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Sites of Importance for Nature
Conservation Review 2017

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The *Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation in North Yorkshire: Guidelines for Site Selection V3.0 December 2017* are available at <http://www.neyedc.org.uk/data/>

Commercial data searches for information on SINC's should be undertaken through the North and East Yorkshire Ecological Data Centre.

1.0 Background

Site of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC) is a non-statutory designation used to identify high quality wildlife sites in York.

Nationally a variety names are used for these, with 'Local Wildlife Sites' being a commonly used term. In 2006 Defra published *Local Sites: Guidance on their identification, selection and management* and which remains the current Government guidance on SINC. This document sets out that SINC networks;

- Provide a comprehensive rather than representative suite of sites;
- Provide wildlife refuges for most of the UK's fauna and flora and through their connecting and buffering qualities, they complement other site networks;
- Have a significant role to play in meeting overall national biodiversity targets;
- Represent local character and distinctiveness and
- Contribute to the quality of life and the well-being of the community, with many sites providing opportunities for research and education.

In 2008 City of York Council became part of the North Yorkshire and York Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC) system. For a site to be designated as a SINC it must meet the criteria set out in the *Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation in North Yorkshire: Guidelines for Site Selection V3.0 December 2017* (available at: <http://www.neyedc.org.uk/data/>) and be assessed by the North Yorkshire SINC Panel which is made up of a range of local experts.

Between 2008 and 2010 a suite of ecological surveys were undertaken to identify SINC across the York area. A total of 100 sites were identified; 72 SINC, 15 candidate SINC and a further 13 'possible' candidate SINC. This information is presented in the *City of York Biodiversity Audit 2010* that forms part of the evidence base for the *City of York Local Biodiversity Action Plan 2017* and the Local Plan. It also helps the council comply with Section 40 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006, which places a duty on all public authorities in England and Wales to have regard, in the exercise of their functions, to the purpose of conserving biodiversity.

Designation as a SINC does not create any legal requirement or restrictions on how land is managed and no new public access is created. However, they are protected by local and national planning policy. In the City of York Local Plan: Publication Draft, February 2018 (Regulation 19 Consultation) Policy GI 2: Biodiversity and Access to Nature states;

In order to conserve and enhance York's biodiversity, any development should where appropriate;

i) Avoid loss or significant harm to Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINCs), whether directly or indirectly. Where it can be demonstrated that there is a

need for the development in that location and the benefit outweighs the loss or harm the impacts must be adequately mitigated against, or as a last resort, compensated for.

2.0 Review of SINC in 2017

The Defra Local Sites guidance recommends a review period of between five and ten years to maintain the integrity of the local sites system; reviews being less onerous than the original selection process, focusing on aspects of significant change, rather than the comprehensive re-assessment of sites.

The original SINC survey work was undertaken to support the development of a Local Development Framework Core Strategy. Since the introduction of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) in 2012 work has been ongoing to develop a new Local Plan for York in line with this. In 2017 the Local Plan development reached the pre-publication draft and it was felt this was an appropriate point to update information held on SINC.

The NPPF states Local Plans must be prepared with the objective of contributing to the achievement of sustainable development. Paragraph 165 states *“Planning policies and decisions should be based on up-to-date information about the natural environment and other characteristics of the area... this should include an assessment of existing and potential components of ecological networks.”*

Method

Resources did not allow for a whole scale review of York’s SINC and the decision was made to focus on a select number of sites;

- those which were not ratified and held as ‘candidate’ and ‘possible candidate’,
- those where there were known changes e.g. had been partially lost to development, and
- those within 500m of a proposed Local Plan allocation.

Using these criteria 48 out of the total 100 sites were identified for review in 2017.

The data process was managed by the North Yorkshire Ecological Data Centre (NEYEDC), with access permission sought by City of York Council and the surveys undertaken by an independent professional ecologist.

For each site surveyed a standard survey form was completed and site description, detailed species list and habitat map were produced following the guidance set out in the *North Yorkshire and York Supplementary Guidelines for SINC Identification and for Survey Procedure*.

For 9 sites updated information was received through other recent survey work, for example the management plan for Clifton Backies Local Nature Reserve, updated in 2016.

The information collected was digitised by NEYEDC and the species list screened against the SINC criteria. This information was presented to the North Yorkshire and York SINC Panel on 8th November 2017, with further follow-up at the meeting on 31st January 2018.

Survey constraints

The criterion for re-survey due to being within 500m of a proposed allocation was based on the 2017 Pre-Publication Draft Local Plan.

It was not possible to gain permission to access to all of the sites identified for re-survey due either to nil response or refusal.

Although the timing of survey was within the optimum period of April to September for most vegetation August is considered sub-optimal for some; this was partly mitigated for by using an experienced botanist. Woodlands identified solely for the presence of native bluebells (*Hyacinthoides non-scripta*) were not surveyed, as due to their early flowering (between mid-April and late May) would not have been easily identifiable at the time of survey.

The surveys were restricted to vegetation/habitats and did not include fauna. However where habitats were found to not have significantly changed it is considered likely that fauna previously recorded would still be present.

Summary of Results

Of the 48 sites selected for review 3 were previously identified as meeting the SINC criteria for the presence of bluebell and were not surveyed (see above).

Access permission was refused for 3 sites and there were nil responses from 9 sites. Of the remaining sites reviewed;

- 21 ratified SINC's were confirmed to still meet the criteria for designation and 4 sites remained as candidate SINC pending further information.
- 4 candidate sites were ratified as SINC's.
- 3 candidate sites did not meet the criteria for designation and were deleted.
- 1 ratified SINC, Clifton Ings was deleted due to a dual designation; having been designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest in 2013.

Other amendments to sites included boundary changes and clarification, or updates to reasons for designation. One new candidate site was identified; Copse Meadow at Rawcliffe Ings.

Where it was not possible to survey a site these will remain designated as a SINC or candidate SINC. To reduce complication the 'possible candidate SINC's' category has been combined with the candidate SINC's. Candidate sites are treated as extant

SINCs until such a time as they can be surveyed and assessed against the site selection guidelines.

3.0 Number of Ratified and Candidate SINCs at January 2018

Ratified SINCs	Candidate SINCs
76	21

- Appendix A: Map and table of Ratified SINCs
- Appendix B: Map and table of Candidate SINCs
- Appendix C: Map and table of SINCs Deleted in 2017 Review

4.0 Previously identified Sites of Local Interest

At the same time of the 2017 SINC Review consideration was given to the evidence base supporting the identification of Sites of Local Interest (SLI).

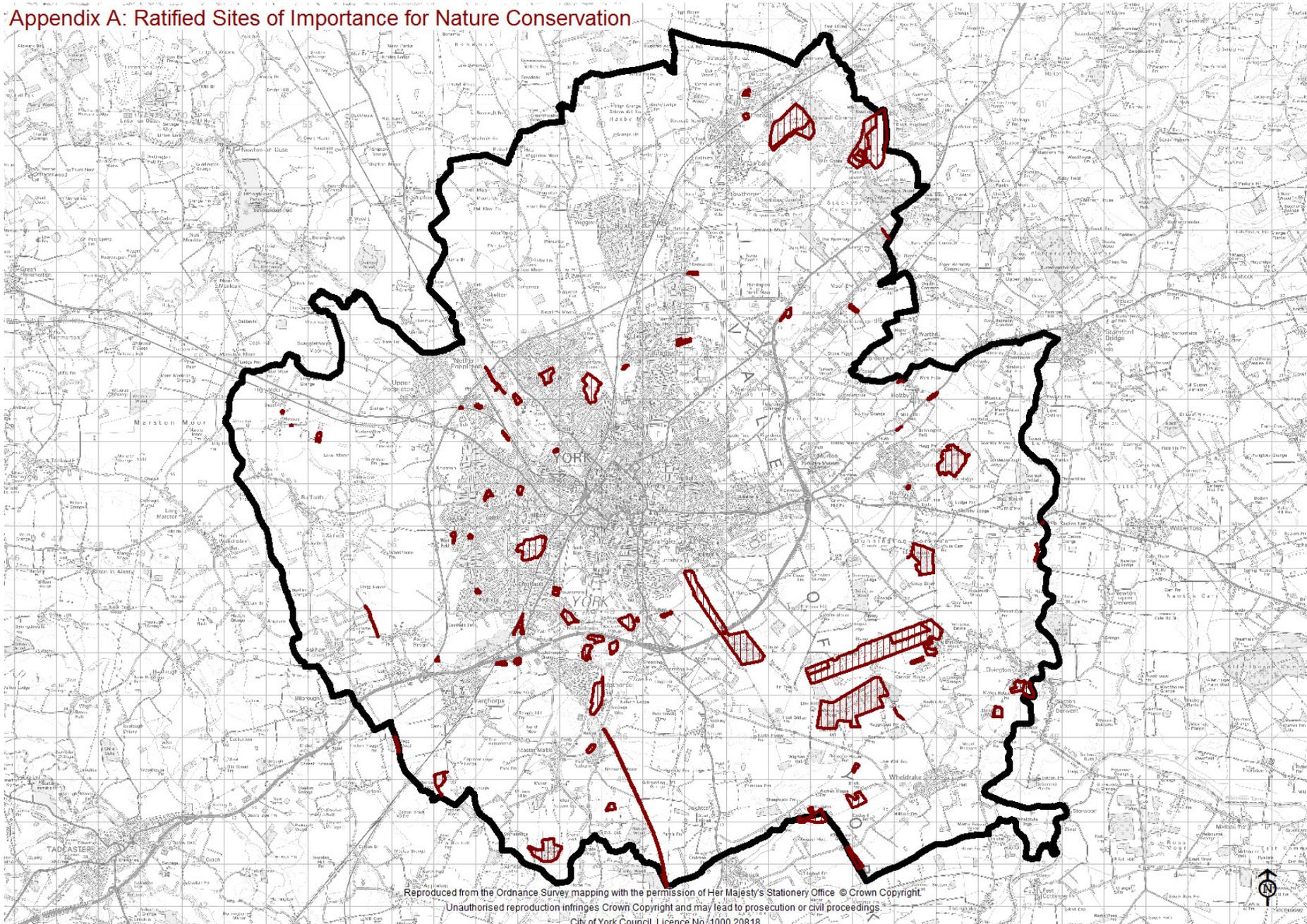
SLIs had been identified by City of York Council as sites of lesser significance than SINCs, but which are thought to have some interest for wildlife and collectively form part of York's wildlife resource. A map of the SLIs is shown in Appendix D. They are not a formal designation, there is no legal requirement or restriction on how the land is managed and no new public access is created. They are not protected through local or national planning policy beyond the normal consideration of impacts on biodiversity from development.

The identification of SLIs had been collated over many years, outside of the formal North Yorkshire and York SINC system and therefore had not be subject to the same level of scrutiny. As a result it is sometimes unclear why sites had been identified. As the Local Plan requires a robust and up to date evidence base it has been decided to remove the SLIs from inclusion on the Local Plan Proposals Map. These sites have not been 'deleted' but will be used internally within CYC to inform responses to planning applications, provide advice to land managers and use in future work on green corridors. Some of the sites may be put forward as new candidate SINCs.

5.0 Future Reviews

Further reviews of candidate SINCs and monitoring of existing SINCs will take place as resources allow. City of York Council remains an active member of the North Yorkshire and York SINC Panel.

Appendix A: Ratified Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation



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SITE CODE	SITE_NAME	LOCATION	NGR	SIZE_HA	SINC STATUS	DECISION DATE	HABITAT	DESIGNATION
SE54-16YK	A64/036 Interchange Roundabout	Copmanthorpe	SE579478	1.12	Ratified	28/09/2010	Neutral /Calcareous grassland	Gr4
SE54-05YK	Acomb Wood Meadow	Acomb	SE573494	0.75	Ratified	28/09/2010	Neutral Grassland	Gr4
SE54-14YK	Archbishops Palace Grounds	Bishopthorpe	SE597480	4.63	Ratified	28/09/2010	Parkland/Bats/ Acid Grassland/ Mosaic habitats	PK1/ M1b/ Gr3/ Mh2
SE54-22YK	Bishopthorpe Ings	Bishopthorpe	SE598468	9.99	Ratified	28/09/2010	Flood plain grassland	Gr4/Gr1
SE66-01YK	Brecks Lane Meadow	Strensall	SE635612	1.26	Ratified	24/11/2010	Neutral Grassland	Gr3/45/A2/I2
SE65-09YK	Carr Banks Meadow	Stockton on-the Forest	SE660561	1.44	Ratified	28/09/2010	Neutral grassland	Gr4
SE55-13YK	Clifton Bridge	Clifton	SE589528	0.48	Ratified	24/11/2010	Road bridge supporting bats - Pipistrelle sp., Noctule and Daubenton's.	M1b/c
SE54-21YK	Copmanthorpe Wood	Copmanthorpe	SE561450	6.51	Ratified	20/10/2010	Ancient Woodland/bluebells	Wd5/ Wd3b
SE64-05YK	Germany Beck Meadow	Fulford	SE616488	1.22	Ratified	28/09/2010	Neutral grassland, Hedgerow	Gr4
SE64-04YK	Gollie Ponds	Fulford	SE602482	3.87	Ratified	28/09/2010	Ponds, Fen, Carr	I1
SE55-22YK	Hob Moor	Acomb/Holgate	SE585505	9.99	Ratified	24/11/2010	Stray Grassland	Gr4
SE65-16YK	Hagg Wood (Dunnington)	Dunnington	SE685525	9.99	Ratified	24/11/2010	Replanted Ancient woodland	Wd5
SE75-01YK	Kexby Bridge	Kexby	SE706511	0.06	Ratified	24/11/2010	Road bridge supporting bats - Noctule and Daubenton's.	M2

SE54-09YK	Knavesmire Stables Meadow	Knavesmire	SE590490	1.28	Ratified	24/11/2010	Neutral Hay Meadow.	Gr4
SE54-11YK	Knavesmire Wood	Knavesmire	SE592488	6.09	Ratified	20/10/2010	Mixed woodland/ Veteran trees	Wd4
SE64-19YK	Moreby Far Wood	Deighton	SE615426	0.97	Ratified	24/11/2010	Ancient woodland	Wd3c
SE65-06YK	New Earswick Meadow	New Earswick	SE608459	0.57	Ratified	24/11/2010	Neutral Grassland	Gr4
SE65-17YK	Rabbit Warren Wood	Dunnington	SE678501	9.99	Ratified	24/11/2010	Acid woodland / Heath/Uncommon moth and water beetle	I1
SE5425YK	Stub Wood	Acaster Malbis	SE588433	9.99	Ratified	24/11/2010	Ancient Woodland	Wd3(c) and Wd3 (d)
SE55-18YK	Westfield School Field	Acomb	SE566508	0.65	Ratified	20/10/2010	Breck Grassland	Gr3/Gr6
SE55-19YK	Westfield Marsh	Acomb	SE565507	0.43	Ratified	20/10/2010	Acid grassland and marsh	Fe3
SE66-07YK	World's End	Strensall	SE665596	9.99	Ratified	28/09/2010	Acid grassland, heath, fen, marsh	Gr3/Fe3
SE64-18YK	York-Selby Cycle Track	Deighton/Naburn	SE602459- SE616424	7.19	Ratified	24/11/2010	Neutral grassland and scrub	Gr4
SE65-03YK	Earswick Meadow/Earswick Strensall Rd Pasture	Old Earswick	SE622570	0.94	Ratified	24/11/2010	Neutral Grassland	Gr4
SE64-08YK	Elvington Airfield	Elvington	SE666480	9.99	Ratified	28/09/2010	Acid/neutral grassland Invertebrate interest	Gr3/4/5 I1
SE55-03YK	Low Moor Lane Meadow Hessay	Poppleton	SE532531	1.91	Ratified	24/11/2010	Neutral Grassland	GR1/Gr4
SE66-03YK	Strensall Village Meadows	Strensall	SE634606	1.32	Ratified	24/11/2010	Species rich wet grassland rig and furrow, MG5	GR4

SE65-13YK	Holtby Rd (A166) Verge (Derwent Site 5)	Gate Helmsley	SE679540	1.17	Ratified	24/11/2010	MG5 succeeding to MG1	Gr4
SE64-20YK	North Selby Mine Wheldrake Site 13	Deighton	SE651441	9.99	Ratified	27/07/2010	Brownfield site, neutral grassland, open mosaic	Gr4/Mh2
SE64-21YK	Benjy Lane Meadows (Wheldrake Site 14)	Wheldrake	SE660445	8.65	Ratified	24/11/2010	MG5 hay meadows	GR1/Gr4
SE64-16YK	West Plantation - Wheldrake Site 16	Wheldrake	SE660452	1.33	Ratified	24/11/2010	Bluebell Wood	Wd5
SE64-14YK	Elvington Wood	Elvington	SE694465	4.43	Ratified	24/11/2010	W10 Bluebell wood	Wd5
SE64-22YK	Gilbertsons Plantation (Wheldrake Site 65)	Wheldrake	SE661430	5.27	Ratified	24/11/2010	Mixed woodland W10 Bluebell Wood	Wd5
SE65-08YK	Huntington Field(A64) (Huntington Site 9)	Huntington	SE644560	2.56	Ratified	24/11/2010	Unimproved neutral grassland and wet grassland.	Gr4
SE75-02YK	Kexby Bank West	Kexby	SE703505-SE703501	0.74	Ratified	24/11/2010	Wooded bank and hedge	Wd7a
SE5517YK	Fishpond Wood	Acomb	SE572517	1.55	Ratified	24/11/2010	Seepage Fen/wet woodland	Fe7/H2
SE55-16YK	Danebury Court	Acomb	SE596457	0.09	Ratified	24/11/2010	Neutral grassland	Gr1/Gr4
SE66-05YK	Strensall Horse Pasture	Strensall	SE649603	9.99	Ratified	24/11/2010	Neutral grassland	Gr4
SE66-06YK	Worlds End Plantation	Strensall	SE662598	9.99	Ratified	24/11/2010	Relict Heathland with invertebrate and bird interest	Wd2/ B4/ I1/ I3
SE66-04YK	Strensall Golf Course	Strensall	SE644604	9.99	Ratified	24/11/2010	Acid Neutral grassland/Heath	Gr5/Mh2
SE54-	Hagg Wood (Cop)	Copmanthorpe	SE55145	1.23	Ratified	24/11/2010	Semi-natural	Wd5/ Wd3a

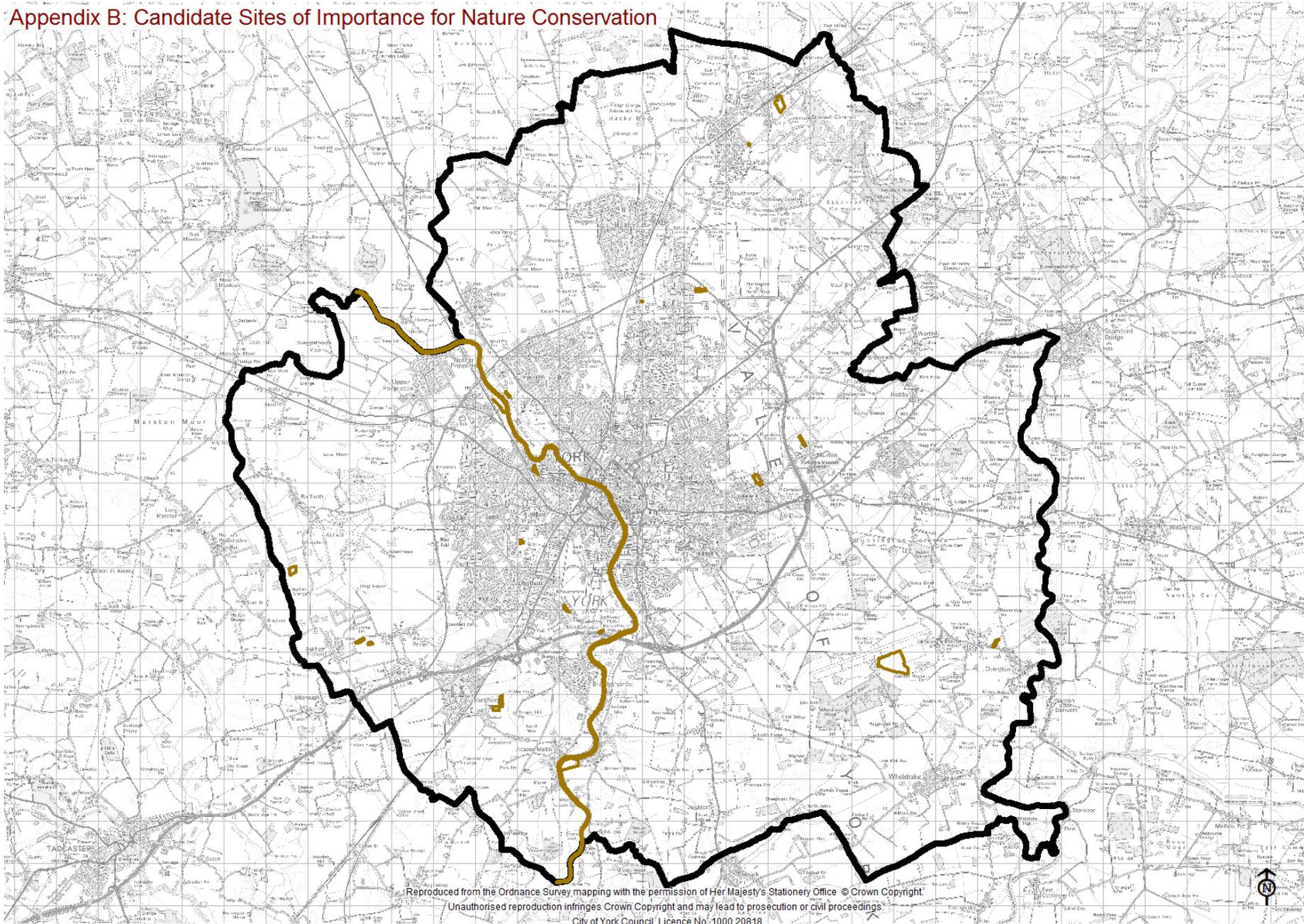
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SE65-12YK	Holtby Pond Rd Verge	Holtby	SE67154 4	0.17	Ratified	24/11/2010	Species-rich road verge	Gr1/ Gr4
SE65-02YK	Hazelbush Plantation	Stockton on the Forest	SE66757 9	0.21	Ratified	24/11/2010	Acid wet fen	Gr3
SE65-01YK	World's End Ponds	Strensall	SE66159 7	1.36	Ratified	24/11/2010	Mesotrophic ponds and Fen	Sw1/ Gr3
SE64-02YK	Middlethorpe Ings (4-1)	Middlethorpe	SE60748 8	7.88	Ratified	24/11/2010	Floodplain Grassland	Gr4/Gr1
SE64-03YK	Fulford Ings Village Green	Fulford	SE60848 6	0.36	Ratified	24/11/2010	Population of a nationally rare species (Tansy beetle)	I1
SE54-06YK	Ring Rd Pond (AB11)	Askham Bryan	SE56147 8	0.50	Ratified	24/11/2010	Detention Pond	Sw1
SE54-04YK	West Wood Lane (AB1)	Askham Bryan	SE54548 6- SE54449 0	0.72	Ratified	24/11/2010	Hazel hedgerow with relict woodland species	Wd7a
SE55-02YK	Town Pond Shirbutt Lane (HY4)	Hessay	SE52553 3	0.12	Ratified	24/11/2010	Pond	Sw1
SE55-01YK	Hessay Churchyard	Hessay	SE52353 6	0.22	Ratified	24/11/2010	Semi-natural neutral grassland	Gr4
SE64-17YK	Rush Wood	Naburn	SE60244 3	2.49	Ratified	24/11/2010	Bluebell Woodland	Wd5
SE54-13YK	Middlethorpe Crematorium (4-3)	Middlethorpe	SE60048 3	3.91	Ratified	24/11/2010	Relict species-rich neutral grassland/ Glyceria swamp	Gr4/I1/Mh1
SE55-08YK	Rawcliffe Lake and Grasslands	Rawcliffe	SE58754 5	6.15	Ratified	24/11/2010	Standing water, neutral grassland	Sw1/Gr4
SE55-20YK	Bachelor Hill	Acomb	SE56950 8	0.55	Ratified	08/11/2017	Fossilised sand dune, Lowland acid grassland, population of a nationally rare species (<i>Sciapus maritimus</i>)	Gr3, I1

SE64-10YK	Brinkworth Rush(Elv.Air Museum)	Elvington	SE676478	4.91	Ratified	08/11/2017	Old, established semi-natural neutral grassland, Rich-fen, Mixed habitat with high structural diversity, Good population of great crested newt	Gr1, Gr4, Fe3, Mh3, A2
SE64-11YK	Brinkworth Rush (Elvington Airfield)	Elvington	SE679481	1.89	Ratified	08/11/2017	Old, established semi-natural neutral grassland. Good population of great crested newt.	Gr4/Gr3
SE54-23YK	Church Ings	Acaster Malbis	SE597457	2.12	Ratified	08/11/2017	Semi-natural grassland that scores within 20% of grassland thresholds and lies within 500m of an existing grassland statutory site or designated SINC, Population of a nationally rare species (Tansy beetle)	Gr4, I1
SE55-09YK	Clifton Backies	Clifton	SE597545	9.99	Ratified	08/11/2017	Old, established semi-natural neutral grassland. Mosaic of semi-natural habitats including grassland and wetland.	Gr1,4, Mh2
SE64-06YK	Fulford Golf Course, Roughs	Heslington	SE623495 & SE632482	9.99	Ratified	08/11/2017	Lowland acid grassland. Semi-natural woodland or scrub that is assigned to W4 NVC Community. Mosaic of	Gr3, Mh2

							semi-natural habitats including grassland, dry heath and woodland.	
SE65-15YK	Hassacarr Pond	Dunnington	SE668523	0.36	Ratified	31/01/2018	Pond	Sw1
SE55-10YK	Rawcliffe Meadows	Rawcliffe	SE581534	2.46	Ratified	08/11/2017	Old, established semi-natural neutral grassland. Nutrient rich standing water.	Gr4, Sw1
SE55-06YK	Rawcliffe Ings Dyke	Rawcliffe	SE573544	1.90	Ratified	08/11/2017	Nutrient rich standing water.	Sw1
SE55-15YK	Severus Hill Reservoir Basin	Acomb	SE583519	1.66	Ratified	08/11/2017	Old, established semi-natural neutral and calcareous grassland	Gr4(n), Gr4(c)
SE74-01YK	West Carr Masks	Elvington	SE701472	6.51	Ratified	31/01/2018	Old, established semi-natural neutral grassland, Rich fen	Gr4
SE64-13YK	Wheldrake Wood	Wheldrake	SE660470	9.99	Ratified	08/11/2017	Lowland acid grassland	Gr3
SE74-02YK	Church Lane Meadows	Elvington	SE701473	5.79	Ratified	08/11/2017	Old, established semi-natural neutral grassland.	Gr4/Gr6/Gr1
SE65-07YK	New Lane Meadows		SE619553	2.23	Ratified	08/11/2017	Old, established semi-natural neutral grassland.	Gr1, Gr4(n)
SE54-07YK	Sim Hill	Acomb	SE580485	2.95	Ratified	08/11/2017	Old, established semi-natural neutral grassland	Gr4(n)
SE64-15YK	Broad Highway Verges	Wheldrake	SE672463 - SE669466	0.30	Ratified	31/01/2018	Old, established semi-natural neutral grassland	Gr4
SE55-12YK	British Sugar Sidings	Poppleton	SE576532	0.81	Ratified	08/11/2017	Breeding population of native species of	H1

							aculeate Hymenoptera considered rare in York (<i>Melecta albifron</i>).	
SE55-04YK	Ring Rd Embankment Millfield Lane A1237	Nether Poppleton	SE566537	0.22	Ratified	08/11/2017	Lowland acid grassland	Gr3
SE54-15YK	Bond Hill Ash Farm Fen	Copmanthorpe	SE576477	1.36	Ratified	08/11/2017	Old, established semi-natural neutral grassland. Lowland mire.	Fe1 and Fe3
SE65-14YK	Dunnington Road Verge	Dunnington	SE671533	0.08	Ratified	08/11/2017	Old, established semi-natural neutral grassland	Gr4(n)
SE54-08YK	Cherry Lane	Knavesmire	SE589495	0.12	Ratified	08/11/2017	Species-rich hedgerow.	Wd7a
SE55-05YK	Poppleton Glassworks (York Business Park)	Poppleton	SE570538	0.89	Ratified	20/10/2010	Brownfield site Neutral/calcareous grassland	Gr4
SE64-07YK	Elvington Airfield	Elvington	SE665480	9.99	Ratified	02/10/2017	Significant population of skylarks and supports other birds associated with the Lower Derwent Valley.	B5

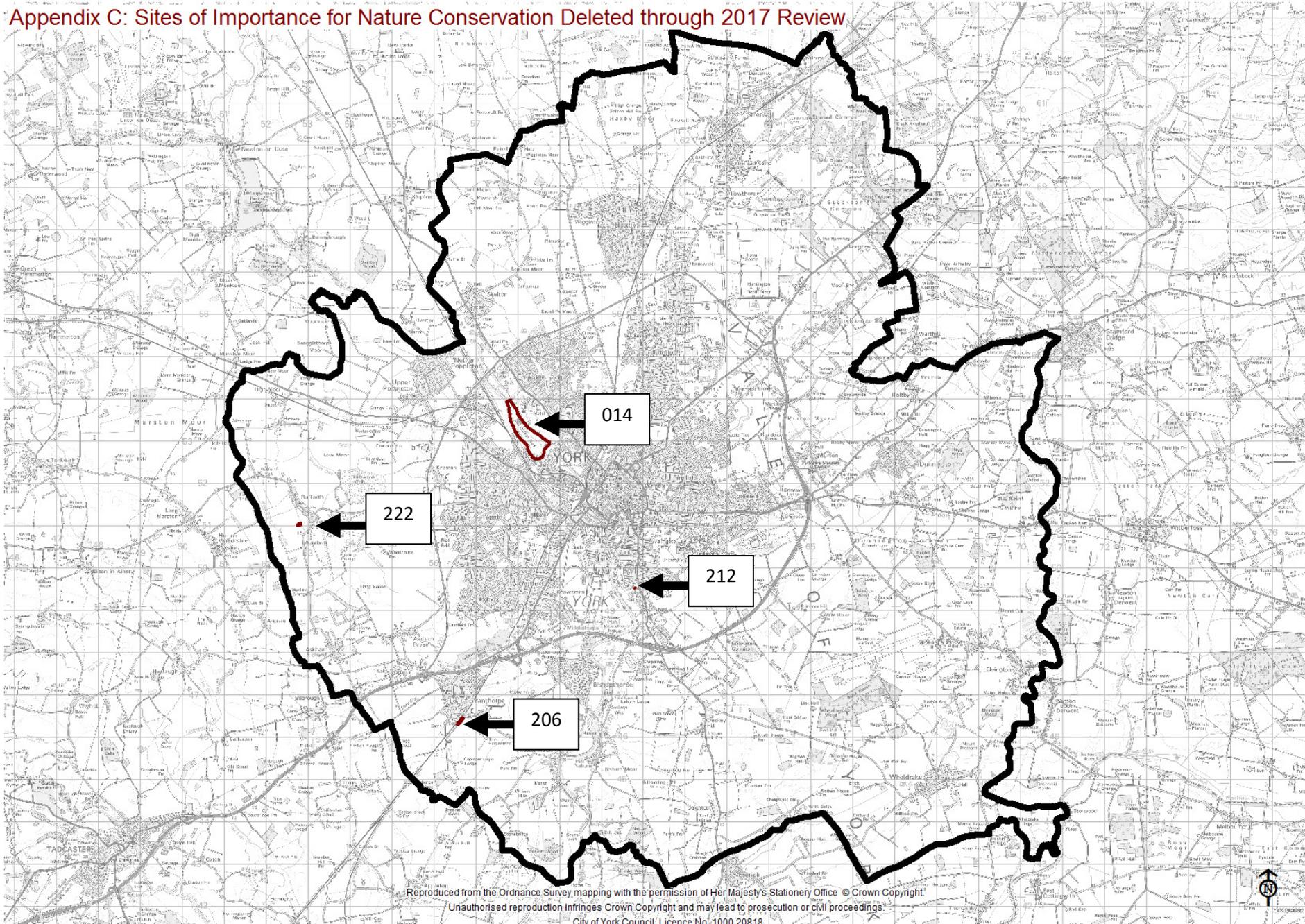
Appendix B: Candidate Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation



SITE CODE	SITE_NAME	LOCATION	NGR	SIZE_HA	SINCSTATUS	EVALUATION
SE65-05YK	North Lane Meadow	Huntington	SE623565	1.43	Candidate	Semi-natural neutral grassland (Guideline Gr4)
SE66-02YK	Flaxton Road Meadows	Strensall	SE642609	4.96	Candidate	Semi-natural neutral grassland (Guideline Gr4)
SE65-11YK	Murton Meadow	Murton	SE648529	0.98	Candidate	Semi-natural neutral grassland (Guideline Gr4)
SE65-10YK	Osballdwick Meadow	Osballdwick	SE637520	2.62	Candidate	Semi-natural neutral grassland (Guideline Gr4)
SE64-23YK	River Ouse		SE589425- SE541565	9.99	Candidate	Migratory fish (Guideline F2)
SE55-14YK	Holgate Millennium Green	Holgate	SE584523	1.08	Candidate	Semi-natural neutral grassland (Guideline Gr4)
SE54-03YK	The Parks	Askham Bryan	SE544481	0.52	Candidate	Woodland with native bluebell (Guideline Wd5)
SE64-12YK	Elvington Camp Copse	Elvington	SE693481	1.05	Candidate	Woodland with native bluebell (Guideline Wd5)
SE54-24YK	Naburn Hall Meadow	Naburn	SE592453	7.96	Candidate	Gr1 MG4 grassland present
SE55-21YK	Ext to Hob Moor, Hob Moor Community Sch	Acomb	SE581506	0.61	Candidate	Semi-natural neutral grassland (Guideline Gr4)
SE54-01YK	Grasslands Farm Field	Rufforth	SE526499	2.44	Candidate	Semi-natural grassland, scrub adjacent to deciduous woodland.
SE54-18YK	Drome Lane Field Copmanthorpe	Copmanthorpe	SE574466	1.43	Candidate	Semi-natural neutral grassland (Guideline Gr4)
SE54-17YK	Drome Lane Hay Meadow	Copmanthorpe	SE576468	1.57	Candidate	Semi-natural neutral grassland (Guideline Gr4)
SE54-12YK	Middlethorpe Manor Lake	Middlethorpe	SE601486	0.39	Candidate	Good quality standing water (Guideline Sw1)
SE54-02YK	Taylorhall Field Plantation	Askham Richard	SE542482	0.89	Candidate	Woodland with native bluebell (Guideline Wd5)
SE55-07YK	Poppleton Ings South - Ditch	Poppleton	SE573539 - SE576536	0.32	Candidate	Good quality standing water (Guideline Sw1)

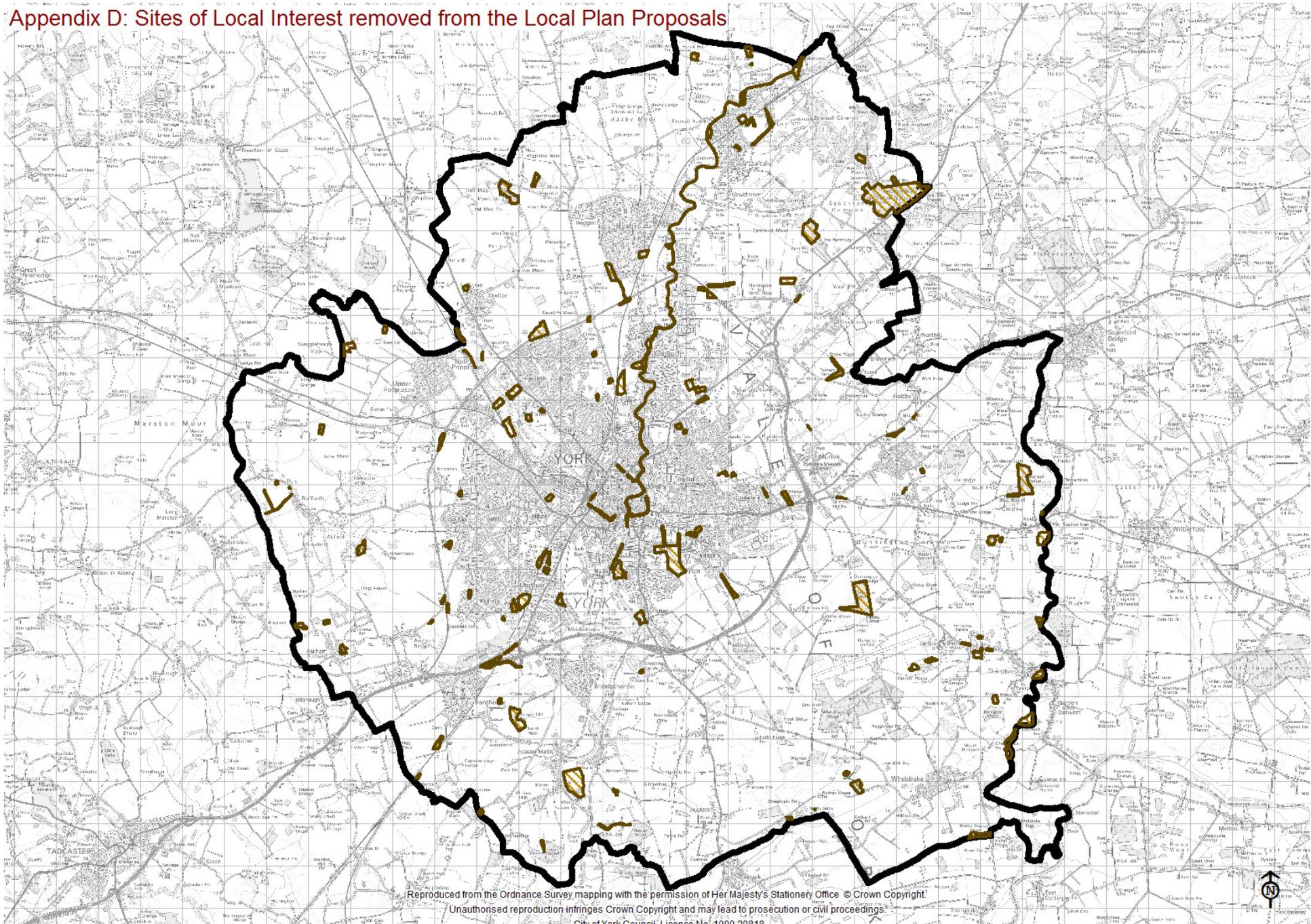
SE66-08YK	Oxcarr Lane	Strensall	SE636601	0.18	Candidate	Lowland acid grassland (Guideline Gr3) within 500m of Strensall Common.
SE64-09YK	Dodsworth Farm	Elvington	SE669477	9.99	Candidate	Possible bird interest (Guideline B5)
SE54-10YK	Knavesmire Wood Fringe Grassland	Knavesmire	SE589492	0.88	Candidate	Semi-natural neutral grassland (Guideline Gr4)
	Copse Meadow, Rawcliffe Ings	Rawcliffe	SE577450	0.60	Candidate	Semi-natural neutral MG4 grassland (Guideline Gr1)
SE65-04YK	Joseph Rowntree School Pond	Earswick	SE609563	0.11	Candidate	Presence of four species of amphibians (Guideline A1a) and water vole (Guideline M2)

Appendix C: Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation Deleted through 2017 Review



SITE CODE	SITE_NAME	LOCATION	NGR	SIZE_HA	SINCSTATUS	DECISION DATE	EVALUATION
014	Clifton Ings	Rawcliffe	SE 583530	44.0	Deleted	08/11/2017	This ratified SINC is now within a Site of Special Scientific Interest.
206	Moor Lane Railway Verge, Copmanthorpe	Copmanthorpe	SE 566463	0.40	Deleted	08/11/2017	Previously identified as a candidate SINC but as the site is part of the live railway network there is little to no opportunity to fully survey it (due to H&S). It is not considered to be significantly different to railway sidings in the immediate area.
212	Connaught Court	Fulford	SE 607495	0.01	Deleted	31/01/2018	Previously put forward as a candidate SINC for the fungi associated with an old beech tree. The beech tree has since been felled (and re-placed). The Mid-Yorkshire Fungi Group were consulted on the species list collated in 2005 and do not consider any of the records to be rare in North Yorkshire. There is no current definitive red data list for fungi.
222	Rufforth Field (5-14) (RU10)	Rufforth	SE 528510	1.00	Deleted	08/11/2017	Previously a candidate site for semi-natural grassland. This site was subject to a full survey in 2017 and was found to not meet the SINC Guidelines criteria for designation.

Appendix D: Sites of Local Interest removed from the Local Plan Proposals



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