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1	Comments from representations in support of West Pennine Moors SSSI from notification consultation ended 17 March 2017			
2	Do you own or manage land within the SSSI (blank - not known)	Please send us your views by commenting in the the text box below	Are there any further comments you wish to make?	Reference Number
3	No	This area is a natural beauty and therefore should remain that way,		ANON-ZYNN-WQ2F-F
4	Yes	We love the area and are very glad that people like you and your team have protected the area with the SSSI.		received by email
5	No	I wholeheartedly agree with the proposal that the west penine moors be designated an area sssi. It has a unique and varied landscape and is habitat to a whole number of wonderful species including some that are now rare.		ANON-ZYNN-WQJD-5
6	No	Has several flora and fauna species which should meet requirement s		ANON-ZYNN-WQFE-2
7		Letter received by post is not available electronically but can be made available on request to westpenninemoors@natural england.org.uk		letter received by post - not available electronically

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8	No	<p>The RSPB strongly supports the notification of the West Pennine Moors and the full list of proposed special interest features including thirty two NVC habitats. We welcome the the protection of the largest Black-headed Gull breeding colony in the UK and the largest breeding colony of Mediterranean Gulls outside of the South of England. We also strongly support the assemblage of birds of the moors and in-bye, and the woodlands. The breeding birds of the unenclosed land and associated farmland are a rich assemblage that can now be better managed to ensure they continue to thrive.</p>	<p>SSSI represent the best of England’s natural heritage and play a fundamental role in conserving and reversing declines of priority habitats and species. Protected areas, including SSSIs have a function in the maintenance of ecosystem services, education, tourism and recreation and provide opportunities for scientific research. There is also a growing body of evidence demonstrating the health and socioeconomic benefits derived from designated areas. They are the front line of defence against the growing pressures on the natural environment and the policies and legislation, which underpin them, are the key drivers for the protection of vulnerable habitats and species. When given appropriate weight in decision-making, SSSIs and other designated areas ensure that development and other land-use change does not damage our most important places for wildlife, they provide a spatial steer, which reduces uncertainties, delays and wasted effort and enables the sustainable development, maximising environmental, social and economic benefits.</p>	ANON-ZYNN-WQGE-3
9	No	<p>Irvington is a special place which needs to be protected.</p>		ANON-ZYNN-WQY7-7
10		<p>The Environment Agency is very supportive of and delighted with the new notification of the West Pennine Moors Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). This designation encompasses a proportion of the Douglas, Yarrow and Darwen river catchments in Lancashire and many of their formative tributaries. The Environment Agency welcomes opportunities to work with Natural England and partners in protecting and improving the condition status of priority habitats and species that make up the interest features of the new SSSI. We are also keen to work in partnership to restore degraded waterbodies that are failing their ecological, water quality and hydromorphological objectives under the Water Framework Directive, and this would potentially provide multiple benefits to flood risk, biodiversity and water quality. We are already working with Natural England and United Utilities in identifying natural flood management measures that will improve the condition status of Cranberry Moss and result in reducing the peak flows in the river Darwen.</p>		received by email
11	No	<p>I agree with the proposal that this area should become an SSI. I am concerned about industrial development in the countryside of Lancashire and Greater Manchester and would like to see greater protection of wildlife.</p>		ANON-ZYNN-WQF1-E

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12	No	I think it's Absolutely Vital that this land is protected by the SSSI scheme. There will always be an issue where a balance needs to be created between countryside, businesses, the local infrastructure, people and the surrounding towns and cities. However, certain areas should ALWAYS be protected under all circumstances. Rivington area and the West Peninne Moors area is not just a habitat for wildlife, it's an area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, that has remained untouched by man for hundreds of years and should remain so for future generations to experience and Enjoy!!		ANON-ZYNN-WQDQ-C
13	No	I think this it is a good idea to designate parts of the Moors as SSSI. I walk regularly along the footpaths and reservoirs in the area and I think that having this status would protect the environment from harm but also allow others to make more use of it.	I would like to see how this area would link and work with other similar areas in the local area, for example Bowland and the national parks further afield.	ANON-ZYNN-WQ5W-3
14	No	I fully support the idea of designating the area as a SSSI. I've lived on the fringe of the West Pennine Moors for over 20 years and make almost daily use of the area for leisure purposes. I'm also interested in natural history and birdwatching in particular and the area does hold a good variety of birds throughout the year. Pressures in the area are increasing with significant increases in off track cycling and anything that will help protect and enhance the habitat and environment is to be welcomed.		ANON-ZYNN-WQ3R-V
15	No	This land is precious and should be protected I support the plan to make the site SSSI. I am a Chartered Environmentalist, this land needs to be preserved for wildlife and future generations to enjoy.	Time will tell the truth about fracking, we do not know the truth or all of the answers yet, my professional opinion is to be cautious and wait before giving up such an important resource.	ANON-ZYNN-WQS4-X
16	No	I own a house and live on the fringe of the West Lancashire moors and within the Wallsuches Conservation area. My concern is that SSSI areas are protected from any development and so too Green Belt and Conservation Areas. The current administration seems to me to widening the criteria for development and allowing developers to use commercial muscle to push through planning applications which, in the past would have been refused. Bolton Council planning department has a less than satisfactory record of resisting planning applications within the above areas in my experience. This could be due to interpretation of the law and Core Strategy but I do sense that they face pressure from commercial organisations backed by teams of professional advisors keen to maximise profit and often disregarding the unique nature of our local heritage, landscape and wildlife .	I would be happy to support by all legal means available , any well meaning focus group or organisation whose aim is to protect SSSI	ANON-ZYNN-WQK6-R
17	No	Very good idea and important for the local environment		ANON-ZYNN-WQK3-N
18	No	This move is welcomed. The area is of outstanding natural beauty and provides much in the way of outdoor pursuit opportunities for the local and regional community.		ANON-ZYNN-WQGR-G
19	No	The west pennine moors have been enjoyed by the people of horwich, Lostock, Blackrod,Adlington and the surrounding areas for decades. I would very much love for my children and future generations to be able to enjoy the area for the natural beauty that is on their doorstep. We are very lucky to live in an area with such easy access to such an amazing green space, when all around us more and more is taken by housing. Please let us keep this amazing piece of countryside for generations to come.		ANON-ZYNN-WQJK-C
20	No	I would state emphatically that this area should become a SSSI, it is special to many locals and can even be seen as far away as Southport. It is a beautiful heritage.		ANON-ZYNN-WQSX-2

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21	No	This land is steeped in history and should be preserved; we should not ride roughshod over it and destroy it. Ramblers use it; school children use it and bikers use it as well as united utilities which use the reservoirs for local usage. Fracking would damage all of this as would building more houses. Please do not damage our history.		ANON-ZYNN-WQS2-V
22	No	This area is hugely valued by local people and visitors to the area. Please do all you can to conserve and preserve this landscape. I grew up in Bolton, and the surrounding moors were an essential part of my childhood. I recently moved back to the area after 30 years away, drawn by the knowledge that there would be this fabulous countryside on my doorstep. We walk the moors every week. Please look after our moors.		ANON-ZYNN-WQGV-M
23	No	This is a beautiful area very close to the densely populated north west. The area is perfect for people to spend leisure time actively enjoying the outdoors. It also offers a mixture of habitats for native British animals and plants which are increasingly being encoached upon. It's vital that areas such as this are preserved and managed for the sake of local flora and fauna		ANON-ZYNN-WQD8-K
24	No	To protect this important environment I think the sssi status is crucial.		ANON-ZYNN-WQ2X-1
25	No	This area should be protected for the wildlife, The farmers in the area and the fact that Rivington is a site of natural beauty and has a rich history		ANON-ZYNN-WQD4-F
26	No	I live literally 5 minutes away from this place and visit twice a day to exercise my dogs. I cannot stress how important it is to me and many, many other people not only from the area but farther afield. I feel it needs protection in whatever form that takes. Other than general maintenance it should be left for future generations to enjoy because once its gone its gone forever. Lord Leverhulme left this for the people of Bolton to enjoy!!		
27	No	I lived in Horwich for many years and am originally from Bolton. I still have family and friends in the area. I think the surrounding areas deserve to be protected as we are losing to many rural spots for the future generations.		ANON-ZYNN-WQ2U-X
28		As the person that coined the name of the "West Pennine Moors", many, many years ago, I would like Natural England to confirm the status of the Moors, be recognised as a Site of Special Scientific Interest. This is because I believe it to be an area of national importance due to its upland habitats that support breeding birds that depend on upland moorland-fringes. The area is a diverse assortment of semi-natural upland habitats with large expanses of blanket bog, with associated heathlands, woodlands and grasslands. These habitats, are the home of Scarce and Rare plant species, such as starry lady's mantle, large-toothed lady's mantle and floating water plantain. The area should be given the status of a Site of Special Scientific Interest for these nationally important features that occur within and are supported by the wider habitat and are a valuable asset for wildlife, outdoor recreation and water provision. I am also concerned about fracking coming to these areas and if the declaration of the Site of Special Scientific Interest goes ahead next year, this would be a big step forward in protecting large areas of the West Pennine Moors from this activity".		received by email
29	No	Such an area of natural beauty should be preserved for future generations		ANON-ZYNN-WQDM-8

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30		I'm delighted that Holcombe Moor appears to be becoming an sssi as part of the West Pennine moors.		received by email
31		My colleague forwarded this great news on. If it's of interest I can supply records of aculeates that I've recorded in the West Pennine Moors. There are some locally / regionally good sps / populations inc. the obv Bilberry Bumblebee you know of, but also a good number of solitary bees that I often see (particular the Andrena genus including Andrena lapponica, Andrena tarsata, Andrena fuscipes etc).		received by email
32	No	I have lived all my life within a 30 minute walk of rivington, I went to school there and spend the most of my free time walking this area. It's an area of natural beauty and anyone visiting the area comments on its stunning views. I would like to think this area will be untouched and future generations will be able to enjoy the area as much as I, my family and friends have.		ANON-ZYNN-WQ38-2
33	No	Rivington is a beautiful place and used by many people and it should stay untouched		ANON-ZYNN-WQFR-F
34	No	.No comment		ANON-ZYNN-WQ23-V
35	No	I live near Rivington and the whole area deserves to be preserved. It's been part of my life since I easy a child and is such a beautiful and diverse landscape ithe would be sacrilege to damage it. It needs to be preserved.		ANON-ZYNN-WQ57-3
36	No	This area of the west pennies is appreciated by so many people who live locally and not so locally. It is loved by all who visit and many visit the area every day to walk their dogs. It's stunningly beautiful and each time we visit we appreciate this area anew and see different views, wildlife and experience the four seasons in one day. I was born in horwich and lived there for 28 years before moving away. It's still home to me and when I cross over the bridge on the m6 I glimpse the TV mast, Rivington pike and lord Leverhulmes gardens and I know I am nearly there. My grandfather worked for de havilland in Horwich and I met my husband when he worked for Br Aerospace in Horwich. My dad worked for British Rail in Horwich and my mum for Victoria Mill in Horwich, as did I for 6 months after leaving school. To look up from Chorley New Road and see those hills is a special moment. To get out of town within minutes and be striding up onto the moors is wonderful and enriching for the soul .	No	ANON-ZYNN-WQKS-N
37	No	The natural habitats and fauna provided by the area supports an incredible amount of wildlife and plants, which needs to be protected and conserved for this and future generations. It's in everybody's interest to protect it as much as possible	I wish Natural England every success in helping to preserve this beautiful part of Lancashire	ANON-ZYNN-WQGK-9
38	No	I walk regularly on Holcombe Moor. I also walk in the Peak District and the Lakes. The West Pennine moors are very different to the National Parks. I am not a biologist, or even an enthusiast about flora and wildlife, but nevertheless my spirit is lifted when walking on these moors and being surprised by birds that I inadvertently disturb and flora that surprises me amongst the long tufted grasses. Whether this is an area of SSSI, I will leave to the scientists, but I do think it needs preserving because it is so different to anything I have found in other parts of the country.	No	ANON-ZYNN-WQ2M-P
39	No	Rivington should be a place of natural beauty and interest because of the country side wildlife and historical interest. Rivington barns village and the Leverhume estate in particular. Great place for walkers of any type.		ANON-ZYNN-WQ59-5
40	No	The Rivington park was my playground when I was a child 60 years ago and need to be the same for our children in the future so great work your doing.		ANON-ZYNN-WQG2-G

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41	No	I live below the moors and next to Rivington. It is a very special place for all the wildlife and plants. I feel it must be protected with a SSSI. As well as being the gathering grounds for the collection of water.		ANON-ZYNN-WQ3S-W
42	No	As an area of the enlarged West Pennine Moors SSSI lies within the boundary of the Parish of Horwich, the Town Council wishes to submit its views on this proposal. Members of Horwich Town Council welcome this initiative which will help protect the wildlife and natural habitats of this area. They also hope that consideration of the requirements of working farms will continue.		ANON-ZYNN-WQ2A-A
43	No	We must protect this beautiful area at all costs. It is enjoyed by many and too many green areas are being taken away. The wildlife need a home too.	I strongly object to the prospect of fracking and believe we should be harnessing power from natural sources - wind, sun & tides which are all free.	ANON-ZYNN-WQH8-Q
44	Yes	I am happy for this to be designated SSSI	I'm hoping it will protect against fracking and housebuilding	ANON-ZYNN-WQFG-4
45	No	Rivington is a beautiful special area. It has a unique charm and an amazing scenery. It is a valuable local resource, bring in thousands of walkers, bikers and tourists into the area.		ANON-ZYNN-WQD6-H
46	No	I support protecting the land for generations to come for the wildlife and nature. I say NO to fracking our green and beautiful land . We should be the lands protectors not rappers .	No to fracking .	ANON-ZYNN-WQH3-J
47	No	This area is an important space for wildlife species and this needs to be protected. As someone who has lived nearby for 30 years, I have been aware of the decline of some species where I live. We used to see hares, stoats, little owls, oystercatchers on or near our property and there has been a decline in the numbers of lapwings in neighbouring fields. Linnets and other birds need places to be. The heathlands, cloughs and upland fields need protection for future generations to enjoy leisure and learn to appreciate and conserve wildlife species.		ANON-ZYNN-WQ3G-H
48	No	Rivington is a place of outstanding beauty. It is a valuable asset to the communities that surround it; a place where many people come to get away from the urban centres and get lost in nature. To keep this wonderful place safe from development and fracking is incredibly important.		ANON-ZYNN-WQFH-5
49	No	The area described should be protected and maintained for future generations to benefit from. There has been a huge reduction in open and rural spaces in the greatest Manchester area and this one requires protection		ANON-ZYNN-WQJY-T
50	No	As a local resident, mother of one and owner of two dog's. I spend almost every day of my free time exploring Rivington. My 5 year old can navigate her way round and loves nothing more than to be in the outdoors. I spend time teaching her about the landscape, nature and the wildlife. We would be truly lost without this invaluable asset on our doorstep.		ANON-ZYNN-WQSK-N
51	No	We welcome the designation of WPMs as a SSSI . It will provide protection and potentially extra funding for the precious habitats on our doorstep. In particular the inclusion of in bye, woodland, and hay meadows with large areas of moorland is particularly welcome. It is good to see the highlighting of climate change and carbon storage, water quality and the potential for flood alleviation. The importance of the area to local communities is very relevant. With the security of the designation of the SSSI biodiversity will be improved and where there has been neglect and inappropriate management there will be opportunities for this to be reversed.	As contributors to the survey work and information gathering in the SSSI process we feel it is important that NE maintain contact with the 'foot soldiers' to keep them in touch in the future.	ANON-ZYNN-WQHH-7

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52	No	I am in favour of making the West Pennine moors an SSSI, the area is an outstanding wildlife area and a beautiful landscape much used and loved by everyone who knows about it. The area is under constant threat of both development and of late, possible fracking. Any legislation or notification that can protect the area can only be a good thing.		ANON-ZYNN-WQ3D-E
53	No	I think rivington should be left as it is.		ANON-ZYNN-WQ2J-K
54	No	The area around and including rivington is a place of natural beauty and local historic significance and should remain so. It's a place where families (myself included) have grown up and went to school in, got married in and is a truly wonderful rural area. I'm in favour of whatever protection in requires in order to remain unchanged/unspoilt.		ANON-ZYNN-WQY9-9
55	No	I live on the edge of the proposed SSSI and strongly support its implementation.		ANON-ZYNN-WQ3J-M
56		I would like to strongly support the West Pennine Moors becoming an SSSI This is beautiful landscape enjoyed by thousands of people every year. I live on the edge of Holcombe Moor and talk to many visitors who relay how important the moors are to them. The landscape, scenery, the varied flora and fauna, the historical importance, the fresh air and green open spaces are of great value to us all and need to be protected for us and future generations. The moors themselves are used by many children either with parents or in groups. The moors are 'the green lungs' of the surrounding large conurbations of Greater Manchester etc. I do hope the West Pennine Moors becomes an SSRI		received by email
57		I write to offer my wholehearted support for the introduction of a SSSI for the West Pennines moors. I have lived in this area for over 76 years and have enjoyed the wildlife and being able to roam . It is a wonderful place that needs to be protected for future generations Over recent years there has been some loss of habitat and it would be a tragedy if this moorland was not preserved for the benefit of all.		received by email
58	No	i LIVE IN THIS AREA OF NATURAL BEAUTY AND CONSIDER MYSELF VERY FORTUNATE. i WANDT THIS LAND PROTECTED FOR NOW AND FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS		ANON-ZYNN-WQ5G-K
59	No	I think this will help to preserve the natural beauty of the moorland and help to provide a vital lung for manchester conurbation.	Last year a group of glossy ibis visited and stayed to feed and recover. . We should aim to bring Hen harriers to the Moor and enrich the landscape	ANON-ZYNN-WQJ3-M
60	No	Rivington is a beautiful place and should definitely be a SSSI, I don't want it spoiling or building on, it needs to be kept as it is.		ANON-ZYNN-WQJ1-J
61	No	Rivington is a beautiful place. I don't agree with fracking anywhere , particularly in Rivington or surrounding area.		
62	No	This area should be protected. It is a wonderful getaway for the local community and its wildlife deserves to be conserved too.		ANON-ZYNN-WQJQ-J
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64		<p>I understand the consultation for granting SSSI status is still open.</p> <p>As a Chorley Borough Councillor, representing Wheelton and Withnell Ward, I would like to endorse this application. The West Pennine Moors are a very important part of our heritage, enjoyed by thousands of people , both local residents and visitors.</p> <p>It supports a rare ecosystem of blanket bog, and the resulting wildlife species.</p> <p>There have been threats on this area from quarrying recently and I feel the additional protection that the SSSI status grants will help to preserve our heritage for future generations.</p> <p>It is hoped that AONB status will follow upon this measure in due course.</p>		received by email
65	No	The moorland should be protected primarily because of its importance of collecting water and to preserve the area for wild life, recreation and business.	No	ANON-ZYNN-WQ53-Y
66	No	I'd like to state my support towards the granting of the status. As a lifelong resident I am all to aware of the complex ecosystem which exists in this area and the plethora of wildlife that thrives here. SSSI protection would assist in maintaining this habitat for future generations and help to publicise its importance.		ANON-ZYNN-WQ3F-G
67	No	<p>I absolutely support these proposals and the application as a Councillor representing Horwich North East. The boundaries of the proposed SSI will come down into the Ward which I represent, and I wholeheartedly welcome this. This application can only increase the protection of the land and increase biodiversity of species.</p> <p>The area is well loved by many local people who do not wish to see species decline or its environment destroyed. This can only be good news and I absolutely support the application as an elected representative from Bolton Council covering an area of the proposed declaration area.</p>		ANON-ZYNN-WQSB-C
68	No	Support wholeheartedly and with enthusiasm	Tremendous benefits all round - and this is a major upland area of the NW which is enjoyed by a huge number of people. But the environmental benefits are also extremely important - from carbon capture to flood prevention.	
69		<p>Please can I write in support of the designation of SSSI for the West Pennine moors.</p> <p>It's absolutely crucial this area's unique nature is finally acknowledged. As the local county councillor covering a large part of the West Pennine Moors we are very blessed to have this on our doorstep in Chorley.</p>		received by email
70	No	I fully support the proposal.		ANON-ZYNN-WQDD-Y

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71	No	<p>Horwich First Community Group has over 3,200 Facebook members, principally from the Town Parish Horwich which sits as the gateway to Rivington and the wider West Pennine Moors from the West. It was one of our members who originally suggested naming the area 'The West Pennine Moors' back in the 1970's.</p> <p>Through this community group we have over the years posted many pictures from members who have enjoyed the scenery and landscape of Rivington and the wider West Pennine Moors. Whenever these images are posted they attract a huge amount of positive feedback in the form of likes and comments. This area is enjoyed by every segment of the community and offers something for everyone, whether young or old.</p> <p>Rivington in particular is very much part of our communities recreational and cultural heritage. The Good Friday pilgrimage up to the Pike by thousands of people dates back many hundreds of years which is also accompanied by the oldest Fell Race in Great Britain. Rivington also formed the stunning backdrop to the 2002 Commonwealth Games cycling event. The Ironman competition now holds the cycle event in and around Rivington each year, this is a global event that is watched by millions around the world.</p> <p>More recently, the Hollywood blockbuster 'A Monster Calls' starring Liam Neeson and Sigourney Weaver was film at Rivington Pike.</p> <p>The appeal and draw of this beautiful area cannot be underestimated and its significance not just to the surrounding towns and villages but nationally, and even globally. People who visit this area gain an appreciation of the diverse wildlife that surrounds them. This we believe turns into a wider understanding of the environment we all share and they leave we hope as wildlife ambassadors. Visitors just don't simply like this area, they fall in love with it, to return time and again - many preferring to make it their final resting place.</p> <p>It is therefor imperative that the West Pennine Moors receives SSSI protection which will encourage generations to come to love and enjoy this little piece of England.</p>		ANON-ZYNN-WQFZ-Q
72	No	I am delighted that due recognition has now been taken of the rich bio-diversity of this under valued area. I give my total support to its designation as a Site of Special Scientific Interest.		ANON-ZYNN-WQDY-M
73	No	Great news, i love this area and everything that inhabits it. Its steeped with history so lets protect it for our grandchildren grandchildren		ANON-ZYNN-WQY6-6
74	No	I feel that the are of Rivington is a vital natural beauty that inhabits many species of animal and insect that would be harmed by any kind of building or fracking work don there. Overall, I would like the area to be protected from such actions and for the animals within to be fulfil their lives safely and without threat		ANON-ZYNN-WQK7-S
75	No	I believe this is an excellent idea to protect what we cherish in this country the most. Our beautiful countryside should be able to be enjoyed by everyone and all generations to come.		ANON-ZYNN-WQ5N-T
76	No	I support the SSSI notification.		ANON-ZYNN-WQ5K-Q
77	No	I fully support the move to protect this beautiful part of my home region. I've been living in the US for over 25 years but memories of where I grew up are still fresh. I took it for granted when I lived there. Please protect it so it will still be there for me to visit and for countless other people to do the same for generations to come		ANON-ZYNN-WQFT-H

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78	No	As an interested party and a local Parish Council, Heath Charnock Parish Council supports the idea that the West Pennine Moors should be declared a site of special scientific interest (SSSI) with all the benefits that will bring to the environment, wildlife and leisure activity in the area generally.		ANON-ZYNN-WQKW-S
79	No	Amazing! Such a beautiful part of the country - and so accessible! I loved living in Horwich		ANON-ZYNN-WQ5J-P
80	No	I feel that establishing the area as an SSSI is a good thing and may help prevent further habitat loss. My main use of the area is for leisure purposes - walking specifically - and I feel that given the number of people living within and near to the area, it is a resource for national wellbeing that should be protected.		ANON-ZYNN-WQYF-P
81	Yes	<p>We agree with Natural England that "the West Pennines are a valuable asset for wildlife, businesses, outdoor recreation and water provision"; though integrating (as far as practicable) rather than "balancing" the needs of all these interests is critical to the conservation of this upland landscape: it is misleading to present this as a 'zero sum game' automatically requiring the weighing of nature against the rest.</p> <p>We too hope that designation as a SSSI "will act as a catalyst for everyone with an interest in the West Pennines to work together to maximise the landscapes' potential for all concerned." We are committed to such partnership working and are already investigating how to secure and sustain the resource to develop and sustain such working and to deliver resultant beneficial action on the ground.</p> <p>Like Natural England, "working with owners and occupiers, we want to ensure that the West Pennine Moors SSSI is managed in a way that safeguards its national scientific importance whilst maximising the benefits to businesses and those seeking enjoyment and a sense of wellbeing from the area"; and look forward to working in partnership to secure and sustain the resources and capacity to achieve and sustain this.</p> <p>We welcome Natural England's assertion that the management and restoration of blanket bog is central to its approach and its recognition that "bogs in good condition provide multiple social benefits including increased water storage in the upper catchments to reduce flood risk downstream, increasing carbon dioxide uptake from the atmosphere as well as providing a unique habitat for wildlife".</p>	<p>We are considering the practicalities, and the merits and demerits of identifying a greater area of the West Pennine Moors, perhaps including the historic Forest of Rossendale area, as a Nature Improvement Area (NIA) in the sense of the most recent (June 2011) Government White Paper on the Natural Environment; and as carried forward into the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) in paragraph 117; and recently given some expression in the consultation draft of the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework, October 2016 ("Uplands", draft policy GM10).</p> <p>We hope and expect that the forthcoming 25-year Plan for the Environment, to be launched soon by central Government, will inform and assist this consideration.</p>	ANON-ZYNN-WQS1-U
82	No	I write to provide my full support for the designation of SSSI status to the West Pennine Moors. The habitats and biodiversity provided by these moors are unique and contribute considerably to the ecological diversity of the United Kingdom. To preserve and further enhance this scientific and conservational resource, SSSI status is essential.		ANON-ZYNN-WQG5-K
83	No	This area is widely regarded as " Lancashire's little Lake District" and as such should be preserved for posterity.		ANON-ZYNN-WQ3K-N
84	No	I'm a former resident of Lancashire and was a frequent visitor to the moors. They seem to me to be an excellent choice for the new status which will improve the present and the future state, preserving this wonderful resource for future generations. Thank you.		ANON-ZYNN-WQKK-D

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85	No	<p>I fully support designation of this area as a SSSI.</p> <p>It houses a number of uncommon plants, such as Starry Lady's Mantle and is home to a varied of nationally scarce birds, such as merlin, golden plover and declining species such as curlew. This is because it comprises a number of nationally scarce and declining habitats & ecosystems, specifically those found in wet, acid upland areas.</p> <p>These habitats provide people with a variety of ecosystem services, such as carbon capture and storage, rain water storage and reduced rates of run-off (vital for minimising flooding in eg. the Irwell catchment), fresh air and exercise.</p> <p>Designation as an SSSI will increase the likelihood of benign management to protect and enhance these ecosystems, minimise the risks of overgrazing by sheep, overuse by inappropriate activities (eg off-road motorcycling) and thus ensure the long term value of this area to local people.</p>		ANON-ZYNN-WQFB-Y
86	No	<p>Rivington is an outstanding area of natural beauty providing natural habitat for wildlife to thrive. In addition to this the area is used by residents of the northwest, attracting people from some distance.</p>		ANON-ZYNN-WQ2G-G
87	No	<p>I believe that the west penine moors needs the protection it deserves, especially when there are businessmen, who this land has no significance to, want to ruin the area in the name of profit and greed. Having grown up in the area, I have so much admiration for the land because there isn't many places to live with the natural beauty like Rivington on their doorsteps. The land itself is extremely popular with walkers, cyclists and runners because of it's natural beauty and it would be very disheartening for this area to be neglected or far worse destroyed by the fracking plans. If fracking was to take place in the area then this would ruin the natural habitat and ecosystems that thrive in the area, and furthermore would take away beautiful natural land for future generations to come. I cannot stress how important this is for the local area.</p>		ANON-ZYNN-WQ5A-D
88	No	<p>Lovely area wich would benifit from the correct management.</p>		ANON-ZYNN-WQGW-N
89	No	<p>This is what I see as home! I grew up ne t to rivington, I went to school and I plan to return next year. This is the place that I truly feel at home that I feel safe. It's the place of childhood memories exploring rivington. It's the place were I dniid a local history project forvgcse. It's the place that was give to the people of horwich by Leverhulme himself when he passed. We have wildlife we have history we have natural science. It's home to creatures, wildlife flirt and fauna.</p> <p>It is home.</p>		ANON-ZYNN-WQ22-U

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90	No	<p>I fully support the SSSI designation of the West Pennine Moors.</p> <p>I have enjoyed safe, off road horse riding over the moors of Holcombe, Darwen and Rivington for many years and welcome Natural England's intervention to protect the wildlife and landscape, for all to enjoy responsibly.</p> <p>Hopefully, SSSI will mean better management of the West Pennine Moors, which in turn will preserve and improve public access to the wide open spaces of the moors - which is important for well being and health.</p> <p>I also support SSSI as a deterrent to the urbanisation and development of the moorland. For example, proposals to install wind turbines, masts and similar, will be subject to greater scrutiny as regards the impact on the moor, and hopefully planning permission declined.</p> <p>The deterioration of the moorland due to off road trail bikes/motorbikes, quad bikes and other unauthorised vehicles being driven along bridleways, footpaths and tracks, is a major concern. The result is eroded, muddy and gorged out patches of moor. Locally, there are off road motor sport venues for the owners of such vehicles to enjoy without the need to damage to the West Pennine Moors.</p> <p>I am hopeful the designation of SSSI will motivate the local communities to work together to support Natural England to protect the landscape and wildlife, and at the same time maintain public rights of access and rights for grazing.</p>	<p>I am a volunteer with the British Horse Society although the comments above are my personal views.</p>	ANON-ZYNN-WQHG-6
91	No	An extremely important area of natural beauty that needs preserving from industrialisation and development, i.e. Fracking		ANON-ZYNN-WQSH-J
92	Yes	The West Pennine Moors are an area of natural beauty and attract not only tourists but more importantly breeding birds and other wildlife, they are also protect the towns from flooding.		ANON-ZYNN-WQF7-M
93	No	I agree they as much of the west pennine area should be protected. It is a wonderful area for walking and holds a wealth of wildlife and plant life which will hopefully thrive if designated as a SSSI.		ANON-ZYNN-WQ5S-Y
94	No	<p>I grew up using Rivington and the gardens for recreational purposes until five years ago. I'm now 50 and still consider Rivington as a beautifully unique environment that needs to be conserved.</p> <p>I've never encountered a place like it, so for it to be carved up and spoiled would be nothing short of criminal. It is an area that the whole community can benefit from, enjoying the atmosphere and learning about the diverse flora and fauna.</p> <p>It is part of who I am, please don't spoil it.</p>	<p>I learned how to use the countryside from all Rivington has to offer and have fond memories of family time there.</p> <p>When I return to visit my friends, a walk up Rivi is always included.</p> <p>Despite visiting the area many many times over my lifetime, there is always something different to see. Please keep those views unspoilt.</p>	ANON-ZYNN-WQHE-4
95	No	It is a place of outstanding beauty could not. be replaced or recovered it's a place with many walks and a place where for. Years we took our children and grand children to discover nature it's a place with many interesting landmarks and is treasured by many many people	To damage such beauty would be an act of wilful vandalism	ANON-ZYNN-WQG9-Q

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96	No	I now live in Australia but still remember my roots. growing up in Adlington and playing up Rivington and around the area's I lived at Barn House Cottage for 3 years There is nowhere as beautiful as The Pennine Moors. It would be a crime to destroy the natural beauty of the moors, Please help to save it from Fracking.	Please listen to the people !!	ANON-ZYNN-WQF9-P
97	Yes	Cronkshaw Fold Farm is an advocate for the conservation of the natural environment. We hope the new Holcombe Moor SSSI will highlight the value of our countryside and the important role those who work the land have in conserving its wildlife and heritage.		ANON-ZYNN-WQKC-5
98	No	RSPB are strongly supportive of the full list of proposed habitats and features, in particular the protection of the largest Black-headed Gull breeding colony in the UK and the largest breeding colony of Mediterranean Gulls outside of the South of England. We also support the assemblage of birds of the moors and in-bye, and the woodlands. And of the isolated population of breeding Grey Herons. The breeding birds of the unenclosed land and associated farmland are a rich assemblage that can now be better managed to ensure they continue to thrive. We welcome the inclusion of the thirty two NVC habitats, in particular the wet heath and blanket bog habitats that are among the best examples in England. We also welcome the inclusion of the three rare plants (Luronium natans, Alchemilla subcrenata and A. acutiloba.	SSSI represent the best of England's natural heritage and play a fundamental role in conserving and reversing declines of priority habitats and species. Protected areas, including SSSIs have a function in the maintenance of ecosystem services, education, tourism and recreation and provide opportunities for scientific research. There is also a growing body of evidence demonstrating the health and socioeconomic benefits derived from designated areas. They are the front line of defence against the growing pressures on the natural environment and the policies and legislation, which underpin them, are the key drivers for the protection of vulnerable habitats and species. When given appropriate weight in decision-making, SSSIs and other designated areas ensure that development and other land-use change does not damage our most important places for wildlife, they provide a spatial steer, which reduces uncertainties, delays and wasted effort and enables the sustainable development, maximising environmental, social and economic benefits.	ANON-ZYNN-WQST-X
99	No	I welcome the designation of the West Pennine Moors as a SSSI, I live nearby and appreciate the beauty and special habitat, and how it could be improved. It's value as holding back floodwaters via moss bogs could be improved and the peat erosion tackled better with an SSSI status, plus wildlife would benefit. The area is greatly loved by locals and people from the region alike but is in need of some extra tender loving care - a SSSI designation can only help this.		ANON-ZYNN-WQDV-H
100	No	As an Ornithological Society we would fully support the West Pennine Moors becoming an SSSI. Our Society has been connected with the area since the 1970's and one of our members was involved in the initial discussions. The area is known for its breeding waders and short-eared owl and is used by all members of the public and should be protected for the future.		ANON-ZYNN-WQYM-W

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101	No	Rivington is a beautiful vital spot within the area and deserves to be treated with dignity and respect		ANON-ZYNN-WQSS-W
102	No	I support the proposal.		ANON-ZYNN-WQH9-R
103	No	Beautiful Rivington to stay as a space to preserve and enjoy please.		ANON-ZYNN-WQFA-X
104	No	As a SSSI there should be a ban on fracking in this area. As the majority of the land was left to be managed for water catchment and as a resource for the community, the community's wishes on other uses, such as fracking, should carry weight.	Please respect local democracy.	ANON-ZYNN-WQ2P-S
105	No	This is an amazing space, so full of history and beauty and enjoyed by hundreds of people		ANON-ZYNN-WQF4-H
106	No	This set of land is beautiful, there is much to learn from the soil, animals and land		ANON-ZYNN-WQY8-8
107	No	<p>This is really wonderful news. Congratulations to all involved in getting the protection this area fully deserves. Upland moorlands need protecting, conserving and managing to protect the peat bogs which are uniquely important habitat and vital carbon stores. The recent floods have highlighted the need to value them for their ability to absorb and store water.</p> <p>I am especially interested that this area is protected for breeding raptors, in particular the Hen harrier which is being persecuted almost to the point of extinction in England. It is to be hoped that on these moors these magnificent birds are given the support they need to breed and landowners are supportive of this aim.</p>	<p>The benefits of such a space in an area surrounded by development cannot be underestimated for people's health and well being.</p> <p>I hope there will be more publicity to highlight this area and so the knock on effects of suitable sustainable tourism are trickled down to local business and farmers.</p>	ANON-ZYNN-WQK4-P
108		<p>I, wish to formally SUPPORT the application to make Holcombe Moor a SSSI. We are now confident given helpful discussion with one of your staff and certain horseriders that this will not pose a threat to their 'natural' activities. We have lived in Holcombe for over 25 years, and myself in the locality for over 50 years and feel the Moor is well deserving of special high level recognition of its exceptional value to the communities who enjoy the facility of recreation and gain Health and Well being.</p> <p>Protection is vital as there has been much abuse by illegal off road motor bikes. Further we have noted the drop in the number of the lovely larks and plovers formally so characteristic as song birds on the high tops. We hope that this status will raise priority to sort drainage and access problems for Bury MBC and the National Trust with the support of Natural England.</p>		received by email
109	No	<p>This SSSI declaration is important and very valuable in itself and as a service to large NW and further population.</p> <p>It was also long overdue.</p> <p>We certainly value it highly: an important reason for coming to live a couple of miles outside it.</p>	no	ANON-ZYNN-WQGZ-R
110	No	I strongly support the proposal to designate the site as a SSSI. It is a beautiful and unique landscape and the flora and fauna it supports should be protected by SSSI status.		ANON-ZYNN-WQYD-M

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111	No	<p>I live about a mile from rivington and blackrod school where I consider rivington starts. It is a quiet and peaceful place for locals to walk hike cycle and jog or run either on the moors or through the reservoirs. It is fantastic for both locals and visitors too. It is well looked after by united utilities and we who live here value it immensely for its natural beauty and to use it recreationally. We all understand that the area was given to Horwich by Lord Leverhulme in perpetuity and we are sure that fracking into its natural beauty would not have been on his agenda when he made the gift. It has been created an area of special interest because of how unique it is and to protect natural habitat which is plentiful at any time of the year. In addition we live under 5 reservoirs built at the end of the 19th century but drilling and fracking in any part of this area could result in catastrophic results for us all living under this. Engineers can only presume and calculate how fracking and drilling can to identify results but one small mistake in those calculations or one issue with land around causing unforeseen movements could have dire consequences for which a sorry won't ever be enough.</p> <p>We have the opportunity of having a lottery grant to renovate the gardens in rivington which are already a beautiful place to visit. We value our locality and our habitat there are lots of other places where fracking can take place without affecting a whole community and it's creatures.</p>		ANON-ZYNN-WQKN-G
112	No	<p>The Environment Agency would welcome the designation of new West Pennine Moors Site of Special Scientific Interest that will encompass a large percentage of River's Irwell and Croal catchments, and the many tributaries that feed from the Pennine uplands, and provides great opportunity to improve ecological quality and functioning of a mosaic of different priority habitat types identified within new SSSI.</p> <p>Based on many of the catchment waterbodies are currently failing their statutory ecological objectives, as highlighted in the current North West River Basin Management Plan (https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/north-west-river-basin-district-river-basin-management-plan) and with identified flood risk in the lower urban catchment areas as identified in River Irwell Catchment Flood Management Plan (https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/293764/Irwell_Catchment_Flood_Management_Plan.pdf), there potentially provides great opportunities to work in partnership to restore degraded or heavily modified waterbodies within proposed new SSSI, and work on a catchment basis to restore existing priority upland habitats that are in unfavourable condition, that potentially provides multiple ecosystem benefits in regards to ecology, flood risk and water quality.</p> <p>The Agency would welcome opportunities to work in partnership with Natural England and representative landowners to restore currently Water Framework Directive failing and heavily modified waterbodies, that currently provide poor ecological connectivity and impact on natural geomorphological processes, such as Eagley Brook in the Longworth Clough Valley, or Cadshaw Brook in Turton Moor area.</p> <p>Also with launch of new Natural Course project (http://naturalcourse.co.uk/region/greater-manchester/) and with sections of the Irwell catchment potentially identified for Natural Flood Management (http://www.sepa.org.uk/media/163560/sepa-natural-flood-management-handbook1.pdf & http://www.moorsforthefuture.org.uk/sites/default/files/Appraisal%20of%20the%20three%20UK%20multi-demonstration%20projects.pdf) as part future Agency flood risk works, may also provide an avenue to help deliver mutually beneficial and integrated catchment based water and land management solutions.</p>		ANON-ZYNN-WQFY-P

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113	No	<p>Due to its proximity to urban areas, the West Pennine Moors and its wildlife are enjoyed by many local people, for whom this is a major recreational (and scientific) resource. It is particularly important that due weight is given to this when land use planning and management decisions are made.</p> <p>We therefore strongly support this designation, which will reflect the true value of the area for wildlife and nature conservation.</p>		ANON-ZYNN-WQY2-2
114	No	<p>As I live within 5 minutes of this beautiful area and daily walk in the area I see the damage caused just by off road bicycles and four wheel drive vehicles damaging the ancient moorland clearly not respecting the area or the landscape. Too allow any type of development either fracking or building would cause further damage to the area's eco system and seriously damage the surrounding bird population.</p>		ANON-ZYNN-WQJB-3
115	No	The area is of outstanding natural beauty and should remain as should		ANON-ZYNN-WQ3V-Z
116		Letter received by post is not available electronically but can be made available on request to westpenninemoors@natural england.org.uk		letter received by post - not available electronically
117	No	<p>The West Pennine Moors, lying just north of Bury and Bolton, is a nationally important area for wildlife that R.F.N.S. has visited and enjoyed on many occasions over the years. (Anglezarke Moor, Holcombe Moor etc)</p> <p>The habitat is very varied and special: from blanket bogs to heathland, lime rich flushes and wooded flushes as well as hay meadows and pasture.</p> <p>The area holds nationally rare plants e.g. Starry Lady's Mantle and rare bog mosses, and breeding birds like Merlin, Golden Plover, Mediterranean gulls, tree pipit and wood warblers. All these deserve protection for future generations.</p> <p>The moors help to protect the wider environment through storing carbon and reducing rapid runoff and flood risk in the surrounding urban areas - including the areas of the Irwell Valley and Rossendale that have been badly affected by floods in recent years.</p> <p>This upland area is also important to our local towns for water supply and rural recreation – which if managed properly could be a great attraction to visitors who want to appreciate the natural world on our doorstep.</p> <p>We welcome the legal protection that this unique area will get through the S.S.S.I. designation and the plans to ensure more sustainable management of these natural habitats in the future.”</p>		ANON-ZYNN-WQKQ-K
118	No	I support the notification in that it gives better environmental protection for the area .		ANON-ZYNN-WQH1-G
119	Yes	<p>I strongly support the proposed SSSI.</p> <p>I live in the area and greatly value the natural life around me.</p> <p>This is a well used green lung for an urban area and the SSSI should help to keep the special wildlife of the area while keeping it open to managed public enjoyment.</p> <p>I hope it will also prevent unsuitable industrial operations in the area from waste disposal to fracking.</p>		ANON-ZYNN-WQD5-G
120	No	I love Rivington and have spent many days walking in the area when I was younger and lived in bolton. Even now, when visiting my sister, we often go up Rivington. It needs to be a SSSI so that it can be saved for future generations to know and love. There are lesss and less places like that now.		ANON-ZYNN-WQHM-C

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121	No	As a keen walker I want to enjoy the peace and tranquility of our beautiful and special area of beauty. I enjoy taking my children out into the countryside and teaching them what I know about the fungi, flora and fauna too. I am worried this will be lost if we are unable to fight and protect this area.		ANON-ZYNN-WQS8-2
122	No	I feel this is a really important area deserving of protection both for its landscape and recreational value and as an ecological habitat		ANON-ZYNN-WQHK-A
123	No	This is an area of outstanding views and variety of pursuits. Wilderness on my doorstep which I and my family would hate to lose..		ANON-ZYNN-WQJM-E
124	No	Having lived in the district for 70 years I have appreciated the natural beauty of the area and do not want to see it urbanised in any way.		ANON-ZYNN-WQJT-N
125	No	I strongly support the proposal to make the west pennine moors an SSSI. The region is important for wildlife and particularly for its wetlands and their bryophyte and other flora.		ANON-ZYNN-WQ35-Y
126	No	My family have a lot of historical ties to this area and it is also a significant part of early british history and was part of estates of the captains of industry in the early 1900s Any loss of habitat would also have significant impact on the local fauna Of which is native only to this area	Please no fracking or housing, We need this keep this part of British history for our children and generations to come	ANON-ZYNN-WQYA-H
127	No	I live close to this area, it is in the main unspoilt and so beautiful. This should be preserved for future generations. The area has already been attacked with quarry work, motorway cutting through. The area attracts tourist whereas the local economy is dependant upon. Protecting this area is crucial		ANON-ZYNN-WQKF-8
128	No	Beautiful area of Wilderness which provides a stunning backdrop to local towns while providing space for hiking cycling and fell running. Source of large portion of the Northwests drinking water and only thing to attract people to the local area since the relegation of BWFC to the third tier. I grew up near the Jolly Crofters on Chorley Old Road and went to Rivington and Blackrod high school, the chance to see proper countryside is the best thing about returning home.		ANON-ZYNN-WQJ7-R
129	No	The designation of the West Pennines Moors is a huge, positive step forward. The area has needed statutory protection for some time now, and this is the right decision.		ANON-ZYNN-WQ3M-Q
130	No	We think that creating an SSI of the West Pennine Moors is a necessity. We live nearby and walk and birdwatch in the area regularly. We are concerned about the possible encroachment of housing in the area, and, in particular, the impact of fracking in Lancashire, should this be permitted, - which seems likely. The whole area is spectacular, scenically, and is visited by cyclists, walkers and also, those who are interested in the industrial heritage in the area. There is a range of bird and plant life around the bog lands and the uplands, and all of this needs to be protected. We hope that serious consideration is given to protecting this area which is so valued both by those of us who live nearby and those who visit and appreciate the Moors Thank you,		ANON-ZYNN-WQ21-T
131	No	This area needs to be protected as a place of natural beauty and heritage. It must be kept safe for future generations to enjoy. Safe from development (houses/buildings) and industrialation (fracking).		ANON-ZYNN-WQ2W-Z

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132	No	<p>I am in total agreement with making the West Pennine Moors a SSSI.</p> <p>The moorland is such a unique habitat, offering homes to rare plants like Starry Lady's Mantle, birds like Merlin and Golden Plover and rare bog mosses. These should be available for future generations to enjoy.</p> <p>Equally important are the environmental and economic benefits from maintaining the moorland habitats. The bogs are a rich store of carbon, and they help to reduce flooding by storing water, thereby saving thousands of pounds.</p> <p>This upland area is also important to our local towns for water supply and rural recreation – which if managed properly could be a great attraction to visitors who want to appreciate the natural world on our doorstep.</p>		ANON-ZYNN-WQSE-F
133	No	<p>Very happy that this is being put forward. The area is very special to my family who spend large parts of the weekend enjoying its beauty, wildlife and health benefits. I want to make sure my children are able to bring their children one day and continue to enjoy it.</p>		ANON-ZYNN-WQHU-M
134	No	<p>I am encouraged to see that measures are being taken to safeguard the land in question and wholeheartedly support the proposals.</p>		ANON-ZYNN-WQSQ-U
135	No	<p>The West Pennine Moors are a beautiful place for everyone to enjoy. The wildlife, flora and fauna must be protected for future generations to enjoy.</p>		ANON-ZYNN-WQDP-B
136	No	<p>I love Rivington, brought up in Blackrod, went to school at Rivington And Blackrod School. When I come to see family in Blackrod Rivington is our playground</p>	<p>Please look after this beautiful landscape, it's my home and I love it's beauty. I remember seeing a deer one day walking and it was my first time coming so close to such a beautiful animal. I also did my Duke of Edinburgh Award over Rivington and navigating to White Coppice. This was a wicked experience. Beautiful scenery and fun camping with fellow adventurers. Awe beautiful memories for me.</p>	ANON-ZYNN-WQGD-2
137	No	<p>Maintaining the current area and ultimately protecting it for the future is paramount. As a local having lived here over 35 years and grown up with my dad working for local council on protection of natural environmental issues I feel the area is in need of protection for all the beauty it holds but also the huge part of plays for species of wildlife and cultivation.</p> <p>Too many areas are being spoilt and Rivington area is an extremely beautiful spot on an ever sprawling built up NW England...it needs to stay that way!</p>		ANON-ZYNN-WQ2D-D
138	No	<p>Rivington is a beautiful place. It's history and wildlife make casual walks, educational. It has supported traditions of Horwich/ Bolton/ Chorley/ Wigan since as far back as I can remember. We occasionally site Heron's throughout the local town thanks to Rivington.</p>	<p>The local people will not allow fracking to occur up Rivington. Not now, not ever.</p>	ANON-ZYNN-WQDR-D
139	No	<p>In full support - the area needs to be recognised as a precious and beautiful area of natural habit to be preserved</p>		ANON-ZYNN-WQHJ-9

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140	No	I am totally against fracking in any instance, but wish to protect this area in particular. Green belt land is being developed all over Bolton and we need to ensure at least this area of natural beauty can be protected from development or fracking.		ANON-ZYNN-WQ29-2
141	No	<p>Lancashire/Greater Manchester needs its wild open spaces. Whilst industry and commercial business are essential to the economic future of Lancashire and Greater Manchester, it is also essential that the West Lancashire Moor is protected from industrial and commercial development.</p> <p>I think that it is an excellent idea to protect the West Pennine Moor. . Firstly, it is an area of stark and compelling natural beauty. Secondly, it an area visited by people locally and nationally which provides excellent walking facilities. Thirdly, it hosts a variety of flora and fauns which require special protection. Fourthly, it is a home for wildlife of all kinds which, while commonplace or widespread, deserve a designated local environment where they can continue to flourish.</p> <p>I am not a scientist nor a Rambler but I love nature and seek to protect our environment for all the reasons I have mentioned. I cannot quote you facts or statistics to support my case, I will leave that to the experts. What I can cite as evidence to support my case, along no doubt with thousands of others, is my personal experience of visiting the Moor. Two experiences stand out. One, when walking along Burnt Edge several years ago, I looked up and saw what I believe to have been a Peregrine Falcon -like I said I am not an expert - flying in wide arching circles above my head before swooping at speed into a coppice of trees in search of prey. Secondly, and more recently, standing in one of the open spaces on one of the terraces of Lord Leverhulme's Oriental Gardens - not a natural phenomenon but one which, long neglected but now sensitively managed, provides a unique gateway to the West Pennine Moor - I stood for half an hour watching a deer nibble and munch on the green foliage which now fills the terrace arenas. Both these memories, along with memories of taking groups of children on walks around Rivington and Winter Hill in the days when I was employed as community worker and play leader are evidence enough for me that such an incredible natural resource should be protected.</p> <p>It is imperative that we protect our wild open spaces from the encroachment of commercial and industrial enterprise. The West Pennine Moor is an oasis for those of us living in a busy industrial and commercial part of the UK. It must be protected not just for us but for future generations and for the wildlife of the area.</p>		ANON-ZYNN-WQFN-B
142	No	Lots of habitat live on the moors, it should be protected. There is not enough green belt in this area and whilst I appreciate the houses shortage more should be do to save what real countryside there is.		ANON-ZYNN-WQSZ-4
143	No	Its a brilliant area that should be protected and enhanced		ANON-ZYNN-WQGN-C
144		<p>Please keep fighting this,we have a government who are only interested in short term gains (as they were with North Sea oil). Democracy means nothing to them neither does the environment or people's quality of life.</p> <p>Please inform me of any action you intend, you have my full support.</p>		received by email
145	No	Fully approve		ANON-ZYNN-WQ3Z-4
146	No	I support this proposal we are surrounded by wonderful countryside and history which needs protection and support		ANON-ZYNN-WQ2Z-3

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147	No	<p>I support the notification of the West Pennine Moors SSSI.</p> <p>Rivington and the surrounding West Pennine Moors support a diversity of habitats and wildlife. The West Pennine Moors fulfils the criteria for SSSI consideration on the following main points of national importance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The quality and extent of blanket mires • Sphagnum diversity • Upland moorland and grassland habitats for breeding birds • Colony of breeding seabirds <p>Ancient woodlands, upland heathland, grasslands support a breadth of biodiversity, which is of integral importance including many species of invertebrates, birds, mammals, amphibians as well as a wide range of important botanical species.</p> <p>Notification of the West Pennine Moors SSSI will protect this area from operations which may damage the features of interest and safeguard it from development of wind farms and the imminent danger of fracking.</p>		ANON-ZYNN-WQGJ-8
148	No	<p>Rivington is on our doorstep and most weekends my family enjoy some aspect of it, walking, cycling or horse riding. The proximity of such an expanse of open countryside to the conurbation of greater Manchester is vitally important for health, wellbeing and the local economy and should be preserved for future generations. The threat of fracking is looming large over Rivington and surrounding areas and anything which may help protect the environment from such potential is vital. I support Rivington becoming a SSSI.</p>		ANON-ZYNN-WQH2-H
149	No	<p>I welcome the designation of the West Pennine Moors as a SSSI.</p> <p>Moorland areas are an important resource for wildlife. There are nationally rare plants and breeding birds within the designated area which deserve protection for future generations.</p> <p>They help to protect the wider environment through storing carbon and reducing rapid runoff and flood risk in the surrounding urban areas - including the areas of the Irwell Valley and Rossendale that have been badly affected by floods in recent years.</p> <p>This upland area is important to our urban areas for water supply and rural recreation.</p> <p>I welcome the legal protection this unique area will get through the SSSI designation and the plans to develop more sustainable management of the natural habitat in the future.</p>	<p>I hope that by gaining SSSI status there will be greater recognition of its value in the surrounding centres of population.</p> <p>I hope that Natural England will play its part in educating people about the national significance of what we have on our doorstep and how we should all play a part in conserving and protecting it for future generations.</p> <p>As a member of Rochdale Field Naturalists' Society and a member of Lancashire Wildlife Trust I hope to play my part in this endeavour.</p>	ANON-ZYNN-WQKZ-V
150	No	<p>Rivington is a beautiful natural area that is visited by many. The nature here needs to be protected.</p>		ANON-ZYNN-WQJU-P

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151	No	Rivington is one of the few amazing green areas left in the North West. Once home to a thriving zoo and Japanese Gardens (and in the process of being rebuilt). This whole area needs to stay green.		ANON-ZYNN-WQDG-2
152	No	No fracking or building on our beautiful green belt. So much history in one place and we need to cherish this instead of building everywhere and anywhere!		ANON-ZYNN-WQFQ-E
153	No	This area of moorland needs to be kept pure to ensure a safe habitat for all the wildlife that live there. Our future generations will benefit from the moorland and will learn about its environmental impact it has only the surrounding countryside and local communities. This area is Beautiful and should be left to stay that way, no houses being built, no fracking!!		ANON-ZYNN-WQK1-K
154	No	This area should have been protected many years ago. It is a habitat for rare birds and insects. It is also rich in flora and fauna found only in moorland habit.		ANON-ZYNN-WQF3-G
155	No	Very pleased that this extremely important ecological area has finally been recognised for what it is and will now receive the protection it deserves.		ANON-ZYNN-WQ2T-W
156	No	This area is amazing it needs to be preserved indefinitely		ANON-ZYNN-WQ34-X
157	No	The West Pennine Moors are a significant landscape of local and national importance. Their presence contributes to the well being of all the residents who live and work within them but also those who live in sight of them. The plant and wildlife that contribute to their beauty need to be well managed and protected in order that this unique environment can be sustained for future generations. These are the sound reasons underlying my view that the Moors are deserving of SSI designation. A further crucial reason is around the Moors contribution to an anti-flooding strategy. Well managed the boggy uplands play an essential role in holding water that otherwise might flow in an uncontrolled way onto lowlying areas. The increasingly wet winters we can expect as a result of climate change mean it is ever more important that the uplands are utilised in a protective and productive way.		ANON-ZYNN-WQK8-T
158	No	Granting SSSI status will help protect the diverse flora and fauna of the area and protecting many endangered species. This is an area that needs preserving for future generations to visit and enjoy. SSSI status will protect the area from development that will damage the areas natural beauty and risk polluting the local water courses and reservoirs. As a resident of the parish of Heath Charnock and Rivington, which forms part of this area, I will be directly affected by any development.		ANON-ZYNN-WQ36-Z
159	No	It is essential to preserve Natural Habitat in the condition it is intended for - conservation of both flora and fauna. It must remain undisturbed.		ANON-ZYNN-WQJC-4
160	No	Hopefully being recognised as a Site of Special Interest will mean Rivington is safeguarded from anything that will ruin what has endured for centuries - and hopefully means it will continue to survive and thrive for centuries to come.	No	ANON-ZYNN-WQ3Y-3

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161	No	<p>My family and I have enjoyed the countryside in the West Pennine Moors for several years and find it a most beautiful location. The countryside is varied including lots of different habits for wildlife. I am particularly interested in birds and cherish to Curlews that nest in this area. We want to see the area protected for future generations in a way that the SSSI would do. Getting people out into the fresh air has a beneficial effect on the nations health.</p> <p>It also concerns me that further deterioration in the uplands will have a very bad effect on the urban areas around Bury and Bolton. I live in a area that has suffered badly from flooding in the last few years. I believe that we need to preserve the blanket bogs and moorlands in order to ameliorate the risks of future flooding.</p> <p>We welcome the legal protection that this unique area will get through the awarding of the SSSI designation and the plans to ensure more sustainable management of these natural habitats in the future.</p>	I urge you to confirm the SSSI designation to the West Pennine Moors.	ANON-ZYNN-WQGA-Y
162	No	I have grown up in Horwich, just a short walk off the west Pennines, as a child it was amazing to be able to go and enjoy such natural beauty and play in the fields, whilst appreciating the fresh air and the many reservoirs that surround. I wish for my children to be able to enjoy the same, not a digging site and a dangerous area, our beautiful Countryside cannot be fracked on, if you try to destroy natural forces and extract oils and gases that are meant to be kept underground Mother Nature will fight back and it will destroy the atmosphere, the wildlife and any further growth of this wonderful landscape	Please take the time to read people's views	ANON-ZYNN-WQGX-P
163	No	I wish to support the proposal of SSSI designation to this area.		ANON-ZYNN-WQYJ-T
164	No	<p>Would like for West Pennie Moors to be SSSI</p> <p>It is an area of outstanding natural beauty housing rare wildlife and needs to be preserved as such.</p>		ANON-ZYNN-WQHD-3
165	No	I fully support the designation of the SSSI.		ANON-ZYNN-WQDT-F
166	No	As someone who lives very close to Darwen moor and walks there almost every day it is very close to my heart. This year I have watched a short eared owl hunting, a pair of buzzards doing likewise and have also for the first time heard a raven. That is apart from skylarks and pipits and grouse and curlews. Fewer lapwings alas. The wet unimproved grassland around the moor have been fantastic for orchids this year. It is an outstanding area and needs our protection. The restoration of shooting butts has been a worry and I hope the business interests aren't exploitation of the moors for shooting.	Only a question. How vulnerable are the moors to fracking? I don't want to lie down in front of a lorry but I would.	ANON-ZYNN-WQ52-X
167	No	I feel very strongly about protecting this area. It is beautiful and hugely popular with walkers. It also has a lot of history.		ANON-ZYNN-WQG6-M
168	No	<p>There are currently a number of plans to develop and add 1000's of residential homes within a 5-10 mile radius of Rivington Moors.</p> <p>Without protection there could be an encroaching development on the area. I use the moors regularly and am a local resident who lives within a 10 minute walk of the area.</p> <p>Whilst there are a number of projects to maintain the area, namely the 'bungalow gardens' they need official backing to continue there excellent progress.</p>		ANON-ZYNN-WQJJ-B
169	No	I feel that this whole area should be protected for the future also for the preservation of all plants & insects including the wildlife. The historical side of this area also need protecting.		ANON-ZYNN-WQ3B-C
170		I am emailing to add my support to the beautiful West Pennine Moors becoming an SSSI. I live in Holcombe on the edge of the moors and believe the protection of this diverse and wild area is well overdue.		received by email

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171	No	This needs to be protected		ANON-ZYNN-WQDA-V
172	No	Broadly support the confirmation of the area as a SSSI.	Carbon sequestration in soils is clearly a matter of huge importance.	
173	No	Long overdue that this area should have some legal protection. It isn't solely a beautiful rural area, but also a palimpsest of human activity dating back to the end of the last Ice Age and forward to the early 20th century. A huge amount of ancient unrecorded mining happened in this area. Fracking is known from studies elsewhere to cause especial problems of groundwater pollution in areas of former mining. Designating this as an SSSI will hopefully prevent this local catastrophe. Remember the Abbeystead disaster? Caused by methane accumulation that travelled old mineworkings.		ANON-ZYNN-WQK5-Q
174	No	Rivington it's a place we all interact and integrate every Sunday, and it's central of all activity we ethnic minority do.	This is a place we all taken to our heart and it's fatal crucial and important to continue and live in multi Coulteral Society.	ANON-ZYNN-WQSV-Z
175	No	The Rivington / West Pennine area is used for recreational purposes by people from a large geographical area, it is also home to numerous species of plant life and small animals. The area is likened to a mini Lake District on the edge of a very large conurbation with huge visitor numbers from as far away as Liverpool and Manchester as well as locals. I have appreciated the area for its beauty and the relaxing atmosphere for many many years, allowing a recharge of my batteries as it must for others, please do not allow it to be changed for the worse, this is why I fully support the SSSI proposal.		ANON-ZYNN-WQ56-2
176	No	I believe it is imperative that the SSSI status is withheld. The area not only provides visual and recreational pleasure for so many it is also a balanced ecosystem of species that must be maintained. The ecosystem is fundamental to our environment as each species, including us, link into it. The bog lands are a host to wildlife and microcosms of life, but also retain the moisture which reduces flood risks, thereby minimising social and economical impact.	I think now more than ever as our green belt land is invaded for housing that we hold onto areas of SSSI to ensure that our wildlife is maintained. That future generations can appreciate and learn about such.	ANON-ZYNN-WQ5C-F
177	No	This area of the West Pennine Moors is a valuable asset to the community . The whole area has been a part of many lives, walkers, fell runners, scout and guide troops to name but a few who benefit from using the land. The obvious benefits are the diversity of species which would be lost if it wasn't protected . Personally, I enjoy living close to the moors and having access to the walks that abound for all abilities. The water catchment area that is surrounded by these moors is very important to a vast population in the Lancashire and Greater Manchester area. Being designated a SSSI would be the greatest thing that could happen here, preserving the area for generations to come, benefiting mankind in so many ways. These moors are the lungs of Lancashire. To lose the protection would be a bitter blow . I hope that the designation is granted.		ANON-ZYNN-WQKJ-C
178	No	I support the area becoming an SSSI as I believe this is the best policy for the preservation of the environment, the wildlife and leisure users of the moors.		ANON-ZYNN-WQKE-7

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179	No	Rivington is a great place for wildlife and needs to be protected from fracking It is also a place for local people to be able to walk observe and enjoy the natural outdoors. I am totally against fracking because I think there is little known about the consequences of going deep into land which has an abundance of wildlife and fauna. Once the beauty has gone it will be gone forever.		ANON-ZYNN-WQGF-4
180	No	As a local resident who gets much pleasure from walking on the moors and observing the wildlife and its habitat I was delighted to learn of this proposal. It is edifying to hear that this interesting area has been identified as one of significant importance. Local people, and others, have always been instrumental in challenging any proposals to disrupt the area and this notification validates our belief that it deserves to be maintained and protected. It will also provide opportunity for continuing to preserve and study the area and contribute to the conservation of our native environments. I believe that this is a very exciting prospect and support this wholeheartedly.		ANON-ZYNN-WQKM-F
181	No	I welcome the opportunity to comment and give my reasons for supporting SSSI status for the West Pennine Moors. I walk every day in Rivington, to the Pike, the Chinese Gardens, Anglezarke, Roddlesden Reservoirs. Every walk, no matter what the weather, brings peace and happiness. A place where birds, wildlife and vegetation can be seen in their natural habitat, unspoilt and providing green lungs for the urban areas surrounding. The Moors provide water catchment for the Roddlesden, Anglezarke and Rivington Reservoirs. These reservoirs, built originally to supply Liverpool with clean, safe drinking water, are a feat of engineering construction , enhance the beauty of the area and provide flood protection.		ANON-ZYNN-WQ39-3
182	No	I support this		ANON-ZYNN-WQSY-3
183	No	I whole heartedly support the West Pennine Moors in becoming an SSSI. The West Pennine Moors are special and deserves its status as a site of special scientific interest. It is a beautiful area and needs to be protected. The area has grasslands, uplands, woodlands, blanket bogs and supports all types of wildlife, is home to breeding birds, and has a magnificent variety of flora. The bogs provide clean drinking water, carbon storage and stores water which assists flood management. It is important that these areas are managed well and are protected not only for us to enjoy today but for our future generations.		
184	No	SUPPORT the designation. A nationally / internationally significant curlew breeding ground. Between 1994 and 2006, there was a 37% reduction in the number of breeding curlew in the UK, with declines even higher in certain regions. This significant decline is mirrored by many of our wading birds which have suffered immensely from changing agricultural practices, land drainage and development.		ANON-ZYNN-WQJA-2
185	No	This is such a beautiful area that has been cherished by generations of people in Bolton and surrounding areas. Rivington is steeped in history and can be traced as far back as the bronze age. For ramblers, horse riders, dog walkers to children on school field trips it has always been a fascinating place of natural beauty and interest and it deserves to be preserved for us and for future generations to enjoy. It is also an area where a diverse species of plants and animals coexist and I feel it is extremely important that we protect it as much as possible.		ANON-ZYNN-WQY4-4
186	No	I have used this area for many years and would like to see it protected for many years to come.		ANON-ZYNN-WQ37-1

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187	No	I have lived in Adlington all my life and seen generations of people getting pleasure from Rivington and surrounding areas. To change anything in that area whether it is building houses or fracking etc. would be a disgrace. It should be left for future generations to enjoy along with all the wildlife that live there.	No	ANON-ZYNN-WQJN-F
188		Letter received by post is not available electronically but can be made available on request to westpenninemoors@natural england.org.uk		letter received by post - not available electronically
189	No	Rivington serves not only the local populous but those of he surrounding area and beyond. These include business as well as annual events for sports and races. As such we should strive to protect these small local businessss that also have the areas wellbeing at heart. With no or limited protection, livelihoods could be at risk.		ANON-ZYNN-WQF8-N
190	No	I have consistently visited Rivington throughout my life and have many cherished memories there. For almost twenty years I have walked around the area and visited the Barn on Sundays, and kept up with the tradition of walking up the Pike on Good Friday. It has been a great location more recently for band photographs, and a perfect place to escape the density of the city, regardless of weather, or time of year. To see fracking and other damage to such a special place would be awful. Making this a SSSI and giving it the protection it fully deserves would be key to keeping in tact my favourite place on earth.		ANON-ZYNN-WQYT-4
191	No	Anything (almost) which prevent or limits building developments in that area is to be welcomed in view of the growing disregard at government level for the benefits of green belts.	Although not resident there I visit Horwich. I am ouside the UK at present but witnessed the benefits of green belt restraints for the 53 years they applied when I resided in England.	ANON-ZYNN-WQH7-P
192	No	Protecting our wild, open areas is vital for maintaining the well-being of all the ecology, both on site and through the surrounding habitatsof all species. At a time of erratic climate changes and previous flooding the natural status quo should be sought. It is also vital to ensure no heavy industrialisation, drilling or fracking be allowed.		ANON-ZYNN-WQD2-D

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193	No	<p>I would like to write in strong support of the notification of the West Pennine Moors as a SSSI.</p> <p>Much of the area to be protected includes land with some of the most threatened habitat types, both nationally and globally, and many of the birds featured continue to be in steep decline. Although there may be other mechanisms, including voluntary agreements, to address the conservation of areas of proven importance like this, the statutory SSSI designation makes it more likely that focus will be maintained.</p> <p>In addition to wildlife benefits, the implied improvement to the peat-based habitats will enhance the area's ability to deliver a range of other important services for people who live in the area; such as clean water, flood attenuation, climate change mitigation etc. The recognition of the importance of sympathetic management should also provide more assured prospects for sustainable farm businesses.</p> <p>In short, there is no down side.</p>		ANON-ZYNN-WQHP-F
194	No	I fully support the area becoming an SSI. The moors are beautiful and special and I have lived here for 25 years , walking them everyday. This would protect them and only be positive for all people in Bolton and around.		ANON-ZYNN-WQ2Y-2
195	No	Our land is precious and needs protection in order for life of ALL kinds to exist		ANON-ZYNN-WQGY-Q
196	No	<p>I fully support the West Pennine Moors SSSI notification for the following reasons:-</p> <p>The heather moorland with bogs supports important and endangered upland breeding bird populations including Red Grouse, Peregrine Falcon, Merlin, Little Owl, Barn Owl, Short-eared Owl, Oystercatcher, Lapwing, Golden Plover, Dunlin, Redshank, Curlew, Snipe etc.</p> <p>Belmont Reservoir in its centre has one of the largest inland gull colonies in the UK for both Black-headed Gulls and Mediterranean Gulls, and also supports breeding waders such as Little Ringed Plover and Common Sandpiper in addition to those mentioned above.</p> <p>The moorlands and cloughs support specialist passerine populations such as Stonechat, Whinchat, Wheatear, Redstart, Pied and Spotted Flycatcher, Wood Warbler, Skylark, Tree and Meadow Pipit, Crossbill, Siskin, Lesser Redpoll and Cuckoo.</p>	Most of the above species are Red or Amber listed, so the protection of their moorland habitat is of vital importance.	ANON-ZYNN-WQHZ-S
197	No	<p>Fully support application.</p> <p>We spend lots of time on these moors and appreciate the varied habitats around us. Amazing resource for wildlife and nature.</p> <p>Protection from fracking real bonus , terrified of the prospect of pollution and industrial processes and associated waste in our local lung</p>		ANON-ZYNN-WQSU-Y
198	No	This area is such a beautiful unspoilt area and is worthy of this award.	If this award protects the area, this needs to happen.	ANON-ZYNN-WQHB-1

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199	No	<p>I fully support designation of this area as a SSSI.</p> <p>It houses a number of uncommon plants, such as Starry Lady's Mantle and is home to a varied of nationally scarce birds, such as merlin, golden plover and declining species such as curlew. This is because it comprises a number of nationally scarce and declining habitats & ecosystems, specifically those found in wet, acid upland areas.</p> <p>These habitats provide people with a variety of ecosystem services, such as carbon capture and storage, rain water storage and reduced rates of run-off (vital for minimising flooding in eg. the Irwell catchment), fresh air and exercise.</p> <p>Designation as an SSSI will increase the likelihood of benign management to protect and enhance these ecosystems, minimise the risks of overgrazing by sheep, overuse by inappropriate activities (eg off-road motorcycling) and thus ensure the long term value of this area to local people.</p>		ANON-ZYNN-WQGC-1
200	No	I agree the area should be protected from further building and fracking so the sooner this order is passed the better.		ANON-ZYNN-WQ3U-Y
201	No	I would very much support the designation of this area as a SSSI.		ANON-ZYNN-WQYN-X
202	No	<p>This particular site is crucial both for the people living in and around the area and for the wildlife that lives there. The bog sites soak up the (large) amounts of rainfall we get in this area thus reducing the risks of flooding and the ruining of the current infrastructure, this alone could cost the government millions of pounds to repair. I know government departments don't care about the lives of ordinary people but the heartbreak flooding causes is immeasurable. Living as we do alongside very busy motorways and roads the bog sites are crucial in removing carbon dioxide from the air. Thousand of people die every year in this area due to chest/lung related illnesses. The human cost and the NHS costs entailed are enormous. We live in a very built up crowded area and this site is valuable to us, the people, as an escape to the country. I don't know about all the arguments to declare this a site of special scientific interest but I do know what it means to us.</p>	Please declare this a SSSI.	ANON-ZYNN-WQJ5-P
203	No	This area is a local beauty spot in a very built up area. It is a wonderful nature reserve. It offers an easy accessible escape to cyclists, walkers and dog walkers of all abilities		ANON-ZYNN-WQ51-W
204	No	This is an area of natural beauty, that I have been visiting for nearly 50 years, with all my family members and friends. It's been enjoyed by millions of people and is a jewel to be preserved and protected for future generations. The diverse landscape, vegetation and wildlife must not be disturbed or put under threat. And I wholeheartedly support the application to make this entire location a SSSI.		ANON-ZYNN-WQDS-E
205	No	I am very much in support of this proposal.		ANON-ZYNN-WQGG-5
206	No	<p>This area is a natural beauty and coming from a very built up area is a joy to visit .</p> <p>The moors once built on will never recover . Protection needs to be done now for future generations .</p>		ANON-ZYNN-WQFX-N

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207	No	It's so important to protect this land and its wildlife and it could have even greater impact if by doing so it makes it more difficult for the fracking industry to wreak havoc on our environment. This land has qualified for this status for sometime and deserves to be recognised & protected, now and for the future...		ANON-ZYNN-WQHF-5
208	No	I support this notification because the green space is important habitat, particularly being on the edge of the large urban conurbations of Bolton and Bury, which in turn are contiguous with Greater Manchester. Not only is the area important for wildlife, it is, for many urban dwellers, the closest open access area offering almost unspoiled countryside and fresh air.		ANON-ZYNN-WQJ2-K
209	No	I have taken groups of children walking in the area - they were inspired to get into the countryside by this - a place so accessible is of great benefit.		ANON-ZYNN-WQ2N-Q
210	No	I support this application. As far as I am personally concerned, there isn't enough protected land in the north west and with mounting pressure on green belt to be developed I do not want to see more land especially land that supports wild life lost to developers.		ANON-ZYNN-WQFC-Z
211	No	I wholly support the designation of the West Pennine Moors as an SSSI. It is long overdue. After over 40 years of involvement in the West Pennine Moors I am delighted that its biodiversity interest is now recognised by a statutory designation.		ANON-ZYNN-WQYG-Q
212	No	Blackburn Naturalists Field Club has appreciated and enjoyed the natural assets of the West Pennine Moors since the early 1900s. Indeed our founder member, W.H. Western, published many articles and records covering the area as editor of Lancashire Naturalist, Lancashire & Cheshire Naturalist and NW Naturalist journals. BNFC welcomes and supports the notification of the WPMs as an SSSI.		ANON-ZYNN-WQYU-5
213	No	Preservation of these areas isn't absolutely necessary but is extremely desirable. As individuals we can achieve very little but it is an encouraging example of responsible government seeking to determine what is in the best interests of the people		ANON-ZYNN-WQ2E-E
214	No	This notification that will lead to the SSSI designation is a fantastic opportunity for the West Pennine Moors. Its a recognition of it's importance to the UK nationally and the populations that live, work and visit. It will maintain and improve the landscape for future generations. Having worked in the area for several years I fully support the notification and my view is that it is desperately needed. A fabulous landscape and its wildlife are being degraded rapidly without statutory protection.		ANON-ZYNN-WQHS-J
215	No	This area of largely unspoilt countryside is of vital importance to the physical and mental health of hundreds of thousands of people who live in the neighbouring valleys and on the lower slopes of the moors. Anybody who tries to walk the moors during prolonged periods of rain can appreciate the important role the bogs play in preventing flooding in lower lying areas. As concern mounts about air quality in urban areas, it is more important than ever that local people especially children can escape the pollution to countryside which is devoid of industrial and domestic development.		ANON-ZYNN-WQKY-U

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216	No	To myself this is a place of outstanding natural beauty it is a sanctuary for birds and wild life to be enjoyed by a large number of people throughout the whole of the year. For any business to be allowed to build or developed in this area, would I feel destroy the natural beauty. It would be a great step forward and help the wild life to maintain its habitat if it was made a Site Of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)	This area has been earmarked for Fracking for shale gas this would be a complete disaster for the very things that this area is trying to preserve	ANON-ZYNN-WQ5F-J
217	No	It's imperative we protect the West Pennine Moors for the continuing breeding of and safe habitat for the gulls, herons and all the other species of wildlife that depend on this area to live and flourish. Also the flora and fauna and to protect the bogs as it has been explained will help with water run off. As a resident of Horwich these moors are on my doorstep which I enjoy and cherish, I wish for the long term future of this beautiful area to keep it unmolested, clean, green and beautiful.	No fracking or building here.	ANON-ZYNN-WQJ8-S
218	No	Fracking quite clearly causes damage to the environment. Rivington is beautiful. We've already made a big enough mess of the world and need to safeguard areas such as Rivington and the wider West Pennine Moors. I don't really think need to say anymore.		ANON-ZYNN-WQ3W-1
219	No	It's a lovely place		ANON-ZYNN-WQD7-J
220	No	I am critical that my family and subsequent generation continue to enjoy Winter Hill and its surrounding area as I have for generations to come. There is growing pressure to develop this area for housing and mineral extraction. I understand the desire of companies to profit from the resources that are within this landscape but any development that will detract from the wilderness that has established itself here will not only severely impact the natural unspoilt beauty of this environment, it will also form a bridge between the urban and industrial conurbations of Manchester, Blackburn and Chorley. This area is an outstanding area of natural beauty that can be seen for many miles and any development must be prevented to safeguard the area for future generations to enjoy as me and my family have.		ANON-ZYNN-WQ3T-X
221	No	I am the Reserves Officer for the Arnsdale and Silverdale Landscape Trust[ASLT], and up to 14 years ago I resided on the fringe of Darwen up to then having lived there all my life. I was for a number of years Vice Chairperson of Blackburn Naturalists Field Club and represented them and the Lancashire Wildlife Trust of the WPM Darwen Moors RMZ. I am qualified to post graduate degree level in Landscape History and Ecology, from Lancaster University. In my current role I have organised Ecological field visits/ study days for the ASLT, having studied and known the WPM for over 50 years. It is my professional and personal cultural opinion that the very special ecological nature and qualities of the proposed SSSI designation is to be supported in the interests of preserving and improving the valuable biodiversity of that special area.		ANON-ZYNN-WQYE-N
222	No	This area should be protected for the people and for the environment.		ANON-ZYNN-WQJG-8

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223	No	<p>I fully support the proposal to create the West Pennine Moors SSSI as notified on 17 November 2016. This is an important area of habitat for wildlife and should be protected, especially in view of the pressures for development in the surrounding urban areas and proposals to extend quarrying etc in the moorland area. It also provides opportunities for recreation and exercise for the urban population, and its landscapes have a high aesthetic value.</p> <p>I am pleased to support this proposal.</p>		ANON-ZYNN-WQJ9-T
224	No	<p>I fully support the proposal. This area is much valued by those who live near it and use it for relaxation. The habitats and wildlife need protection from unsuitable activities.</p>		ANON-ZYNN-WQJW-R
225	No	<p>please protect the blanket peat moorland from the damage caused by the erection and construction of wind turbines, the roads and footings of the turbines cut into the peat morrland and prevent the natural flow of the groundwater, and cause additional runoff, drying, and the loss of stored carbon dioxide.</p>		ANON-ZYNN-WQFW-M
226	No	<p>This is an area of outstanding natural beauty, it was given to the water authority for safe keeping and for generations of of people to enjoy, you can visit the the any day of the week to see how popular it is.</p>		ANON-ZYNN-WQ2C-C
227	No	<p>I think it's good to protect ad recognise this part of my hometown</p>	None	ANON-ZYNN-WQ2V-Y
228	No	<p>After an agonisingly long gestation, the designation of the West Pennine Moors SSSI will be a tremendous step forward in protecting an area of outstanding value for wildlife if it is confirmed. The area is also of high recreational value to people in surrounding towns and conservation is benefiting from United Utilities water catchment policies of recent years. The company has quite a few enlightened and sympathetic tenants in respect of nature conservation, despite the current predicament of upland farming and I hope the confirmed designation will jump-start good liaison and support for all the interests involved, perhaps in some sort of forum where knowledge and expertise can be shared.</p> <p>The massive amount of work undertaken voluntarily by local naturalists and NE is enshrined in the designation documents and confirms beyond all reasonable doubt the status of the site at local, national and international levels.</p> <p>I worked in the West Pennine Moors as a Countryside Warden, Conservation Officer and latterly Catchment Manager for United Utilities from 1977 to 2004 and am absolutely delighted that we nearly have a fully designated SSSI.</p> <p>You have my unequivocal support and I shall take any opportunities that arise to further the cause without hesitation.</p>		ANON-ZYNN-WQF6-K

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229		<p>I was absolutely delighted to receive this notification of the West Pennine Moors SSSI and unreservedly congratulate you and your team on reaching the milestone. I trust that no sufficiently serious problems will arise in the consultation period to delay the formal designation in 2017. I have worked and lived in the WPM since 1978 and did wonder at times if they and their wildlife could ever be protected and managed properly, but today the sun has shone - well done.</p> <p>I hope that a working forum of landowners, tenants and users can be developed to smooth management and increase buy-in to nature conservation objectives. United Utilities have been responsible for much beneficial conservation activity in recent years and with increased commitment from their tenants through guided funding, so much stands to be achieved in the future over their large landholding.</p> <p>I look forward to receiving future bulletins as things move on. If I get any chance to help proceedings, I shall take it.</p>		received by email
230	No	<p>The West Pennine Moor is one of the main reasons I moved into Horwich two years ago.</p> <p>I have a passion for walking & wild life & spend a lot of my week enjoying this area.</p> <p>So many people, young & old enjoy the moor & it would be a disaster if it was not protected from any potential development or distruction.</p> <p>I already have concerns regarding Armstrongs, as it appears to be filling in the old quarry & I believe there are ravens & kestrels nesting in the roocks.</p>	I would be happy to help in any form within my skill .	ANON-ZYNN-WQ5X-4
231	No	<p>The West Pennine Moors are inseparable in my mind with where I call home. The surreal beauty of a vast expanse of peatland, dotted with strange herbs and shy birds, surrounded by panoramic views, unpredictable weather and rare solitude are unique and deserve to be protected for their own intrinsic value. Add to this the ecosystem services they provide in flood protection, carbon storage and habitat provision, and the argument for them to be conferred SSSI status seems indisputable.</p>		ANON-ZYNN-WQHT-K
232	No	<p>The SSSI notification is a wonderful thing for the area. There are numerous reasons why this is so. The environmental impact of retaining, with confidence, the beauty of the area is huge. The flora and fauna are unique and diverse, ranging from woodland habitats to moorlands. The value of the land is immense in terms of its impact on the quality of the air that we breath, and the health and wellbeing of the people who visit the area. Being in touch with nature is an essential part of the health of a nation, and retaining the area as such will maintain the wellbeing of local residents.</p>		ANON-ZYNN-WQG3-H
233	No	<p>I have lived in Belmont Village for the past 20 years. I walk the moors several times a week with my dog and enjoy the varied upland and countryside and see lots of wildlife on my walks, including large black headed gulls on the island at Belmont Reservoir. I have also noticed Herons breeding in conifers at both the local reservoirs. It is a truly beautiful area and I hope Natural England will be able to control activities damaging both the wildlife and countryside and will continue to allow access for people to be able to carry on accessing the moors and appreciate the wealth of natural beauty and the various wildlife who have made it their home.</p>		ANON-ZYNN-WQFF-3

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234	No	This beautiful open space easily and quickly accessible from my home deserves protection. I walk in the fresh air and countryside around Tockholes for the benefit of my health. Getting away from the city pollution of Salford and Manchester. Walking is an exercise suitable for most people and this lovely diverse landscape is a rare treat to enjoy. Please preserve it		ANON-ZYNN-WQDJ-5
235	No	I think it is imperative that the SSSI notification is confirmed. The area has a number of rare and special plants and is a very valuable open space on the edge of a built up area. On top of this, the variable peat that forms the basis of the moors is essential to reduce the impact of heavy rain upon the surrounding town. This is a decision that has to be made - a failure to protect the area now cannot be reversed in the future when the peat bog has been destroyed.		ANON-ZYNN-WQKU-Q
236	No	I think it is an excellent idea to protect this beautiful area and wildlife habitat from the possibility of being destroyed by house building or fracking.	No	ANON-ZYNN-WQSF-G
237	No	This is a valuable area of land, for the community and health of the area.. it should be kept special.		ANON-ZYNN-WQKT-P
238	No	I want the area to be protected. It's a beautiful unspoilt area full of wildlife. We need to protect it.		ANON-ZYNN-WQFD-1
239	No	The West Pennines Moors is a beautiful wild landscape which has a habitat that supports a lot of wildlife. It provides a recreational facility for thousands of people. My mother grew up in this area in the 1930's and spent her childhood walking and cycling over the moors. Her stories and memories come to life, as I have moved to this area as an adult and can visualise what she did and saw all those decades ago.		ANON-ZYNN-WQH6-N
240	No	I fully support the designation of the West Pennine Moors as a SSSI, so that the threatened habitats and species it contains can be protected.		ANON-ZYNN-WQYW-7
241	No	IT'S important to retain some areas of outstanding beauty and scientific interest, Rivington is a beautiful and treasured place that should certainly be protected at all costs.		ANON-ZYNN-WQGH-6
242	No	Love Rivington , would like to see more investment in this area as some of the paths could do with some tlc		ANON-ZYNN-WQSG-H
243	No	I walk in the West Pennine Moors - it is a valuable refuge for wildlife North of Manchester. The natural landscape is stunning and it is visible from where I live in Rossendale.		ANON-ZYNN-WQHW-P
244	No	I regularly walk in them west pennine moors and its a very special place and needs protecting. Lots of people travel into the area to enjoy the area....particularly at weekend. Too nice to ever lose		ANON-ZYNN-WQJ4-N
245	No	I feel it's important to protect our green spaces for our children and to preserve this important environment. The SRI is very important and should not be built on or used for fracking which will damage the environment and once gone it is gone! There are also archeology sites in this area which hold important information we have got to preserve and protect this land.		ANON-ZYNN-WQG7-N
246	Yes	Letter received by post is not available electronically but can be made available on request to westpenninemoors@natural.english.org.uk		letter received by post - not available electronically
247		supportive letter received - not available electronically not available electronically		letter on TRIM

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248	No	I would like to give my support to the notification of the West Pennine Moors as a SSSI. The WPM is a hugely valuable piece of land incredibly rich in diversity for both Fauna and Flora. The creation of the SSSI will allow the protection, improved funding, and management of this area. Without the SSSI notification parts of the land are under threat from such things as Wind Turbines (Hoddlesden Moss) and Tree planting (Smithills Moor - now under the ownership of Woodland Trust). The area also has many bird populations that have become significantly important over the years - the Black-Headed Gull Colony at Belmont, and the Grey Heron Nesting Sites included in the SSSI, to name but two.		ANON-ZYNN-WQHA-Z
249	No	I am the County Recorder for the Lancashire & Cheshire Fauna Society (LCFS). LCFS is a voluntary charity which monitors wildlife throughout Lancashire and North Merseyside. It publishes an annual report on the birds of the region and since 2000 has also published three books on birds, one on dragonflies and is currently engaged in producing another on reptiles, amphibians, fish and mammals. LCFS therefore has a well-informed overview of the relative importance of various areas within the region. It has long been clear to us that the West Pennine Moors is an area of high regional and national importance for its fauna, especially breeding birds. In our view the WPM are of at least equal importance in these respects to other areas within the region which have been designated as SSSI (or even as SPA) and we have added our voice to those individuals and organisations that have urged Natural England to recognise its status formally. LCFS therefore strongly supports the notification of the WPM as a SSSI.		ANON-ZYNN-WQH5-M
250	No	This is a part of our local heritage and should be preserved for the future generations to enjoy just as I have.		ANON-ZYNN-WQ28-1
251	No	i don't want this beautiful area destroyed by industry, or housing.		ANON-ZYNN-WQGB-Z
252	No	This moorland must be saved for conservation of flora and fauna as well as people to be able to walk, to see wilderness, to leave the rat race behind for a few hours. This space is needed for families to explore and exercise		ANON-ZYNN-WQ3E-F
253	No	I have lived in the moorland edges of Horwich for over 40 years and frequently go walking and bird watching in the area, as well as other parts of the proposed site of the SSI. This open land is very precious both for humans and the wildlife that live here and any measure that helps ensure its continuation has my wholehearted backing. This is particularly important when we live so close to major urban areas of Gtr. Manchester and Merseyside.	I wish to support this area becoming an SSI.	ANON-ZYNN-WQJH-9
254	No	Very good idea. Wonderful area, remember it fondly from my childhood and youth needs to be preserved for the wild life, flora and fauna.		ANON-ZYNN-WQK2-M

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255		<p>Thank you for your invitation to respond to the new West Pennine SSSI designation.</p> <p>Historic England welcomes the holistic view of the landscape encompassed in the new West Pennine SSSI.</p> <p>Various sites in the new area are Scheduled Monuments of national importance, and we look forward to working with partners on any proposals for changes in management, through our national role of statutory consultees.</p> <p>We would also like to draw attention to the benefits of stakeholder engagement for sites that contain significant palaeoenvironmental evidence. Although these may not be nationally designated, well preserved peat deposits often contain important evidence for how the current landscape and ecology developed through time, including nationally-relevant evidence concerning past changes in climate and land-use. We encourage groups discussing potential management agreements likely to affect peat deposits to liaise with Historic Environment advisors within Natural England, Local Authorities and Historic England. A particular issue that affects peat is grip blocking. If a management proposal identifies the use of well-preserved deep peat deposits as a potential blocking material, early discussions may help mitigate adverse impacts on the extant peat (by careful selection of the peat deposits to be used, or greater consideration of alternative materials). Where other materials are used to block grips, the use of heavy machinery can still be damaging to intact peat deposits, meaning that working practices and logistics need to be considered, even if no peat is being intentionally removed.</p> <p>It would be helpful if an overall management plan for the West Pennine SSSI could contain a generic expectation that any grip blocking proposals will include an explicit consideration of the potential adverse impact on intact peats, with suitable liaison with historic environment advisors. Natural England has some internal guidance on good practice for Grip Blocking and the Historic Environment, prepared by Kat Hopwood-Lewis in 2016, which provides several useful tips on issues to consider, and potential sources of advice. We recommend that the West Pennine SSSI's management plans incorporate the advice provided in this email and the Natural England Internal Advice note on Good Practice.</p>		received by email
256	No	<p>Since the hillside below Rivington Pike was first developed by Lord Leverhulme it has undergone many changes. Not least its complete renovation and reclamation from the overgrowth of rhododendrons many years ago. It is an historic landscape which deserves to be protected and preserved from unsuitable development.</p>		ANON-ZYNN-WQ3Q-U
257	No	<p>I support the area being given SSSI. The area's wildlife is astounding and deserves to be protected for generations to come.</p>		ANON-ZYNN-WQG1-F
258	No	<p>I have been visiting Rivington for many years - I'm now nearly 50 & its beauty never ceases to amaze me. The flora & fauna are magnificent & I still love exploring the old ruins from Lord Lever's day, It is an ideal place for all sorts of tourists. From the bikers that meet at the old barn to the families out for the day exploring the ruins & the fabulous plants/wildlife. I also remember watching an excavation many years ago of Lord Lever's residence & was fascinated. It inspired me to take up archaeology as a hobby whilst living in the Midlands - excavating an Elizabethan palace. Rivington is so important to our heritage & must be preserved for future generations.</p>		ANON-ZYNN-WQ32-V
259	No	<p>We fully support the designation of the West Pennine Moors as a SSSI, it is long overdue</p>		ANON-ZYNN-WQYP-Z
260	No	<p>This area is beautiful and a wonderful area for wildlife. It is necessary to completely protect Rivington as so many areas seem to be open to development so safeguards need to be put in place.</p>		ANON-ZYNN-WQ3N-R

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261	No	I was born and raised in Horwich on the edge of the moors and within sight of Rivington Pike and Winter Hill. I believe that the moors should be preserved for its diverse wildlife and country side and all the recreation opportunities it affords to the the areas residents. We should be encouraging people to cherish our countryside and protect our water supply. Having the area as a designated area of special interest can only be a positive move forward.		ANON-ZYNN-WQ55-1
262	No	This is a significant step in the right direction; England needs to protect and manage as much upland as possible to reduce flooding, increase carbon storage in peat areas and protect important upland biodiversity. This should include land management for all species, including raptors, and should not be focussed on creating unnatural numbers of red grouse for shooting as is the case unfortunately in many of our protected uplands.		ANON-ZYNN-WQHX-Q
263	No	<p>I am very pleased that Natural England has selected this site for designation. I have worked for over 20 years (1994 - 2012 & 2015 - 2017) with Greater Manchester Ecology Unit. I know the Greater Manchester elements of the proposal extremely well from extensive survey work on SBIs, as well as having visited many parts in Lancashire.</p> <p>I agree with the proposal and the assessment as presented in the Supplementary Report and studies the habitat maps. In particular I would wish to commend the approach adopted for the following reasons;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Awareness of the climatic and geographical differences between this and the South Pennines designations 2) The selection of in-bye land for breeding birds assemblages such as twite, curlew, snipe and redshank, which I have observed suffered during the time I have known the area. 3) This is also true of other species of bird - such as ring ouzel, which bred in Greater Manchester in the 90s but more latterly I only recorded it on passage. Positive management of the area will help support this species and areas where it may not bred but are structurally linked as supporting habitat. 4) The blanket bog habitat has, as indicated, suffered lesser degrees of anthropogenic impacts and is therefore likely to respond well to additional measures for restoration. 5) I also particularly welcome the inclusion of wet woodland habitat in Longworth Clough. 6) However, I am somewhat disappointed that the boundary is not extended in this area further into Greater Manchester as the AWI habitats within Longworth Clough SBI would ensure productive contiguity with the new SSSI and Gale Clough & Shootersleigh Wood SSSI. 7) There are additional upland meadow/in-bye habitats that may have been included at Holcombe - eg Boardmans Farm which in the past was assessed by English Nature as being of SSSI quality 	In these politically uncertain times with Brexit I hope that Defra and Natural ENgland along with the other country SNCOs make considerable effort to ensure that the last 30 years of nature conservation effort is not eroded and that the relevant support network of grant aid is maintained to ensure that our farming communities, estate managers and others managing sites (eg Local Authorities & Wildlife Trusts/RSPB/National Trust etc) are not penalised by the UKs exit from Europe.	ANON-ZYNN-WQYX-8
264	No	Rivington is part of our heritage and should be cared for and kept for future generations to enjoy. Wildlife and outdoor spaces are much more important than people realise for our health -physical and mental.		ANON-ZYNN-WQ2H-H
265	No	The preservation of what little wild/ natural habitat left in the UK is vital and clearly of great scientific importance. The SSSI designation of this valuable site, which supports scarce and rare species of national importance, should most definitely go ahead.	This site is also a valuable buffer to the damaging effects of climate change. It, therefore, provides us with an extremely useful ecosystem service against the extreme global climate threats we face.	ANON-ZYNN-WQYR-2

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266	No	This SSSI notification is clearly appropriate from the habitat-protection viewpoint. However, I think the importance of SSSI status is enhanced by the need for outdoor activity for the population of the north of England still coming to terms with post-industrial society. After many generations' lives were blighted through pollution, it would be ironic if future generations weren't given the chance to enjoy the reclaimed countryside that surrounds them. Already the increase in walking and cycling is evident. This provides the basis for a greater appreciation of the special habitats and the potential to look after them.	No	ANON-ZYNN-WQ54-Z
267	No	Too much of our natural habitat is being destroyed and cannot be replaced		ANON-ZYNN-WQ3A-B
268	No	This place is a source of historical and natural beauty to be enjoyed by all and should remain so for our future generations both myself and many others before me hold this place in their hearts and memories, this our ENGLAND our green and pleasant land!		ANON-ZYNN-WQ33-W
269	No	It is vital to preserve and manage this beautiful area of countryside appropriately. Bolton and Horwich have lost a lot of open land recently. Rivington is used and loved by so many inhabitants and is the first stretch of anything like "wild" country with hills and moors that you will encounter if you drive east from Liverpool and the Fylde coast. Many people from there also know it well and visit often. Sadly many children in Bolton and the surrounding area now grow up in an impoverished urban environment. Rivington provides them with vital access to an area of outstanding beauty and leaves an indelible impression which has helped to foster their appreciation of the natural environment and awareness of plant and animal species for generations. I sincerely hope that it can be preserved and maintained for generations to come.		ANON-ZYNN-WQD9-M
270	No	Rivington and the pennine moors are an important part of the eco system and cultural heritage of the area. It provides vital habitat for local wildlife as well as an important educational tool for children within the local area. It also provides a venue for the annual ironman event which brings tourism and visitors to the area bringing business and visits to the local villages		ANON-ZYNN-WQ26-Y
271	No	This area is of crucial importance to the local community, the country as a whole and beyond. The wildlife, fauna and flora need to be protected for future generations to learn about and enjoy. It should be designated as an SSSI because it has a long history of preservation and historical significance that has made it a biodiverse and worthy of particular interest environmentally. The plethora of species that inhabit the area remain important to scientific research and learning that will help us to maintain an eco balance thus preserving life into the future.		ANON-ZYNN-WQ5U-1
272	No	This is a beautiful piece of land that supports the eco system of the local fauna and flora. It is widely used by people near and far for leisure pursuits, and provides opportunity for exercise and fresh air. Additionally, it is "nature's" flood defence for the lower lying areas such as Horwich as the trees and vegetation keep the soil in place which in turn absorbs the rain instead of it sliding down the hill.		ANON-ZYNN-WQHC-2

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273	No	I am strongly in favour of the notification of the West Pennine Moors as a SSSI. Having read the notification documents, I think it is excellent that Belmont Reservoir is included, with its Black-headed and Mediterranean Gull colony. Additionally, the inclusion of the blanket bog on surrounding moorland, plus the in-bye and woodland is also very welcomed. I think it will bring great benefit to tenants and landowners in helping them to conserve the habitats and facilities we currently have, providing the much-needed support from Natural England to protect the area against any type of damaging development.		ANON-ZYNN-WQHQ-G
274	Comments from representations neutral to the West Pennine Moors SSSI notification during consultation ended 17 March 2017			
275	Do you own or manage land within the SSSI? (blank - not known)	Please send us your views by commenting in the the text box below	Are there any further comments you wish to make?	Reference Number
276		Heritage (lord Leverhulme) Natural history Environmental		ANON-ZYNN-WQGK-9
277	Yes		I'm very concerned about mapping of land within SSSI as common land. We explained that we hold no authority over common land mapping, and signposted the person enquiring and his agent towards the appropriate individual at Black with Darwen local authority.	Email
278		Rivington should be saved from any enedevelopment .and saved for our future generations		ANON-ZYNN-WQ2F-F

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279		<p>Over the last few years the prospect of this SSSI has been used by land owners and managers to restrict the use of the land for organised recreational activities and in particular a number of long standing traditional fell races have been discontinued as a result. The effect of these bans on the land has been minimal from a conservation point of view, with the races each accounting for perhaps a hundred runners each on one day of the year crossing open fell. However the effect on the local tradition of fell racing has been significant. Fell races have been run on and around the West Pennine Moors for the last 100 years. The effect of cancelling the races for environmental reasons makes little sense in the context of the numbers, as erosion and damage must be insignificant from these events compared to the numbers freely accessing the land on foot, bike and horse year round.</p> <p>The organisers of these races do these events for a love of the sport and are mainly organised by local running clubs at a grass roots level for the benefit of the participants and running community, whilst much larger events, organised for profit by companies, and costing sometimes ten times more to participate, continue to get authorisation to run on the moors.</p> <p>I think this is a perfect example of where a concession to allow these fell races to take place would be a perfect partnership between local communities and the land managers for the benefit of both, and to involve the local community who in my experience have the respect for the land and the wildlife that is required as part of this designation.</p>		ANON-ZYNN-WQJD-5
280		Far to much money wasted up Rivington and Winter Hill. Over the years North West water have created problems in regard to the moor i.e. the clearing of ditches etc to help drain the water off!	As a local runner all our off road races have been stopped. Using made up paths/trails is not the way forward. I see large groups of mountain bikers/quads/ four wheel drive vehicles and cross bikes all making a right mess up there.	ANON-ZYNN-WQFE-2
281	Yes		Concerned about specifics on their landholding, survey access, lack of contact following survey and land management. They were visited together with their neighbours to explain SSSI, answer questions and allay fears.	Letter
282			Worried about horse-riding restrictions on Holcombe Common land. Also, what the restrictions would be for walkers and dog walkers. NE commons specialist provided advice which fed into a meeting with leads of Darwen and Forest of Rossendale Bridle Groups to allay fears and start some partnership working on access issues.	Email
283		Leisure and habitat for msny	No	ANON-ZYNN-WQKN-G
284		Rivington is the don	I said DON	ANON-ZYNN-WQ39-3

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285	Yes		Wrote with concern that only grazing field is in SSSI, agent expressed want to object. Consent negotiated successfully in this case.	Email via agent