Site Name:	Mossborough Moss woodland and land		
Site Area:	12.01 hectares	National Grid Reference:	SJ461982
Date of Designation:	December 2003	District:	St. Helens
Date of Last Revision:	N/A	Local Site Number:	32

CITATION: A mixed plantation with Scots Pine and an understorey of Rhododendron. The woodland is an important breeding site for woodland birds.

APPRAISAL: This site has been evaluated against the guidelines approved by the Council for selection of Local Sites. The site's evaluation against the guidelines is set out below.

Guideline		Comment
HABITATS		
H1;	Rarity	
H2;	Diversity	5 habitats recorded.
H3;	Nearness	
H4.	Isolation	3 sites within 1km
PLANTS		
SP1;	Rarity	
SP2;	Diversity	Total of 16 plant species.
SP3;	Naturalness	81.3% of the plants are native to the borough. Colonisation has
		been aided by man and the site has been physically altered.
SP4.	Nationally Rare	
ANIMALS		
General		
SP5;	Rare/priority	
Birds		
B1;	Non-breeding	-
	population	
B2;	Breeding population	-
B3;	Regional rare/scare	-
B4;	Breeding assemblage	Woodland assemblage
B5.	Assemblage, breeding,	
	wintering, passage.	
Dragonflies		
Od1.	Breeding	
Od2.	Regional rare/scarce	
Butterflies		
Bf1;	Region rare breeding	
Bf2.	Breeding assemblage	
Amphibians		
A1;	Rarity	
A2.	Exceptional populations	
Reptiles		
R1;	Population of native	
D 0.	species.	
R2;	Exceptional population	
Bats	Deset	
Bat1;	Roost	-
Bat2.	Assemblage	
Mammals	Dreading	
Mam1.	Breeding	-
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SUMMARY: The combination of these factors has led to this site being identified as a Local Site.

NOTE: Validated data from 1981 to December 2003 have been used in this assessment. Other data may become available to support this designation.

