

## **Appendix 9.4 E-mail from Antrim BC Biodiversity Officer**

## Alex Heath

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**From:** Simon Taber  
**Sent:** 31 October 2012 16:22  
**To:** Alex Heath  
**Subject:** FW: Non-statutory designated sites in southern Antrim Borough (5597)

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**From:** McCourt, Sean [<mailto:Sean.McCourt@doeni.gov.uk>]  
**Sent:** 31 October 2012 15:00  
**To:** Simon Taber  
**Subject:** RE: Non-statutory designated sites in southern Antrim Borough (5597)

Simon,

I have had a look at the area (Only the Antrim Borough Area, not Newtownabbey or Belfast) within a 3KM Radius of the GR that you provided and can find only one nature conservation site which is currently confidential.

Due to its sensitive nature I am unable disclose full details at present. I can however tell you that it is a Species Rich Wet Grassland site approximately 2.5KM Due West of your co-ordinates at approximately 326399,380309.

You may wish to contact the Belfast Hills Partnership [www.belfasthills.org](http://www.belfasthills.org) who may hold additional information on the area.

I hope this is of some help.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any additional help.

Regards,

Seán McCourt

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**From:** Ruth Wilson [<mailto:ruth.wilson@antrim.gov.uk>]  
**Sent:** 30 October 2012 14:20  
**To:** Quinn, Melina; Hammond, Mark  
**Subject:** FW: Non-statutory designated sites in southern Antrim Borough (5597)

Hello Melanie/Mark,

Who in NIEA can look at this enquiry? It may be a planning issue?

Many thanks  
Ruth

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**From:** Simon Taber [<mailto:Simon.Taber@ecologysolutions.co.uk>]  
**Sent:** 30 October 2012 11:58  
**To:** biodiversity  
**Cc:** Alex Heath; Denise Kemeys  
**Subject:** Non-statutory designated sites in southern Antrim Borough (5597)

Dear Ruth,

Further to the voicemail I left you this morning, I wanted to ask whether you would be able to provide any information as to any proposed or designated non-statutory sites for nature conservation (e.g. SLNCIs) that may be present in the south-eastern part of Antrim Borough? I understand that as the Antrim, Ballymena and Larne Area Plan 2016 is currently being drafted there is no information currently available as to whether there are any such sites in the area; however I would be grateful if you could let me know whether or not there are any such sites which either have been, or are proposed to be, designated.

We are interested primarily in an area of radius 3km around grid reference J 291 801 and would be most grateful if you could let me know whether there are any sites in this area (with any extra information that you might have regarding them), or alternatively if you could confirm that there are no designated or proposed sites in this area at present.

Many thanks for your help.

Kind regards,  
Simon

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