trifolium pratense</i>	Red Clover
<i>Trisetum flavescens</i>	Yellow Oat-grass

Site generally on sloping road verges with abundant Meadow Buttercup. Northern Marsh-orchid noted.

Site photograph, 22 May 2020



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