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Dear Kirkbymoorside Town Council,

**North Yorkshire and York Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINCs) survey**

**Site Name: SE68-01 Manor Vale**

Thank you for allowing our surveyor to visit this site on behalf of North Yorkshire in July 2024. I am writing to inform you of the outcome of this survey, so please find enclosed a copy of the site survey report which includes a habitat map, site description, species list and the SINC Panel decision for the site.

The survey forms part of a review which is being undertaken to update the information held on existing and candidate SINCs. Further information on SINCs is provided on the enclosed sheet.

North Yorkshire Council is currently producing a new Local Plan, which will include policies on the natural environment and identify Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation. To inform this policy a review is being undertaken to update the information held on existing identified SINCs, of which this survey formed a part. Further information on SINCs is provided on the enclosed sheet.

**The North Yorkshire and York SINC Panel has assessed the information from the survey against the SINC selection guidelines and their decision is noted in the table below. The SINC panel will be recommending to North Yorkshire Council that the site is retained from the list of SINCs included in the Local Development Plan.**

Site	Date assessed	Features assessed	Summary of decision
SE68-01 Manor Vale	11/12/2024	Ancient semi-natural neutral grassland. Ancient semi-natural woodland. Ancient or long-standing wet woodland.	Retain designation, site qualifies.

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As owner/tenant/manager of this site (or part of this site), if you have any observations to make about the SINC including: the survey information, the selection of the site or the management of the SINC, please contact us in the next 21 days. The survey data obtained is available for you to use, for example when applying for grants and schemes.

If you have any queries please contact me on the phone number or email address below. Thank you for your time and support to date and we look forward to keeping in touch in the future.

Yours sincerely,



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# Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation

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## Background

SINCs are areas of land identified and selected locally for their important wildlife value. Their selection takes into account the most important, distinctive and threatened species and habitats within North Yorkshire. They therefore comprise many of our best remaining flower rich meadows, ancient woodlands, ponds, swamps, fens and mires and provide a home to many of our native plant and animal species including many rare, declining or protected species.

Over 700 SINCs have been identified across North Yorkshire and, together with statutory designated sites such as Sites of Special Scientific Interest, they help to create a network of semi-natural habitats within which animal and plant populations can survive and disperse. They therefore play an essential role in maintaining the full range of wildlife across the County.

## Why do we designate?

Effective conservation of North Yorkshire's wildlife depends on informed decision-making. Land managers, planners and developers need to know where the important sites are and why they are important. Local authorities are required to identify and provide for the protection and enhancement of the natural heritage in their areas. As part of their planning function, they have a responsibility to take account of sites of substantive nature conservation value.

## What will it mean for me?

The designation does not place any legal restrictions on how you currently manage or farm your land; having a SINC may help you when applying for grant aid. SINCs are non-statutory and so are not legally protected (like SSSIs for example) but are used to recognise wildlife rich areas within local authority planning systems. However, if you are proposing a change of land use which requires planning permission, there are policies in the Council's Local Plan which seek to protect SINCs and will need to be taken into consideration.

No rights of access are created and existing rights of way are unaffected by the designation. Restrictions associated with other existing designations and legislation such as Tree Preservation Orders or protection for certain species remain the same.

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