



## European Site Conservation Objectives for Teesmouth and Cleveland Coast Special Protection Area Site Code: UK9006061

With regard to the SPA and the individual species and/or assemblage of species for which the site has been classified (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 aims of the Wild Birds Directive, by maintaining or restoring;

- The extent and distribution of the habitats of the qualifying features
- > The structure and function of the habitats of the qualifying features
- > The supporting processes on which the habitats of the qualifying features rely
- > The population of each of the qualifying features, and,
- The distribution of the qualifying features 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:**

A143 Calidris canutus; Red knot (Non-breeding)

A162 Tringa totanus; Common redshank (Non-breeding)

A191 Sterna sandvicensis; Sandwich tern (Non-breeding)

A195 Sterna albifrons; Little tern (Breeding)

Waterbird assemblage

## This is a European Marine Site

This SPA is a part of the Teesmouth and Cleveland Coast European Marine Site (EMS). These Conservation Objectives should be used in conjunction with the Regulation 35 Conservation Advice document for the EMS. For further details about this please visit the Natural England website at: <a href="http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/marine/protectandmanage/mpa/europeansites.aspx">http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/marine/protectandmanage/mpa/europeansites.aspx</a> or contact Natural England's enquiry service at <a href="mailto:enquiries@naturalengland.org.uk">enquiries@naturalengland.org.uk</a> or by phone on 0845 600 3078.

## **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 this is available) will also provide a framework to inform the management of the European Site under the provisions of Articles 4(1) and 4(2) of the Wild Birds Directive, and the prevention of deterioration of habitats and significant disturbance of its qualifying features required under Article 6(2) of the Habitats Directive.

These Conservation Objectives are set for each bird feature for a <u>Special Protection Area (SPA)</u>. Where the objectives are met, the site will be considered to exhibit a high degree of integrity and to be contributing to achieving the aims of the Wild Birds Directive.

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