

Operations requiring Natural England's consent

Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 Section 28 (4)(b) substituted by Schedule 9 to the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000

The operations listed below may damage the features of interest of Crouch and Roach Estuaries SSSI. Before any of these operations are undertaken you must consult Natural England, and may require our consent.

It is usually possible to carry out some of these operations in certain ways, or at specific times of year, or on certain parts of the SSSI, without damaging the features of interest. If you wish to carry out any of these activities please contact your Natural England Area Team who will give you advice and where appropriate issue a consent. Please help us by using the 'notice form' (provided at notification and available on request) to ask us for consent to carry out these operations.

In certain circumstances it will not be possible to consent these operations, because they would damage the features of interest. Where possible the Area Team will suggest alternative ways in which you may proceed, which would enable a consent to be issued. To proceed without Natural England's consent may constitute an offence. If consent is refused, or conditions attached to it, which are not acceptable to you, you will be provided with details of how you may appeal to the Secretary of State.

| Standard reference number | Type of operation |
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| 1. | Cultivation, including ploughing, rotovating, harrowing, and re-seeding. |
| 2. | Grazing and changes in the grazing regime (including type of stock or intensity or seasonal pattern of grazing). |
| 3. | Stock feeding and changes in stock feeding practice. |
| 4. | Mowing or other methods of cutting vegetation and changes in the mowing or cutting regime (including hay making to silage). |
| 5. | Application of manure, fertilisers and lime. |
| 6. | Application of pesticides, including herbicides (weed killers). |
| 7. | Dumping, spreading or discharge of any materials. |
| 8. | Burning and changes in the pattern or frequency of burning. |
| 9. | The release into the site of any wild, feral or domestic animal*, plant or seed. |
| 10. | The killing or removal of any wild animal*, including pest control. |
| 11. | The destruction, displacement, removal or cutting of any plant or plant remains (including e.g. tree, shrub, herb, hedge, dead or decaying wood, moss, lichen, fungus, leaf-mould turf etc.) |
| 12. | Tree and/or woodland management+ and changes in tree and/or woodland management+. |
| 13a. | Drainage (including moor-gripping and the use of mole, tile, tunnel or artificial drains). |
| 13b. | Modification of the structure of watercourses (e.g. rivers, streams, springs, ditches, dykes, drains), including their banks and beds, as by re-alignment, re-grading and dredging. |
| 13c. | Management of aquatic and bank vegetation for drainage purposes. |

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| 14. | The changing of water levels and tables and water utilisation (including irrigation, storage and abstraction from existing water bodies and through boreholes). |
| 15. | Infilling of ditches, dykes, drains, ponds, marshes or pits. |
| 16a. | Freshwater fishery production and/or management, and changes in freshwater fishery production and/or management (including sporting fishing and angling). |
| 16b. | Coastal fishing or fisheries management and seafood or marine life collection and changes in coastal fishing practice or fisheries management and seafood or marine life collection (including the use of traps or fish cages). |
| 17. | Reclamation of land from sea, estuary or marsh. |
| 18. | Bait digging in intertidal areas. |
| 19. | Erection of sea defences or coast protection works, including cliff or landslip drainage or stabilisation measures. |
| 20. | Extraction of minerals, including peat, shingle, sand and gravel, topsoil, subsoil, shells and spoil. |
| 21. | Construction, removal or destruction of roads, tracks, walls, fences, hardstands, banks, ditches or other earthworks, or the laying, maintenance or removal of pipelines and cables, above or below ground. |
| 22. | Storage of materials. |
| 23. | Erection of permanent or temporary structures, or the undertaking of engineering works, including drilling. |
| 26. | Use of vehicles or craft likely to damage or disturb features of interest. |
| 27. | Recreational or other activities likely to damage features of interest. |
| 28. | Game and waterfowl management and hunting practices and changes in game and waterfowl management and hunting practice. |

Notes:

* 'animal' includes any mammal, reptile, amphibian, bird, fish or invertebrate.

+ including afforestation, planting, clear and selective felling, thinning, coppicing, modification of the stand or underwood, changes in species composition

Date notified: 11 April 1996

Date additional land notified: 2 November 2017

National grid reference: TQ860962