# Teesmouth and Cleveland Coast SPA, Ramsar Site and SSSI

# Feedback Updated 11 Feb 2020

## We Asked

On 31 July 2018, Natural England launched a formal consultation with owners, occupiers and interested parties on the:

- notification of the Teesmouth and Cleveland Coast Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI);
- proposed 'de-notification' of parts of the Seal Sands SSSI;
- proposed extensions to the Teesmouth and Cleveland Coast Special Protection Area (SPA) and Ramsar site.

## You Said

The Teesmouth and Cleveland Coast SSSI notification was the subject of 6 unresolved objections and 7 further objections that have been resolved subject to the Board of Natural England's approval of recommended boundary modifications. There were also 12 further representations, 4 of which expressed support for the SSSI notification.

No objections were received to the proposal to de-notify parts of the Seal Sands SSSI.

The proposed extensions to the Teesmouth and Cleveland Coast SPA and Ramsar site received 7 responses supporting the proposal. 18 objections were received, 11 of which were resolved and 7 which were maintained by the respondent.

## We Did

Following consideration of representations and objections at its meeting on 20 March 2019, the Board of Natural England approved the confirmation of the notification of the Teesmouth and Cleveland Coast SSSI with modifications to the boundary and, accordingly, to the area figure presented on the citation.

Natural England confirmed the notification of Teesmouth and Cleveland Coast SSSI on 18 April 2019 and, on the same date, confirmed the de-notification of parts of the Seal Sands SSSI.

#### **Closed 30 Nov 2018**

Opened 31 Jul 2018

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The Teesmouth and Cleveland Coast SPA and Ramsar site extensions were classified on the 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

The Minister approved the proposals to extend the Teesmouth and Cleveland Coast SPA and Ramsar site, but with the boundary amendments as described within Annex 3 of the Consultation Report (available from this website). Updated maps will be published on this website and the GI data will be made publically available to download.

# Overview

Natural England has reviewed the suite of nature conservation designations in the Teesmouth and Cleveland Coast area, including seven Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and the Teesmouth and Cleveland Coast Special Protection Area (SPA) and Ramsar Site.

We have now notified an enlarged SSSI that includes the majority of the area of the seven previous SSSIs, linking and combining them with substantial extensions. Part of one SSSI (Seal Sands) is not considered to be of special interest and is therefore proposed for de-notification.

Natural England has also recommended to Government that the existing SPA and Ramsar Site be revised to include extensions and additional qualifying interests. Ministers have asked us to consult formally on these proposals.

Accordingly, Natural England is seeking views on:

- notification of the enlarged Teesmouth and Cleveland Coast SSSI;
- proposed de-notification of part of Seal Sands SSSI;
- proposal to extend Teesmouth and Cleveland Coast Special Protection Area (SPA): and
- proposal to extend Teesmouth and Cleveland Coast Ramsar Site.

This consultation runs in accordance with Government Consultation Principles (http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/resource-library/consultation-principlesguidance).

# What Happens Next

SPA consultation results will be submitted as a report to the Secretary of State for the Environment Food and Rural Affairs. Following consideration of that report, the Secretary of State will decide whether or not to classify the site as a SPA.

SSSI consultation responses will be assessed and a recommendation will be made to the Board of Natural England in due course. Natural England has to make a decision to either confirm or withdraw this notification by 30th April 2019 or the notification will cease to exist.

# Related

Teesmouth and Cleveland Coast SPA & Ramsar site - Consultation Report, February 2020 (https://consult.defra.gov.uk/natural-england-marine/teesmouth-and-cleveland-coastsp/supporting documents/Teesmouth%20and%20Cleveland%20Coast%20Consultation%20Report%20February%202020.pdf) 2.7 MB (PDF document) Teesmouth and Cleveland Coast SSSI - Citation, 18 April 2019 (https://consult.defra.gov.uk/natural-england-marine/teesmouth-and-cleveland-coastsp/supporting\_documents/1.%20Teesmouth%20and%20Cleveland%20Coast%20SSSI%20%20Citation%2018%20April%202019.pdf) 41.7 KB (PDF document) Teesmouth and Cleveland Coast SSSI - Summary Maps 1-3, 18 April 2019 (https://consult.defra.gov.uk/natural-england-marine/teesmouth-and-cleveland-coast $sp/supporting\_documents/2.\%20 Tees mouth \%20 and \%20 Clevel and \%20 Coast \%20 SSSI \%20 \%20 Summary \%20 Maps \%20 13 \%20 18 \%20 April \%20 20 19 William May be a supporting of the property of$ 3.0 MB (PDF document) Teesmouth and Cleveland Coast SSSI - Summary Ext&Del Maps 1-3, 18 April 2019 (https://consult.defra.gov.uk/natural-england-marine/teesmouth-and-cleveland-coastpotentialsp/supporting\_documents/3.%20Teesmouth%20and%20Cleveland%20Coast%20SSSI%20%20Summary%20ExtDel%20Maps%2013%20%2018%2 3.1 MB (PDF document) Teesmouth and Cleveland Coast SSSI - Detail Ext&Del Maps, 1-14, 18 April 2019 (https://consult.defra.gov.uk/natural-england-marine/teesmouth-and-cleveland-coastsp/supporting\_documents/4.%20%20Teesmouth%20and%20Cleveland%20Coast%20SSSI%20%20Detail%20ExtDel%20Maps%20114%2018%204 7.3 MB (PDF document) Seal Sands SSSI - De-notification Map, 18 April 2019 (https://consult.defra.gov.uk/naturalengland-marine/teesmouth-and-cleveland-coast-potential $sp/supporting\_documents/5.\%20\%20Seal\%20Sands\%20SSSI\%20\%20Denotification\%20Map\%2018\%20April\%202019.pdf)$ 1.1 MB (PDF document) Teesmouth and Cleveland Coast pSPA and Ramsar Site Departmental Brief (scientific justification) (https://consult.defra.gov.uk/natural-england-marine/teesmouth-and-clevelandcoast-potentialsp/supporting\_documents/Teesmouth%20and%20Cleveland%20Coast%20pSPA%20Departmental%20Brief.pdf) 5.7 MB (PDF document) Teesmouth and Cleveland Coast pSPA and Ramsar Site Impact Assessment (https://consult.defra.gov.uk/natural-england-marine/teesmouth-and-cleveland-coast $sp/supporting\_documents/Teesmouth\%20 and\%20 Clevel and\%20 Coast\%20 pSPA\%20 Impact\%20 Assessment.pdf)$ 617.1 KB (PDF document) Teesmouth and Cleveland Coast pSPA Consultation Summary Document (https://consult.defra.gov.uk/natural-england-marine/teesmouth-and-cleveland-coastpotential $sp/supporting\_documents/Teesmouth\%20 and \%20 Clevel and \%20 Coast\%20 pSPA\%20 Consultation\%20 Summary\%20 Document.pdf)$ 220.9 KB (PDF document) Teesmouth and Cleveland Coast pSPA Site Map (https://consult.defra.gov.uk/naturalengland-marine/teesmouth-and-cleveland-coast-potentialsp/supporting\_documents/Teesmouth%20and%20Cleveland%20Coast%20pSPA%20Extension%20Site%20Map.jpg) 7.0 MB (JPEG image) Teesmouth and Cleveland Coast proposed Ramsar Site Map (https://consult.defra.gov.uk/natural-england-marine/teesmouth-and-cleveland-coastsp/supporting\_documents/Teesmouth%20and%20Cleveland%20Coast%20Ramsar%20Extension%20Site%20Map.jpg) 2.8 MB (JPEG image)

Teesmouth and Cleveland Coast SSSI: Notification Document

(https://consult.defra.gov.uk/natural-england-marine/teesmouth-and-cleveland-coast-potential-

- sp/supporting\_documents/Teesmouth%20and%20Cleveland%20Coast%20SSSI%20%20Notification%20Document%2031%20July%202018.pdf) 464.3 KB (PDF document)
- Teesmouth and Cleveland Coast SSSI: Supporting Information

  (https://consult.defra.gov.uk/natural-england-marine/teesmouth-and-cleveland-coast-
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- Teesmouth and Cleveland Coast SSSI: Maps (https://consult.defra.gov.uk/natural-england-marine/teesmouth-and-cleveland-coast-potential-
- sp/supporting\_documents/Teesmouth%20and%20Cleveland%20Coast%20SSSI%20maps%201%20to%2018.pdf) 14.4 MB (PDF document)
- Teesmouth and Cleveland Coast SSSI: Sand dune and saltmarsh habitat map (https://consult.defra.gov.uk/natural-england-marine/teesmouth-and-cleveland-coast-potential-
- sp/supporting\_documents/Sand%20dune%20and%20saltmarsh%20habitat%20map%20%20supporting%20info.pdf) 2.2 MB (PDF document)
- Teesmouth and Cleveland Coast SSSI: Aerial photography (https://consult.defra.gov.uk/natural-england-marine/teesmouth-and-cleveland-coast-
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- sp/supporting\_documents/Teesmouth%20and%20Cleveland%20Coast%20SSSI%20Unit%20maps%20%20supporting%20info.pdf) 3.6 MB (PDF document)
- Technical Information Note for Teesmouth' SPA as published July 2015 (http://publications.naturalengland.org.uk/publication/5987326182293504)
- Technical information Note for establishing marine SPAs (http://publications.naturalengland.org.uk/publication/1476400?category=9001)
- Site boundaries are available as vector polygons in both ESRI ArcMap shapefile and Pitney Bowes MapInfo tab file formats from this link (http://www.gis.naturalengland.org.uk/pubs/gis/GIS\_register.asp)
- **⊙** Conservation Objectives for Teesmouth and Cleveland Coast SPA and pSPA (http://publications.naturalengland.org.uk/publication/6619918699069440? cache=1533111827.56)

#### **Audiences**

Charities/Voluntary Organisations AWBs Environmental campaigners Animal welfare campaigners Trade Unions Food Business Operators
Food Industry All Marine Users Government Departments Government Agencies Devolved Administrations Coastal Members of Parliament
Coastal local authorities National Park Authorities Recreation sector Coastal Management sector Aggregates sector Energy sector
Industries and professional services Ports and Harbour Authorities and Estuaries Water/water Industry sector IFCAs Angling Organisations and Trade
Fishing Focus individual recipients Water Abstractors Environmental professional services Local Authorities Commercial Fisheries Organisations
Fisheries Producer Organisations Waste Producers and Handlers Business/Private Sector Policy Teams Transport Organisations Local Authorities
Waste Management Companies All Defra staff and ALBs Walkers Farmers Fishermen SME businesses Energy suppliers Water suppliers
Leisure industry Tourism industry Shellfish Cultivators Tenant Farmers Environmental Health Officers
Professional and Membership Organisations/Agencies Public Bodies Beach Users

### Interests

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