

1. SNA details

SNA name:	Plymouth – Southern Urban Fringe
SNA unique number:	376
SNA area (ha):	289.48



2. Summary of nature conservation interest

Priority BAP habitats

Main Regional Nature Map habitat:	Neutral grassland
Other Regional Nature Map habitat(s):	
Other UK BAP habitats:	Maritime cliff & slope, lowland mixed deciduous woodland, hedges.

This is a small SNA on the outskirts of Plymouth adjacent to the cliff edge. Approximately a quarter of the area is a golf course and the MOD area of Staddon heights. The rest of the area is arable or improved fields with areas of neutral grassland on the steep sides of the 2 combes leading down to Bovisand Bay. An area of lowland deciduous woodland has also been mapped on the nbn habitat layer as shown on the map but this was based on old survey data and the wooded areas occur mainly outside the SNA. The scrub, hedges, farmland, neutral grassland and nearby maritime cliff & slope provide a good variety of habitat for a variety of species, particularly birds including:

Important species or species assemblage	Status
Skylark, yellowhammer, linnet, curlew bunting (breeding)	S. 41 (all)
cliff nesting birds e.g. fulmar	
Common lizard	S. 41
Small mammals e.g. shrew	
Lesser & greater horseshoe bats	S. 41, DBAP (Greater horseshoe)
Invertebrate interest: e.g. Wall, dingy skipper	S. 41
Shore dock	S. 41; Devon notable species, Devon rarity; endangered

Nature conservation designations

There are no nature conservation designations in relation to this SNA.

The SNA includes 2 County Wildlife Sites (one in part) covering habitats including: Coastal grassland, gorse & scrub, unimproved & semi-improved neutral grassland, secondary broadleaved woodland.

There are no County Geological Sites within the SNA.

3. UK BAP Priority habitat maintenance and restoration targets for SNA no 376 (the measurement unit is hectare unless stated otherwise)

Maintenance targets (current extent of habitat) – 100 % favourable condition

UK BAP priority habitat	Lowland Meadow	Lowland mixed deciduous woodland	TOTAL
Minimum area *			
Maximum area #	27	31	58

* *current extent of habitat = a + b*

a) *sum of all the areas of criterion 1 polygons*

b) *number of criterion 2 polygons multiplied by the minimum mappable unit for that habitat*

[criterion 3 polygons not included]

current extent of habitat = criterion 1 + criterion 2 + criterion 3

Theoretical restoration/creation targets using Rebuilding Biodiversity (RB) methodology:

The Rebuilding Biodiversity in the South West Technical Manual, November 2005 suggests the following restoration/creation targets for a Strategic Nature Area profile where the priority habitat is lowland meadow.

- 30% cover of priority habitat
- 30% cover of other semi-natural habitat
- 40% cover of other land uses.

This SNA profile will be further developed as follows:

4. Opportunities for habitat restoration and creation in the SNA

This is an optional but desirable section to be completed by local experts and which would outline the practical opportunities for habitat restoration and creation on the ground. This may include emphasising the importance of an SNA for habitats additional to the primary one for which it was identified or, indeed, for particular species.

This section can also be used to develop more realistic habitat restoration targets, which could then be used to refine the theoretical targets listed above.

5 .Constraints to habitat restoration and creation in the SNA

As above, but in this case outlining the constraints to habitat restoration and creation in the SNA.

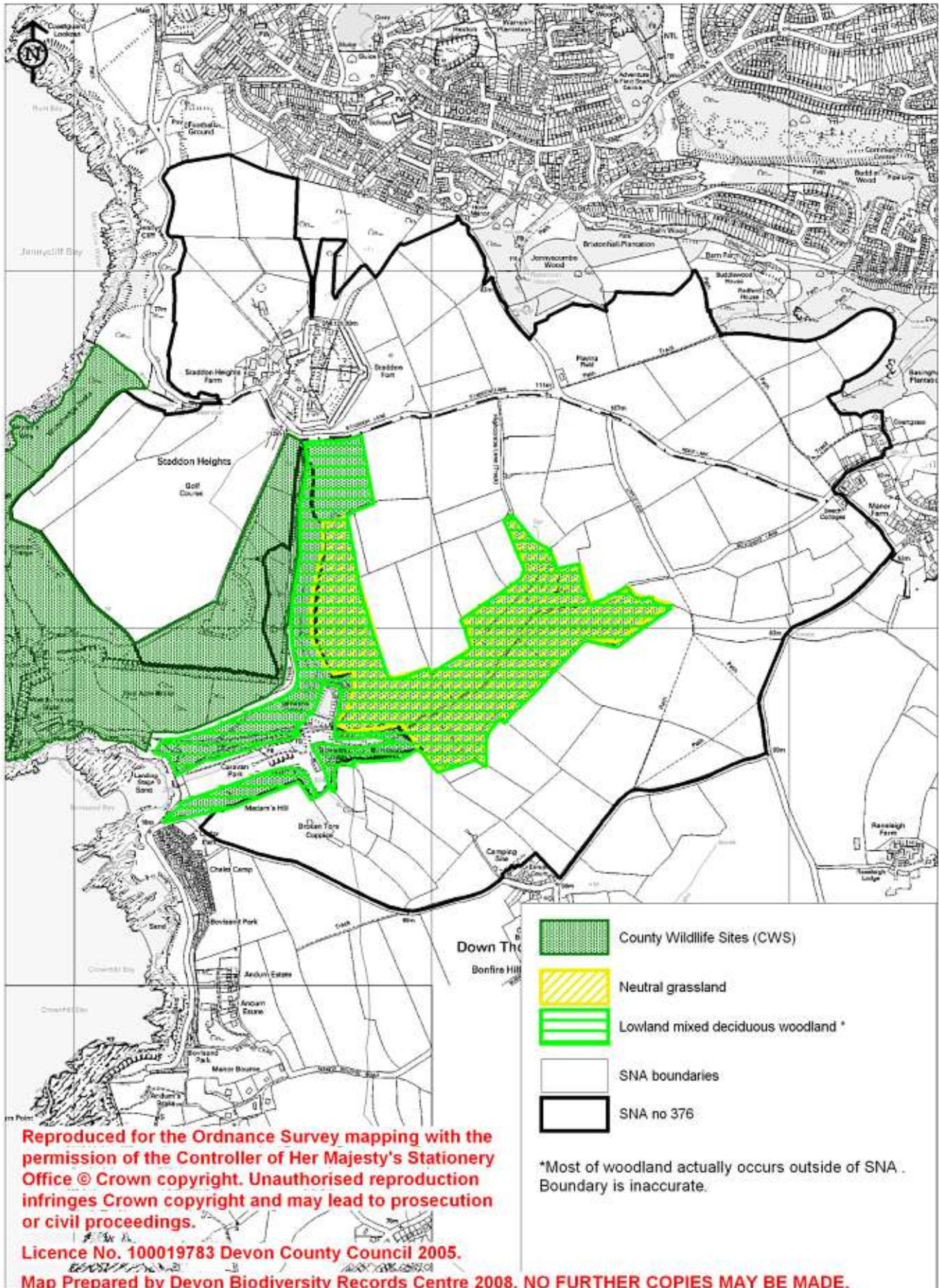
6. Other information

This is another optional section reliant upon local knowledge of the SNA. This section can be used for any other information that might be useful. It may be particularly useful for those SNAs within which there current projects or for which projects are planned.

Contents could include:

- Restoration targets for BAP habitats additional to the main nature map habitat.
- Maps detailing areas for restoration
- Nature conservation objectives
- And so on.






Designated sites and selected UK BAP priority habitats within SNA no 376 (2008)



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-  County Wildlife Sites (CWS)
-  Neutral grassland
-  Lowland mixed deciduous woodland *
-  SNA boundaries
-  SNA no 376

*Most of woodland actually occurs outside of SNA. Boundary is inaccurate.