

Site Name: Small Wood, North-East of Fenny Bank

Site Area: 0.97 hectares **National Grid Reference:** SJ508985

Date of Designation: 1993 **District:** St. Helens

Date of Last Revision: December 2003 **Local Site Number:** 26

CITATION: Predominantly broad leaf woodland with some Pine plantation within it. A diverse mix of woodland, grassland and wetland habitats are present.

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 priority BAP Habitat, 1 priority habitat directive; 2 regionally important.
H2;	Diversity	7 habitats recorded.
H3;	Nearness	19 sites within 1 Km.
H4.	Isolation	--
PLANTS		
SP1;	Rarity	1 WCA_SC8 plant species; 1 species of conservation concern; 1 regionally important species.
SP2;	Diversity	Total of 92 plant species.
SP3;	Naturalness	80.4% 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.

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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 Priority BAP habitat Unimproved neutral grassland

1 Priority Habitat Directive habitat Unimproved neutral grassland

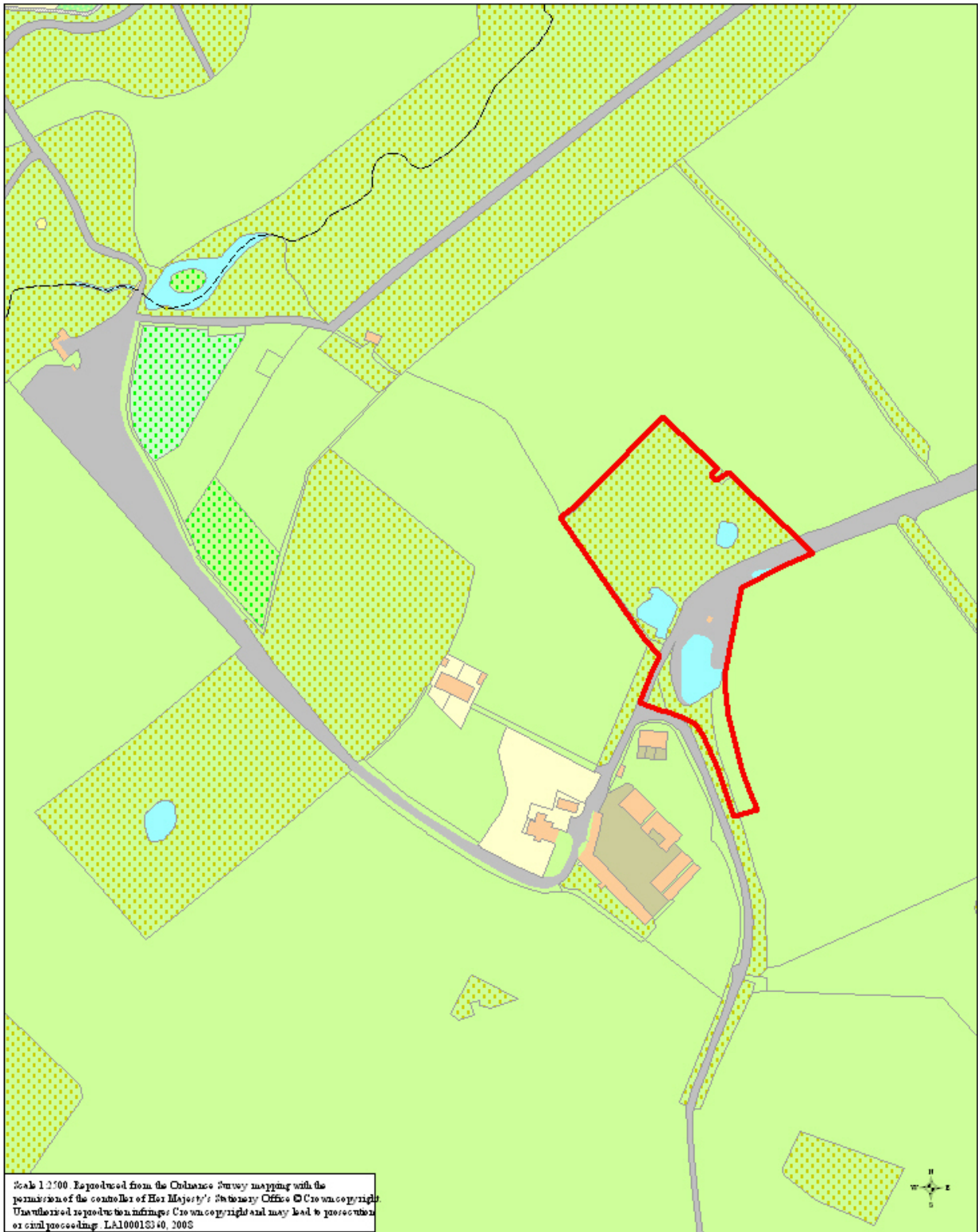
**2 Regionally Important Habitats
(North West Biodiversity Audit)** Unimproved neutral grassland
Standing water / pond

Plants

1 Wildlife and Countryside Act – Schedule 8 species English bluebell (*Hyacinthoides non-scripta*)

**1 Species of conservation concern
(UK Biodiversity Action Plan species)** English bluebell (*Hyacinthoides non-scripta*)

**1 Regionally important species
(North West Biodiversity Audit)** English bluebell (*Hyacinthoides non-scripta*)



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