

HABITATS ASSESSMENT

Land at Chandos Farm, Cherry Hinton Road, Cambridge, CB22 3AB

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1 Introduction

1.1 This Habitats Assessment (HA) considers the potential risks which could affect the Gog Madog SSSI situated within 200m of the site. The site is located on Land at Chandos Farm, Cherry Hinton Road, Cambridge, CB22 3AB and will be used as an End-of-Life Vehicle (ELV) depollution and dismantling facility by Roberto Parts Ltd.

1.2 Specified waste management operations include waste disposal and waste recovery operations listed Annex IIA and IIB of The Waste Framework Directive 2008/98/EC and are listed in summary below:

- R4: Recycling/reclamation of metals and metal compounds
- R5: Recycling or reclamation of other inorganic materials.
- R13: Storage of waste pending recovery.

1.3 The EP is required for the storage prior to removal and treatment of waste. Waste treatment processes on site may include the following:

- Sorting (by hand)
- Separation (by using appropriate equipment)
- Depollution (by using appropriate equipment)
- Dismantling (by using appropriate equipment)

2 SSSI Information

- 2.1 The SSSI is situated <200m to the south-east of the site in the County of Cambridgeshire and is the GOG MAGOG GOLF COURSE. The SSSI is notified under Section 28 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.
- 2.2 This site supports grassland communities of the calcareous chalk grassland type. Such grasslands are geographically restricted to scattered areas throughout south, central and eastern England where the influence is not suppressed by overlying drift. Traditionally the chalk grasslands are sheep grazed but a changing economy has led to the loss of many under arable and scrub encroachment. In Cambridgeshire our only remaining examples are restricted largely to the minor irregularities of ancient earthworks and tracks which have allowed the survival of fragments within a great expanse of agricultural land.
- 2.3 The management of this area as a golf course has secured this site of species-rich calcareous grassland on the Gog Magog Hills overlying chalk and chalky loam over glacial drift. The 'roughs' and 'semiroughs' hold grassland communities characterised by the presence of grasses such as upright brome *Zerna erecta*, red fescue *Festuca rubra* and false oat-grass *Arrhenatherum elatius*. Many herbs are present including harebell *Campanula rotundifolia*, lady's bedstraw *Galium verum* and salad burnet *Sanguisorba minor*.
- 2.4 Of additional note is the occurrence of the nationally rare moon carrot *Seseli libanotis* and the locally rare perennial flax *Linum anglicum*. Such sites also hold a good invertebrate fauna.

3 Risk Assessment

- 3.1 It is considered that the proposed operations of this site i.e. depollution and dismantling facility would not cause any impact to the SSSI as the only pathway would seem to be by air and there are no potential dusty impacts taking place at the site. There is a risk if smoke pollution if the site had a fire but all potential risks have been fully addressed in the Fire Prevention Plan which accompanies this application.