

Operations requiring English Nature's consent

Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 Section 28(4)(b), substituted by Schedule 9 to the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000

The operations listed below may damage the features of interest of Dungeness, Romney Marsh and Rye Bay SSSI. Before any of these operations are undertaken you must consult English Nature, and may require our consent.

It is usually possible to carry out some of these operations in certain ways, or at specific times of year, or on certain parts of the SSSI, without damaging the features of interest. If you wish to carry out any of these activities please contact the English Nature Conservation Officer named in this package who will give you advice and where appropriate issue a consent. Please help us by using the enclosed form to ask us for consent to carry out these operations.

In certain circumstances it will not be possible to consent these operations, because they would damage the features of interest. Where possible the Conservation Officer will suggest alternative ways in which you may proceed, which would enable a consent to be issued. To proceed without English Nature's consent may constitute an offence. If consent is refused, or conditions attached to it, which are not acceptable to you, you will be provided with details of how you may appeal to the Secretary of State.

Standard reference number	Type of operation
1.	Ploughing, rotovating, harrowing and re-seeding for cultivation and other purposes.
2.	Grazing and alterations to the grazing regime (including type of stock, intensity or seasonal pattern of grazing).
3.	Stock feeding and alterations to stock feeding practice.
4.	Mowing or cutting vegetation and alterations to the mowing or cutting regime (such as from haymaking to silage).
5.	Application of manure, slurry, silage liquor, fertilisers and lime.
6.	Application of pesticides, including herbicides (weedkillers) whether terrestrial or aquatic, and veterinary products.
7.	Dumping, spreading or discharging of any materials.
8.	Burning and alterations to the pattern or frequency of burning.
9.	Release into the site of any wild, feral, captive-bred or domestic animal, plant, seed or micro-organism (including genetically modified organisms).
10.	Killing, injuring, taking or removal of any wild animal (including dead animals or parts thereof), or their eggs and nests, including pest control and disturbing them in their places of shelter.

Standard reference number	Type of operation
11.	Destruction, displacement, removal or cutting of any plant or plant remains (including tree, shrub, herb, hedge, dead or decaying wood, moss, lichen, fungus, leaf-mould, turf and peat).
12.	Tree and/or woodland management and alterations to tree and/or woodland management (including, planting, felling, pruning and tree surgery, thinning, coppicing, changes in species composition, removal of fallen timber).
13a.	Draining (including the use of mole, tile, tunnel or other artificial drains).
13b.	Modification to the structure of water courses (rivers, streams, springs, ditches, dykes, drains and canals), including their banks and beds, as by re-alignment, regrading, damming or dredging.
13c.	Management of aquatic and bank vegetation for drainage purposes.
14.	Alterations to water levels and tables and water utilisation (including irrigation, storage and abstraction from existing water bodies and through boreholes). Also the modification of current drainage operations.
15.	Infilling or digging of ditches, dykes, drains, ponds, pools, marshes or pits.
16a.	Freshwater fishery production and/or management, including sporting fishing and angling, and alterations to freshwater fishery production and/or management.
16b.	Coastal fishing, fisheries management and seafood or marine life collection, including the use of traps or fish cages, and alterations to coastal fishing practice or fisheries management and seafood or marine life collection.
17.	Reclamation of land from sea, estuary or marsh.
18.	Bait digging in intertidal areas.
19.	Erection and repair of sea defences or coast protection works, including cliff or landslip drainage or stabilisation measures.
20.	Extraction of minerals including peat, shingle, hard rock, sand and gravel, topsoil, subsoil, chalk, shells and spoil.
21.	Destruction, construction, removal, rerouting, or regrading of roads, tracks, walls, fences, hardstands, banks, ditches or other earthworks, including soil and soft rock exposures or the laying, maintenance or removal of pipelines and cables, above or below ground.
22.	Storage of materials.
23.	Erection of permanent or temporary structures or the undertaking of engineering works, including drilling.

Standard reference number	Type of operation
24a.	Modification of natural or man-made features.
25.	Removal of geological specimens, including rock samples, minerals and fossils.
26.	Use of vehicles or craft.
27.	Recreational or other activities likely to damage or disturb the features of special interest.
28a.	Game and waterfowl management and hunting practices and alterations to game and waterfowl management and hunting practice.
28b.	Use of lead shot.

Notes

- i. This is a list of operations appearing to English Nature to be likely to damage the special features of the SSSI, as required under section 28 (4) (b) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 substituted by Schedule 9 to the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000.
- ii. Where an operation has been granted a consent, licence or permission from another authority separate consent will not be required from English Nature. However, other authorities are required to consult English Nature before such consents, licences or permissions are issued.
- iii. Any reference to 'animal' in this list shall be taken to include any mammal, reptile, amphibian, bird, fish, or invertebrate.

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