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County: Leicestershire **Site name:** Eye Brook Reservoir

District: Rutland/Harborough

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

Local Planning Authority: Rutland District Council/Harborough District Council

National Grid Reference: SP 854 955 **Area:** 209.93 (ha) 518.75 (ac)

Ordnance Survey Sheet 1: 50 000: 141 **1: 10 000:** SP 89 NW, SP 89 SW, SP 89 NE, SP 89 SE

Date Notified (Under 1949 Act): 1956 **Date of Last Revision:** 1981

Date Notified (Under 1981 Act): 1983 **Date of Last Revision:** -

Other Information:

Reasons for Notification:

One of the more important wintering wildfowl sites in the East Midlands.

Biology:

A major wetland area which combines an extensive sheet of open water with a complex of wetland and lakeside habitats including mudflats, marsh, pasture, broad-leaved woodland, and broad-leaved, mixed and coniferous plantations. In autumn and winter the site attracts large numbers of ducks most notably Wigeon, Mallard, Teal and Pochard, while in spring and autumn flocks of a wide variety of wading birds on passage use the area for feeding. Additionally, the woodlands and plantations provide a winter-feeding habitat for a variety of birds, while the mix of terrestrial habitats support a diverse breeding bird community.