

Decision Number: 21 - 2023/24

Portfolio Holder Executive Decision Statement

The Local Authority (Executive Arrangements)(Meetings and Access to Information)(England) Regulations 2012

Subject:

Decision regarding Local Wildlife Site SE61 Field Edge near Fawkham

Details of Decision taken.

The process for selecting, updating and delineating LWS is led by Kent Nature Partnership but the responsibility for final decisions resides with the relevant local authority. This is an existing local wildlife site located within Sevenoaks District. KNP has recommended that this site be no longer designated as a local wildlife site, subject to a further survey this year (2024) to confirm the absence of its qualifying features. SDC has the responsibility for making the final decision and our decision in relation to this site is to defer a decision on de-designation for a year, until the results of the latest site survey are known.

Reason for Decision

This will allow for a further scheduled survey to be undertaken by KWT on behalf of KNP. This survey will provide further data regarding the presence or otherwise of the qualifying species. It also takes into account the parish council's comments regarding the qualifying species' presence towards the end of October 2021 and allows for additional evidence to be considered, should they put any forward.

All Documents considered:

The KWT, on behalf of KNP, has provided us with the following documents, which includes their recommendation, and these have been considered in coming to the conclusion.

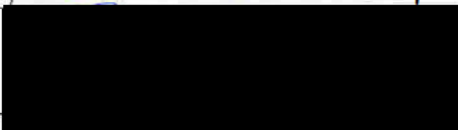
- LWS updates for consideration by the Kent Nature Partnership Management Working Group
- SE61 Field Edge near Fawkham 1995 citation
- SE61 Field Edge near Fawkham map

None of these documents contain exemptions.

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Details of any conflicts of interest a) declared by any executive member who is consulted by the Decision Taker No conflicts of interest declared. b) and any details of dispensations granted by the Chief Executive in respect of any declared conflict	
Decision taken by:	Portfolio Holder for Development and Conservation.
Signed by Portfolio Holder	
Date of Decision	04/04/2024
Record made by:	Phil Magee
Date of record:	10/04/2024

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