NATIONAL PARKS AND ACCESS TO THE COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1949

WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981

RIBBLE ESTUARY NATIONAL NATURE RESERVE NO.04 DECLARATION 2020

The land shown un-hatched and shaded yellow on the attached maps has already been declared a National Nature Reserve in the Ribble Estuary (as Ribble Marshes) National Nature Reserve No.01 Declaration 1981, No.02 Declaration 1991, and in the Ribble Estuary National Nature Reserve No.03 Declaration 1995. Natural England now wishes to extend this National Nature Reserve.

In accordance with section 19(3) of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949 (as amended), and all other powers enabling them in that behalf, Natural England hereby declare that the land having a total area of 610.96 hectares or thereabouts, situated in the Parishes of Saint Anne's on the Sea, Hesketh-with-Becconsall, Hutton, Bryning-with-Warton, Freckleton, North Meols and Longton in the County of Lancashire and shown cross hatched black on the attached maps (which land was included in the Ribble Marshes National Nature Reserve No.01 and No.02, and in the Ribble Estuary National Nature Reserve No.03 Declarations made by the Nature Conservancy Council on the 15th day of September 1981, the 12th day of December 1991 and on the 16th day of February 1995) has ceased to be held and managed by Natural England as a nature reserve or is no longer the subject of a nature reserve agreement.

The land having a total area of 152.52 hectares or thereabouts, situated in the Parish of Bryning-with-Warton and the area of Lytham in the District of Fylde in the County of Lancashire, and shown single diagonal hatched and shaded yellow on the attached maps is the subject of an agreement (the Agreement) dated 6th February 2020 between Natural England and Lytham and District Wildfowlers Association under the provisions of section 7 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006.

The land having a total area of 26.11 hectares or thereabouts, situated in the Parish of North Meols, Bryning-with-Warton and the area of Lytham in the District of Fylde in the County of Lancashire and shown single vertical hatched and shaded yellow on the attached maps has been acquired and is held by Natural England and is being managed as a nature reserve.

The land having a total area of 880.24 hectares or thereabouts, situated in the Parishes of North Meols and Hesketh-with-Becconsall in the County of Lancashire, and the Metropolitan Borough of Sefton in the County of Merseyside and shown single horizontal hatched or cross hatched and shaded yellow on the attached maps is held by The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, a body approved by Natural England, and is being managed as a nature reserve.

Natural England is satisfied that the said land is of national importance.

And in pursuance of section 19(1) of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949 and section 35(1) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 and all other powers enabling them in that behalf, Natural England hereby declare the land referred to herein and more particularly shown on the maps attached hereto, a National Nature Reserve.

This Declaration may be referred to as the Ribble Estuary National Nature Reserve No.04 Declaration 2020.

The Common Seal of Natural England

affixed to this Deed is authenticated by:-

(signature)

Authorised Member/Officer of Natural England

this. 10 day of March 2020 <















