



**Fleet Pond Site of Special Scientific Interest, Hampshire**

## **CONSENT OF NATURAL ENGLAND**

**Section 28E(3)(a) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981  
(as amended)**

To:

Hart District Council

Of:

Civic Offices, Harlington Way, Fleet, Hampshire

GU51 4AE

You have Natural England's consent to carry out, cause or permit to be carried out the operations specified in your notice dated 25/01/2022 as attached at Annex 1 (the "Notice").

For the avoidance of doubt, this consent covers the period 01/03/2022 – 31/12/2031 as requested in your Notice.

**Signed for Natural England:**

**Print name:** Morgan Smith **Date:** 01/03/2022

### **Important information about this consent**

If you wish to change the proposed operations or their location or to carry out additional operations for which consent has not yet been given, or if a time period set out above has expired, you must give further written notice to Natural England. Before doing so, you can seek advice from Natural England.

You may face enforcement action if you carry out or permit unauthorised operations which destroy, damage or disturb the notified features of special scientific interest.

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Before undertaking or permitting the operations specified in this consent, you may also need to get additional permissions from other authorities. For example, the consented operations might also require planning permission from the Local Planning Authority, a permit from the Environment Agency or a licence from the Forestry Commission. It is your responsibility, as the grantee of this consent, to ensure that no other permissions or consents, whether of a public or a private nature, are needed and, if any are needed, to acquire them before you exercise this consent.

This SSSI includes registered common land which is protected by the Commons Act 2006 and will have rights of access by the public. Although you have Natural England's SSSI consent for these specified operations, you may also need to apply to the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Secretary of State for 'commons consent' (using this [Guidance](#)). Natural England is a specified consultee under the Commons Act 2006 and will respond separately, in accordance with DEFRA's policy on common land, to any consultations it receives.

This is Natural England's consent only, and it does not allow you to undertake or permit the specified operations without first having obtained all of the necessary permissions needed to undertake the operation lawfully. If you do not obtain all of the permissions you require, and carry out the work anyway, you may face enforcement action from other authorities or parties.

As the grantee of this Consent, you are responsible for carrying out the consented operation(s) safely and in all ways according to the law.



**If you have any queries or concerns over this consent, please contact our Farm and Conservation Advice Service at [ProtectedSites@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:ProtectedSites@naturalengland.org.uk)**

Reference number of operations from SSSI notification documents, for Natural England's use only:

1; 2; 3; 4; 5; 6; 7; 11; 12; 13c; 22;

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## Annex 1 – the Notice

### Annex 1: Pro forma "Notice of proposal"

#### Notice of proposal to carry out an operation on an SSSI

Section 28E (1)(a) Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended and inserted by section 75 and Schedule 9 of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000)

**Name of Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)**

Fleet Pond

**Name and address of owner(s) or occupier(s)**

Hart District Council, Civic Offices, Harlington Way, Fleet, Hampshire, GU51 4AE

[I/We] give notice under Section 28(E)(1)(a) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 of [my/our] proposal to carry out, cause or permit to be carried out the operation(s) specified below on the land specified below.

**Specified operations (summary of proposal):**

Operations as outlined in the Fleet Pond Countryside Stewardship agreement

**Details of proposed operations (continue on separate sheet if necessary or attach additional information, documents etc):**

Reed bed, fen and marsh and heathland management including scrub control and cutting, open water management including capital works to enhance islands and marginal habitats, etc

**Timing of proposed operations:**

As per CS agreement number 1229642

**End date of proposed operation:**

31/12/2026

**Land on which operations are to be carried out (or attach map):**

Fleet Pond SSSI

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**Signed for owner(s) or  
occupier(s):**

*Lt Hugo Smith*

**Date:**

25/01/22

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