

**Site Name:** Ellams Brook

**Site Area:** 1.34 hectares      **National Grid Reference:** SJ582969

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

**Date of Last Revision:** n/a      **Local Site Number:** 51

CITATION: A stretch of Ellams Brook which provides habitat for Water voles.

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
<b>HABITATS</b>		
H1;	Rarity	--
H2;	Diversity	3 habitats recorded.
H3;	Nearness	47 sites within 1Km.
H4.	Isolation	--
<b>PLANTS</b>		
SP1;	Rarity	--
SP2;	Diversity	Total of 19 plant species.
SP3;	Naturalness	84.2% of the plants are native to the borough. Colonisation has
SP4.	Nationally Rare	been aided by man and the site has been physically altered.
<b>ANIMALS</b>		
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	Guideline met – Water voles.

SUMMARY: The combination of these factors has led to this site being identified as a Local Site.

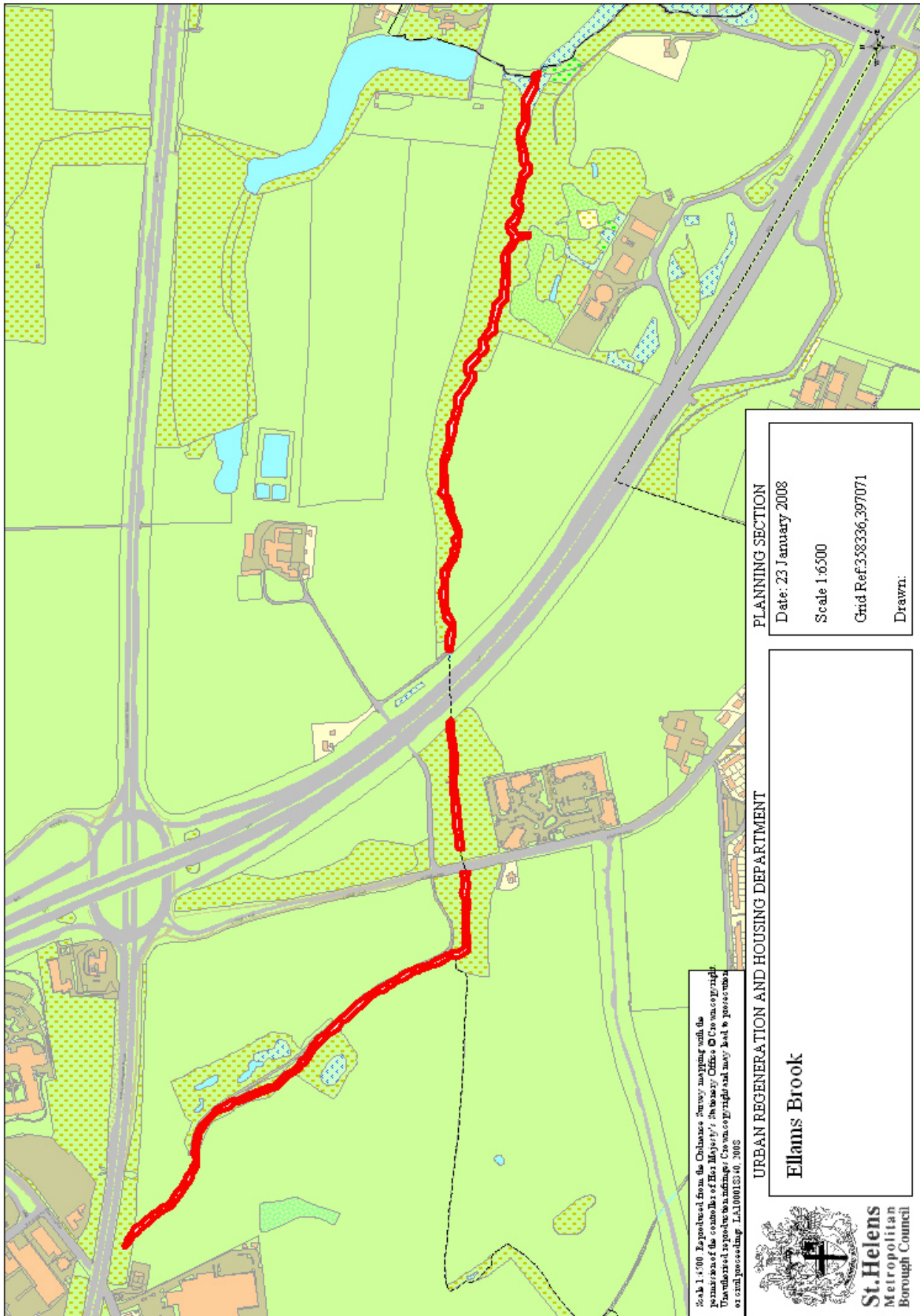
NOTE: Validated data from 1981 to December 2003 have been used in this assessment. Other data may become available to support this designation.

**Status of features of nature conservation importance**

Animals

**Mammals**

**1 Wildlife and Countryside Act – Schedule 5 species**      *Water voles (Arvicola aquaticus)*



PLANNING SECTION  
 Date: 23 January 2008  
 Scale 1:6300  
 Grid Ref: 338336, 397071  
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URBAN REGENERATION AND HOUSING DEPARTMENT  
 Ellams Brook

