

# East Sussex County Council Designation Full Report

01/09/2020

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<b>DesigUID:</b> DES9891	<b>Type:</b> Registered Battlefield	<b>Status:</b> Active
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<b>Preferred Ref</b>	<b>NHLE ID</b>	<b>Unused</b>
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**Name:** Battle of Hastings, 1066

<b>Grade:</b>	<b>Date Assigned:</b> 06/06/1995	<b>Amended:</b>	<b>Revoked:</b>
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## Legal Description

William, Duke of Normandy, had decided to take by force the crown of England, which he had been denied by Harold Godwinson's enthronement in January 1066. His invasion fleet landed at Pevensey on 28th September 1066. When news reached Harold returning from his victory at Stamford Bridge in Yorkshire, he marched hurriedly southwards and arrived near Hastings overnight on 13/14 October.

Harold's position was strong, and when William attacked the English gave no ground. Indeed, it was the Norman army which broke in the belief that William had been killed, but the Duke rallied his troops and led renewed attacks. It was the apparent further retreat by the Normans, which finally lured the English away from their defensive positions and led to their downfall as the Norman troops turned on them. The battle lasted all day, but by evening King Harold was dead and his army, despite repeated stands, was broken.

The Battle of Hastings holds a special place in English history as the last English battle which led to the conquest of the nation. It marked the opening of a new phase in English history both in terms of domestic politics and the relationship with Europe. It influenced the whole development of the ecclesiastical and political institutions of western Christendom. Its importance cannot be overstated

## Curatorial Notes

### Designating Organisation:

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### Location

**Grid Reference:** Centred TQ 7480 1544 (1113m by 1113m)

<b>Map sheet:</b>	TQ71NW	<b>Area (Ha):</b>	773,146.79
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### Administrative Areas

Civil Parish	BATTLE, ROTHER, EAST SUSSEX
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District	ROTHER, EAST SUSSEX
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**Postal Addresses - None recorded**

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### Sources - None recorded

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### Associated Monuments

MES22099	Building: Croft Cottage And Hopcroft: C17 building
MES3354	Monument: Battle Of Hastings: C11 battle site
MES3355	Monument: Battle Abbey, Battle : Norman/Medieval Abbey
MES3364	Monument: Battle Abbey, High Street, Battle : Commemorative stone plaque
MES3434	Monument: Fairlight - Netherfield Ridgeway (Lin 130): ridgeway
MES36801	Building: Battle Abbey, Battle : Med Abbots House
MES36802	Monument: Battle Abbey, Battle : Med Claustral buildings
MES36803	Monument: Battle Abbey, Battle : Med Abbey Church
MES36804	Monument: North Hillside, Battle Abbey, Battle : Med / PM features
MES36805	Monument: Battle Abbey, Battle : Med Former Abbey Guest range / undercroft
MES36806	Monument: Battle Abbey, Battle : Med Abbey Precinct
MES36807	Monument: Battle Abbey, Battle : Med / PM Abbey Landscape

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### Additional Information

**Capture scale:** 1:10000

**LegacyID:** 14

