

EC Directive 92/43 on the Conservation of Natural Habitats and of Wild Fauna and Flora

Citation for Special Area of Conservation (SAC)

Name: Grimsthorpe
Unitary Authority/County: Lincolnshire
SAC status: Designated on 1 April 2005
Grid reference: TF033205
SAC EU code: UK0030043
Area (ha): 0.35
Component SSSI: Grimsthorpe Park SSSI

Site description:

Situated adjacent to an area of ancient parkland, this site comprises a disused stone quarry with a rich limestone flora, including purple milk-vetch *Astragalus danicus*, clustered bellflower *Campanula glomerata*, wild marjoram *Origanum vulgare*, quaking-grass *Briza media*, autumn gentian *Gentianella amarella* and wild thyme *Thymus polytrichus*. It is the most northerly outpost for early gentian *Gentianella anglica*, with two to three colonies totalling several hundred plants in the old oolitic limestone quarry.

Qualifying habitats: The site is designated under **article 4(4)** of the Directive (92/43/EEC) as it hosts the following habitats listed in Annex I:

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

Qualifying species: The site is designated under **article 4(4)** of the Directive (92/43/EEC) as it hosts the following species listed in Annex II:

- Early gentian *Gentianella anglica*

This citation relates to a site entered in the Register of European Sites for Great Britain.
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On behalf of the Secretary of State for Environment,
Food and Rural Affairs