



Natura 2000 Networking Programme on behalf of the European Commission

Sefton Council

north west coastal forum

Natura 2000 Networking Programme managed in partnership by project partners EUROPARC Federation, Eurosites and European Landowners Organization (ELO)

Wild Places, Open Spaces: Natura 2000 on the North West Coast
A Natura 2000 Networking Programme Event
13th November 2007, Prince of Wales Hotel, Southport

Conference Chair: Laurence Rose, Regional Director for Northern England, RSPB

09.30 Registration and refreshments

10.00 Welcome

Lord Fearn, Sefton Borough Council

10.05 Chair's Opening Address

Laurence Rose, Regional Director for Northern England, RSPB

Session 1: Setting the Scene

10.15 Natura 2000 – the bigger picture: from Europe to North West England

John Houston, Sefton Borough Council

10.35 Natural England – the North West coast's natural areas

Chris Lumb, Natural England

10.55 Quality and the North West coast

Sue Kidd, Chair, North West Coastal Forum

11.10 Questions

11.20 Break

Session 2: Examples of Natura 2000 use in practice

11.50 Sponsorship and Branding of Natura 2000

Egbert Beens, Site Manager, State Forestry Service, National Park de Weerribben, The Netherlands

12.10 The Limestone Country Project

Dr Tim Thom, Senior Wildlife Conservation Officer, Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority

12.30 Questions

12.45 Lunch

Session 3: Opportunities for our region

13.45 Natura 2000 – a designation or a brand?

Katie Read, Natural Economy Northwest

14.00 A land management perspective

Ian Henderson, Arnsdale Silverdale AONB

14.10 Co-operation and sharing experience - the Eurosites twinning scheme

John Houston, Sefton Borough Council

14.25 Financing Natura 2000

John Houston, Sefton Borough Council

14.40 A fisheries perspective

Dr Steve Atkins, North Western and North Wales Sea Fisheries Committee

14.50 Discussion and conclusions

15.30 Refreshments and networking opportunity