

**Site Name:** Parr Flat

**Site Area:** 2.34 hectares      **National Grid Reference:** SJ547943

**Date of Designation:** December 1986      **District:** St. Helens

**Date of Last Revision:** December 2003      **Local Site Number:** 91

**CITATION:** This site is one of the few lowland heath sites in St. Helens. The site is adjacent to Colliers Moss Common LNR. The site supports a number of regionally important and locally rare wetland species such as Adder's-tongue fern.

**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.

<b>Guideline</b>		<b>Comment</b>
<b>HABITATS</b>		
H1;	Rarity	1 priority BAP habitat; 1 priority Habitats Directive habitat; 2 regionally important habitats; 1 locally uncommon.
H2;	Diversity	5 habitats recorded.
H3;	Nearness	17 sites within 1 Km.
H4.	Isolation	--
<b>PLANTS</b>		
SP1;	Rarity	1 regionally important species; 4 locally rare species.
SP2;	Diversity	Total of 75 plant species. One of 58 sites with 100 or more species.
SP3;	Naturalness	94.7% of the plants are native to the borough. Colonisation has been aided by man and the site has been physically altered.
SP4.	Nationally Rare	--
<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	--

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.

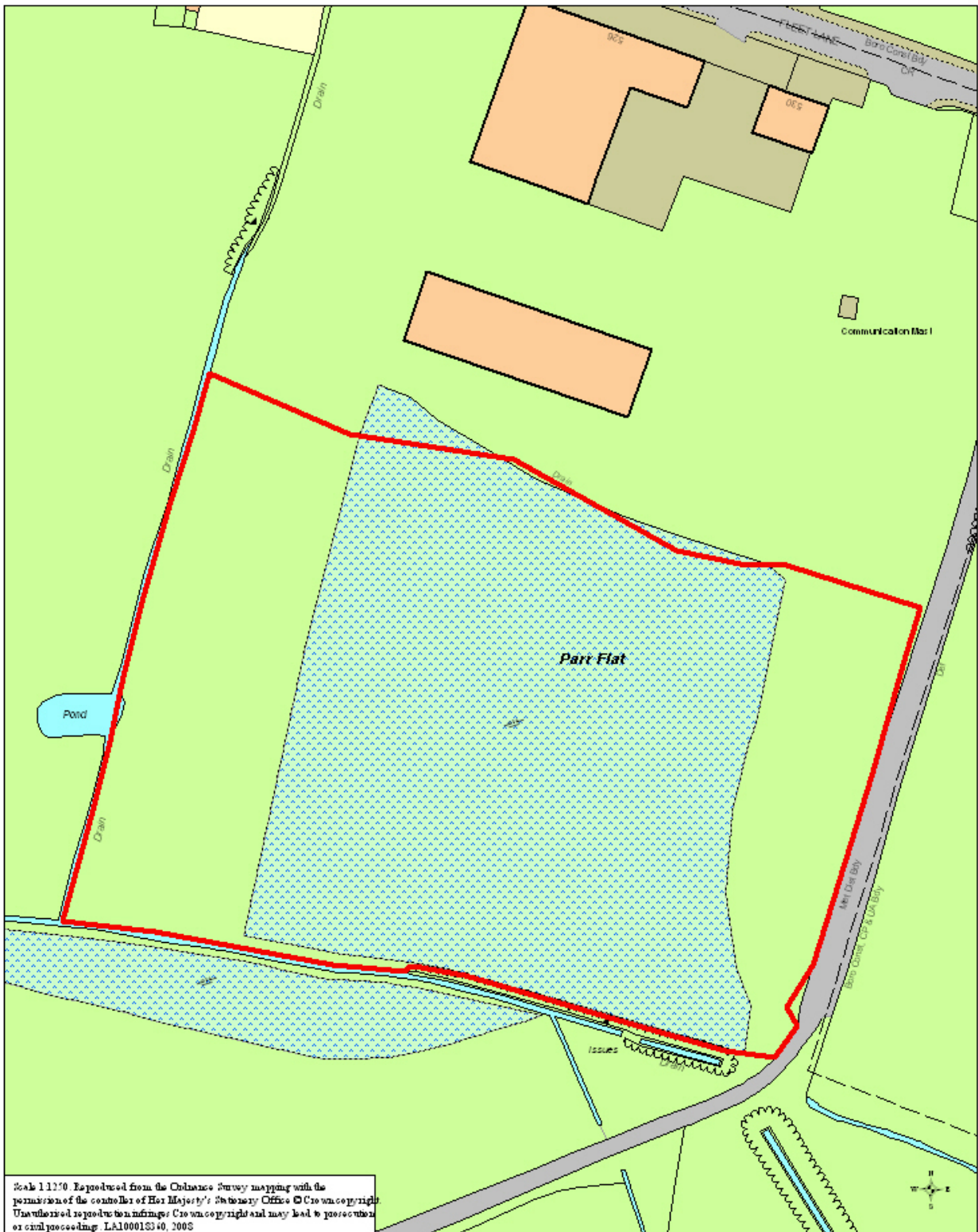
### **Status of features of nature conservation importance**

#### Habitats

<b>1 Priority BAP habitat</b>	Wet dwarf shrub heath
<b>1 Priority Habitat Directive habitat</b>	Wet dwarf shrub heath
<b>2 Regionally Important habitats</b>	Marshy grassland Standing water
<b>1 Locally uncommon habitat</b>	Wet dwarf shrub heath

#### Plants

<b>1 Regionally important species</b>	Adder's-tongue fern ( <i>Ophioglossum vulgatum</i> )
<b>4 Locally rare species</b>	Green-ribbed Sedge ( <i>Carex binervis</i> ) Star Sedge ( <i>Carex echinata</i> ) Hybrid Rush ( <i>Juncus x kern-reichgeltii</i> ) Adder's-tongue fern ( <i>Ophioglossum vulgatum</i> )



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