## SITE NOTIFIED TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE ON 28 JULY 1997

## COUNTY: CLEVELAND SITE NAME: TEES AND HARTLEPOOL FORESHORE AND WETLANDS

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

Local Planning Authorities: HARTLEPOOL BOROUGH COUNCIL, Stockton-on-Tees BoroughCouncil

National Grid References:		NZ 516348, NZ 519327, NZ 517261, NZ 493232, NZ 505224, NZ 509229, NZ 513230, NZ 524220	
Area:	255.62 (ha.)		
Ordnance Survey Sheets 1:50,000: 93		93 1:10,000:	NZ 42 SE, NZ 43 NE, NZ 52 NW NZ 52 SW, NZ 53 SW

First Notified: 1997

Other Information:

Tees and Hartlepool Foreshore and Wetlands fulfils criteria for consideration as part of the Teesmouth and Cleveland Coast site, listed as a wetland of international importance under the Ramsar Convention and as a Special Protection Area under the European Community Directive 79/409/EEC on the Conservation of Wild Birds.

This site abuts Hart Warren Dunes SSSI and Seal Sands SSSI.

Description and Reason for Notification:

Tees and Hartlepool Foreshore and Wetlands comprises several coastal areas which are an integral part of the complex of wetlands, estuarine and maritime sites supporting the internationally important population of wildfowl and waders on the Tees Estuary.

The successive reclamation and development of the Tees Estuary has resulted in the loss of most of the upper shore as feeding and roosting areas for waterfowl. At high tide the birds have to disperse to inland wetlands or more distant coastal locations. Research has shown that the birds move in regular patterns around the estuary utilising different sites at different stages of the tide.

In winter the site supports nationally important numbers of purple sandpiper, sanderling and shoveler. Counts have also shown that proportions of the total Tees population of other birds regularly feed and roost on parts of this site, in particular sanderling, knot, purple sandpiper and turnstone along the north Hartlepool shore and Hartlepool Headland; redshank, curlew, teal and shelduck on Greenabella Marsh; shoveler, teal, wigeon, gadwall, lapwing and golden plover on Saltholme Pool and Dorman's Pools; redshank and shelduck on the North Tees mudflats. Saltholme and Dorman's Pools and Haverton Hole support a nationally important assemblage of breeding birds which includes shoveler, pochard, little ringed plover and great crested and little grebe.