

# Local Sites – annual update 2015-16



## Data use and information

This document accompanies the annual Local Sites update. This data is provided under Service Level Agreements with the Greater Lincolnshire Nature Partnership (GLNP).

Requests for additional information or services can be discussed at any time with the GLNP Team.



## Data use

**This data is for 'internal' use only. Please consult the GLNP Team if you wish to use this data for any other purpose as it may need to be amended or updated.**

If you notice any inconsistencies in the data, while using it or comparing it to your own records, please let us know. We are currently working hard to quality control all of the data and fully appreciate your patience and assistance.

This data is valid only for the financial year stated; the datasets are constantly being updated and go out of date quickly.

## Data provision

**This Local Sites update is provided by the GLNP at the end of each financial year.**

The information is sent by email to the contacts provided by your organisation's representative. Please let us know if you think someone else should be included in the update, or ensure that it is circulated to the appropriate parties within your organisation.

The update consists of the following three components: the Register of Local Sites, GIS layers and the Local Sites reporting figures.

## Register of Local Sites

**Each local authority with a Service Level Agreement will receive the Register of Local Sites in their own area (including Local Wildlife Sites [LWSs] and Local Geological Sites [LGSs]).**

This data includes locational information, selection criteria and a conservation management status for each site.

If you have more up-to-date evidence of conservation management for any of the sites, or disagree with any of the statuses, please let us know at any time.

The Register is constantly being updated and changed. The GLNP has almost completed its conversion of the Local Sites system from spreadsheets and paper to a purpose-built database.

Comprehensive lists of the remaining older designations (Sites of Nature Conservation Importance [SNCIs] and Regionally Important Geological and Geomorphological Sites [RIGSS]) have now been compiled and can be made available on request (or taken from the GIS layers).

The information available on these sites varies enormously and it is hoped that eventually all of these sites will be superseded by LWSs and LGSs, or will be deselected.

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## GIS layers

Each organisation with a Service Level Agreement can receive the most up-to-date GIS layers for Local Sites. This includes layers for LWSs, cLWSs, SNCIs, exSNCIs, LGSs, cLGSs, RIGSs and exRIGSs.

SNCIs and RIGSs were identified before selection criteria were developed and most have not been subject to a recent survey. These sites need surveying and assessing as LWSs or LGSs.

The exSNCIs and exRIGSs layers will show sites that used to be SNCIs or RIGSs. These sites can overlap with LWSs and LGSs if they were selected as such following assessment against the selection criteria. These layers might be useful to planning departments as they show sites that are missing from both the SNCIs/RIGSs layer and LWSs/LGSs layer (where they were not selected as the latter). Developing these layers is a work in progress.

The cLWS and cLGS layers consist of sites that need attention in order to complete the selection process. In some cases objections have been received, but in most cases the landowner is unknown. The GLNP Team hope to be able to resolve these in the near future, working in partnership with local authorities, however it is likely that many will now need resurveying before this can happen. These sites have been included in the reporting figures.

Layers are supplied in MapInfo table format, but can be converted to ESRI Shape files if necessary.

If your GIS staff member/department is not included in the update email, please forward this data on to them and provide us with a name for next year's update if you think it is appropriate.

## Local Sites reporting figures

A summary of Greater Lincolnshire's Local Site conservation management status figures has also been included with this update and is published in the GLNP Annual Review.

This summary allows direct comparison of performance between local authority areas, and shows the proportion of sites in positive management that has been calculated for Lincolnshire County and for all of Greater Lincolnshire.

These figures only include LWSs, cLWSs, LGSs and cLGSs, not SNCIs and RIGSs.

This data is used to report on Single Data List indicator 160-00. Please see our website for more information:  
[www.glnp.org.uk/partnership/local-sites/local-sites-reporting](http://www.glnp.org.uk/partnership/local-sites/local-sites-reporting)

## Other information held by the GLNP

Below is a summary of other information that is held on Local Sites by the GLNP, which can be made available on request, but may be subject to additional charges.

### Species data for LWSs and LGSs:

If a site has been subject to a recent survey, species information is held in the Lincolnshire Environmental Record Centre (LERC). This will consist primarily of vascular plants, but may include animal or lower plant records.

### LWS and LGS citations:

We hold citations (site maps and descriptions) for each selected LWS and LGS. We recommend that you request these as and when you need them, as these too are occasionally updated and copies will go out of date if held outside of the GLNP.

### Scanned versions of the original SNCI and RIGS paperwork:

The extent and quality of the information on the original citations is very variable and is at least 10 years out of date; SNCIs were designated in the 1970-80s and RIGSs mostly in 1992.

### Selection process information:

This includes information such as which parts of a site the Panel selected and which they rejected, why the site has been selected, when it was selected, when it was surveyed, when it was monitored, and communications with the landowner. This sort of information is useful when dealing with detailed queries about sites.

### If you have a specific query regarding Local Sites please let us know.

You can contact the Information Officer who deals with Local Sites: Sophie Bennett on [sophie.bennett@glnp.org.uk](mailto:sophie.bennett@glnp.org.uk) or 01507 528380

Or any member of the GLNP Team on:  
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For more information on Local Sites please see our website:  
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