

Site Name: Grassland by Parr Flat

Site Area: 3.19 hectares **National Grid Reference:** SJ546943

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

Date of Last Revision: n/a **Local Site Number:** 90

CITATION: A grassland site containing a mosaic of acid, neutral and marshy grassland. The marshy grassland supports a large number of marsh orchids. Wetland communities are developing where old field drains have become blocked.

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

Guideline		Comment
HABITATS		
H1; H2; H3; H4.	Rarity Diversity Nearness Isolation	3 priority BAP habitats; 3 priority Habitats Directive habitats; 5 regionally important habitats. 12 habitats recorded. 17 sites within 1 Km. --
PLANTS		
SP1; SP2;	Rarity Diversity	-- Total of 80 plant species. One of 58 sites with 100 or more species.
SP3;	Naturalness	93.8% 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; Birds B1;	Rare/priority 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

3 Priority BAP habitats

Unimproved acid grassland
Unimproved neutral grassland
Swamp tall fen vegetation


3 Priority Habitat Directive habitats

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**5 Regionally Important habitats
(North West Biodiversity Audit)**

Unimproved acid grassland
Unimproved neutral grassland
Marshy grassland
Swamp tall fen vegetation
Standing water



 <p>St. Helens Metropolitan Borough Council</p>	<p>URBAN REGENERATION AND HOUSING DEPARTMENT</p> <p>Grassland by Parr Flat</p>	<p>PLANNING SECTION</p> <p>Date: 22 January 2008</p> <p>Scale 1:1800</p> <p>Grid Ref: 354649, 394405</p> <p>Drawn:</p>