

Site Name: Gillars Green Wood

Site Area: 2.28 hectares **National Grid Reference:** SJ476948

Date of Designation: December 2003 **District:** St. Helens

Date of Last Revision: N/A **Local Site Number:** 80

CITATION: Naturally regenerating woodland on colliery spoil. The woodland is dominated by birch and oak and with an understorey of English bluebell and other regionally and locally rare species.

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	1 regionally important habitat.
H2;	Diversity	8 habitats recorded.
H3;	Nearness	23 sites within 1Km.
H4.	Isolation	--
PLANTS		
SP1;	Rarity	1 WCA_SC8 plant species; 1 species of conservation concern; 2 regionally important species; 1 locally rare species.
SP2;	Diversity	Total of 72 plant species.
SP3;	Naturalness	88.9% 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	--
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 species.	--
R2;	Exceptional population	--
Bats		
Bat1;	Roost	--
Bat2.	Assemblage	--
Mammals		
Mam1.	Breeding	--

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.

Status of features of nature conservation importance

Habitats

1 Regionally Important habitat (North West Biodiversity Audit)

Standing water - pond

Plants

1 Wildlife and Countryside Act – Schedule 8 species

English bluebell (*Hyacinthoides non-scripta*)

1 Species of conservation concern

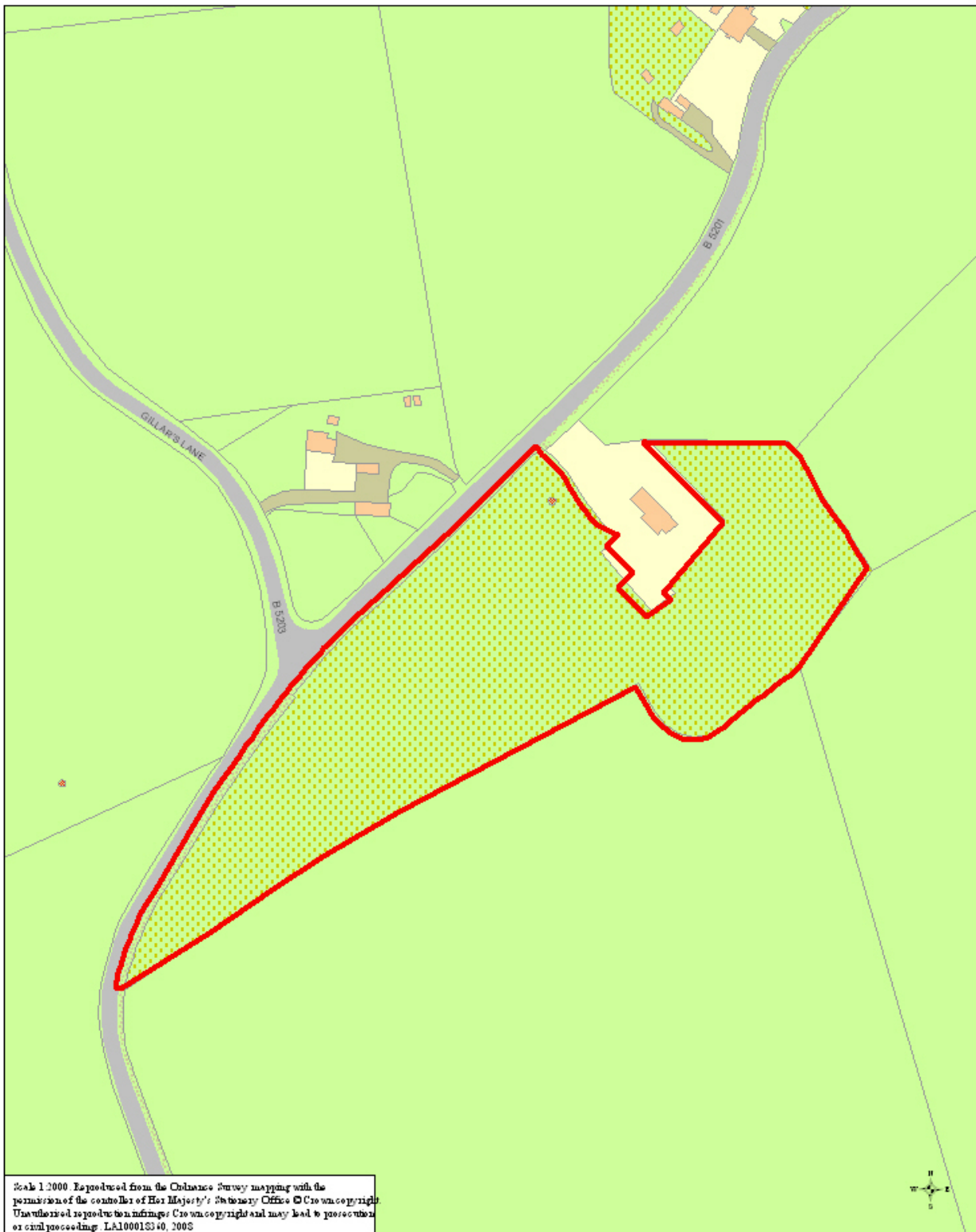
English bluebell (*Hyacinthoides non-scripta*)

2 Regionally important species

English bluebell (*Hyacinthoides non-scripta*)
Common Comfrey (*Symphytum officinale*)

1 Locally rare species

Hybrid oak (*Quercus x rosacea*)



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