

COUNTY: Norfolk

SITE NAME: ISLINGTON HERONRY

DISTRICT: West Norfolk

Status: Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) notified under Section 28 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981

Local Planning Authority: West Norfolk District Council

National Grid Reference: TF 568189

Area: 1.2 (ha) 2.9 (ac)

Ordnance Survey Sheet 1:50,000: 131

1:10,000: TF 51 NE

Date Notified (Under 1949 Act): N/A

Date of Last Revision: N/A

Date Notified (Under 1981 Act): 1984

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Other Information:

A new site.

**Reasons for Notification:**

Islington Heronry is a small, isolated stand of mature oaks surrounded by fenland which supports the largest colony of Grey Herons *Ardea cinerea* in Norfolk. There is an average of about 80 occupied nests each year and the adjacent dykes provide ideal feeding conditions for the birds.

Several species of woodland birds, such as Great Spotted Woodpecker, are also present in the wood and represent isolated populations separated from nearby woods by many kilometres of farmland.