

# Site Improvement Plan

## Crookhill Brick Pit

Site Improvement Plans (SIPs) have been developed for each Natura 2000 site in England as part of the Improvement Programme for England's Natura 2000 sites (IPENS). Natura 2000 sites is the combined term for sites designated as Special Areas of Conservation (SAC) and Special Protected Areas (SPA). This work has been financially supported by LIFE, a financial instrument of the European Community.

The plan provides a high level overview of the issues (both current and predicted) affecting the condition of the Natura 2000 features on the site(s) and outlines the priority measures required to improve the condition of the features. It does not cover issues where remedial actions are already in place or ongoing management activities which are required for maintenance.

The SIP consists of three parts: a Summary table, which sets out the priority Issues and Measures; a detailed Actions table, which sets out who needs to do what, when and how much it is estimated to cost; and a set of tables containing contextual information and links.

Once this current programme ends, it is anticipated that Natural England and others, working with landowners and managers, will all play a role in delivering the priority measures to improve the condition of the features on these sites.

The SIPs are based on Natural England's current evidence and knowledge. The SIPs are not legal documents, they are live documents that will be updated to reflect changes in our evidence/knowledge and as actions get underway. The information in the SIPs will be used to update England's contribution to the UK's Prioritised Action Framework (PAF).

The SIPs are not formal consultation documents, but if you have any comments about the SIP or would like more information please email us at [IPENSLIFEProject@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:IPENSLIFEProject@naturalengland.org.uk), or contact Natural England's Responsible Officer for the site via our enquiry service 0300 060 3900, or [enquiries@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@naturalengland.org.uk)

**This Site Improvement Plan covers the following Natura 2000 site(s)**

**UK0030349 Crookhill Brick Pit SAC**

## Site description

Crookhill Brickpit SAC is a disused brickpit which has important geological features and contains several ponds that support Great Crested Newts. The Site also contains a variety of habitats used by the newt, including grassland, scrub and quarry spoil.

## Plan Summary

*This table shows the prioritised issues for the site(s), the features they affect, the proposed measures to address the issues and the delivery bodies whose involvement is required to deliver the measures. The list of delivery bodies will include those who have agreed to the actions as well as those where discussions over their role in delivering the actions is on-going.*

Priority & Issue	Pressure or Threat	Feature(s) affected	Measure	Delivery Bodies
1 Change in land management	Threat	S1166 Great crested newt	Re-establish the Management Advisory Committee and fund planned works through CES	Dorset County Council, Natural England, Weymouth And Portland Borough Council

## Issues and Actions

This table outlines the prioritised issues that are currently impacting or threatening the condition of the features, and the outstanding actions required to address them. It also shows, where possible, the estimated cost of the action and the delivery bodies whose involvement will be required to implement the action. Lead delivery bodies will be responsible for coordinating the implementation of the action, but not necessarily funding it. Delivery partners will need to support the lead delivery body in implementing the action. In the process of developing the SIPs Natural England has approached the delivery bodies to seek agreement on the actions and their roles in delivering them, although in some cases these discussions have not yet been concluded. Other interested parties, including landowners and managers, will be involved as the detailed actions are agreed and delivered. Funding options are indicated as potential (but not necessarily agreed or secured) sources to fund the actions.

### 1 Change in land management

Lack of a Management Advisory Committee means any management is very small scale and the site is scrubbing up. This may lead to less than favourable conditions for the Great Crested Newt SAC feature.

Action	Action description	Cost estimate	Timescale	Mechanism	Funding option	Delivery lead body	Delivery partner(s)
<b>1A</b>	Re-establish the Management Advisory Committee	£500	2015	Major Landowner Group land ownership activities : Other	Local Authority	Not yet determined	Dorset County Council, Weymouth And Portland Borough Council
<b>1B</b>	Develop a scrub control programme	£500	2015	Non-Natural England funded site management plan	Local Authority	Not yet determined	Dorset County Council, Weymouth And Portland Borough Council
<b>1C</b>	Targeted programme of scrub clearance and fish removal and follow up management to maintain resulting states	£20,000	2015-2020	Conservation Enhancement Scheme (CES)	Natural England	Natural England	Weymouth And Portland Borough Council

## Site details

The tables in this section contain site-relevant contextual information and links

### Qualifying features

#UK Special responsibility

**Crookhill Brick Pit SAC** S1166 *Triturus cristatus*: Great crested newt

### Site location and links

#### **Crookhill Brick Pit SAC**

Area (ha) **4.71**      Grid reference **SY643797**      [Map link](#)

Local Authorities      Dorset

Site Conservation Objectives      [European Site Conservation Objectives for Crookhill Brick Pit SAC](#)

European Marine Site conservation advice      [n/a](#)

Regulation 33/35 Package      [n/a](#)

Marine Management Organisation site plan      [n/a](#)

## Water Framework Directive (WFD)

*The Water Framework Directive (WFD) provides the main framework for managing the water environment throughout Europe. Under the WFD a management plan must be developed for each river basin district. The River Basin Management Plans (RBMP) include a summary of the measures needed for water dependent Natura 2000 sites to meet their conservation objectives. For the second round of RBMPs, SIPs are being used to capture the priorities and new measures required for water dependent habitats on Natura 2000 sites. SIP actions for non-water dependent sites/habitats do not form part of the RBMPs and associated consultation.*

### **Crookhill Brick Pit SAC**

<i>River basin</i>	<a href="#">South West RBMP</a>
<i>WFD Management catchment</i>	Dorset
<i>WFD Waterbody ID (Cycle 2 draft)</i>	n/a

## Overlapping or adjacent protected sites

Site(s) of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)	
Crookhill Brick Pit SAC	Crookhill Brick Pit SSSI

National Nature Reserve (NNR)	
Crookhill Brick Pit SAC	n/a

Ramsar	
Crookhill Brick Pit SAC	n/a

Special Areas of Conservation (SAC) and Special Protection Areas (SPA)	
Crookhill Brick Pit SAC	n/a

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