



European Site Conservation Objectives for Peak District Dales Special Area of Conservation Site Code: UK0019859

With regard to the SAC and the natural habitats and/or species for which the site has been designated (the 'Qualifying Features' listed below), and subject to natural change;

Ensure that the integrity of the site is maintained or restored as appropriate, and ensure that the site contributes to achieving the Favourable Conservation Status of its Qualifying Features, by maintaining or restoring;

- > **The extent and distribution of qualifying natural habitats and habitats of qualifying species**
- > **The structure and function (including typical species) of qualifying natural habitats** > **The structure and function of the habitats of qualifying species**
- > **The supporting processes on which qualifying natural habitats and the habitats of qualifying species rely**
- > **The populations of qualifying species, and,**
- > **The distribution of qualifying species within the site.**

This document should be read in conjunction with the accompanying *Supplementary Advice* document, which provides more detailed advice and information to enable the application and achievement of the Objectives set out above.

Qualifying Features:

H4030. European dry heaths

H6130. Calaminarian grasslands of the *Violetalia calaminariae*; Grasslands on soils rich in heavy metals

H6210. Semi-natural dry grasslands and scrubland facies: on calcareous substrates (*FestucoBrometalia*); Dry grasslands and scrublands on chalk or limestone

H7230. Alkaline fens; Calcium-rich springwater-fed fens

H8120. Calcareous and calcshist screes of the montane to alpine levels (*Thlaspietea rotundifolii*); Base-rich scree

H8210. Calcareous rocky slopes with chasmophytic vegetation; Plants in crevices in base-rich rocks

H9180. *Tilio-Acerion* forests of slopes, screes and ravines; Mixed woodland on base-rich soils associated with rocky slopes*

S1092. *Austropotamobius pallipes*; White-clawed (or Atlantic

stream) crayfish S1096. *Lampetra planeri*; Brook lamprey

S1163. *Cottus gobio*; Bullhead

* denotes a priority natural habitat or species (supporting explanatory text on following page)

* Priority natural habitats or species

Some of the natural habitats and species listed in the Habitats Directive and for which SACs have been selected are considered to be particular priorities for conservation at a European scale and are subject to special provisions in the Directive and the Habitats Regulations. These priority natural habitats and species are denoted by an asterisk (*) in Annex I and II of the Directive. The term 'priority' is also used in other contexts, for example with reference to particular habitats or species that are prioritised in UK Biodiversity Action Plans. It is important to note however that these are not necessarily the priority natural habitats or species within the meaning of the Habitats Directive or the Habitats Regulations.

Explanatory Notes: European Site Conservation Objectives

These Conservation Objectives are those referred to in the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 (the "Habitats Regulations") and Article 6(3) of the Habitats Directive. They must be considered when a competent authority is required to make a 'Habitats Regulations Assessment', including an Appropriate Assessment, under the relevant parts of this legislation.

These Conservation Objectives and the accompanying Supplementary Advice (where available) will also provide a framework to inform the measures needed to conserve or restore the European Site and the prevention of deterioration or significant disturbance of its qualifying features as required by the provisions of Article 6(1) and 6(2) of the Directive.

These Conservation Objectives are set for each habitat or species of a [Special Area of Conservation \(SAC\)](#). Where the objectives are met, the site will be considered to exhibit a high degree of integrity and to be contributing to achieving Favourable Conservation Status for that species or habitat type at a UK level. The term 'favourable conservation status' is defined in Article 1 of the Habitats Directive.

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