

Written evidence from Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC): Supplementary Evidence (PAE0028)

Committee staff sent a follow up question to the JNCC stemming from their initial and subsequent submissions to the Committee's protected areas inquiry ([PAE0021](#)) and ([PAE0026](#)). The question from Committee staff is set out in **bold**, the JNCC's response is in normal text.

Could you clarify something, with the following data: *When excluding landscape scale site types, the land coverage in England is 6.5%* I can see from the JNCC website (<https://jncc.gov.uk/our-work/ukbi-c1-protected-areas/>) that this number refers to SSSIs/MCZs/NNRs/Ramsar/SAC and SPA site designations but the committee wanted to know if the 6.5% considers the condition/favourability of the site? I.e. does this figure cover all of the sites listed above regardless of condition/favourability etc. or does it only include sites in a favourable condition for example. Does it include part destroyed or destroyed sites?

The figure of 6.5% for protected area coverage in England excluding "landscape scale site types" is based on extent only. It does not take into account the proportion that is in favourable/unfavourable condition. See table C1ii in the following webpage - [UKBI - C1. Protected areas | JNCC - Adviser to Government on Nature Conservation](#)