

Site Name: Blundell Hills Golf Course

Site Area: 50.67 hectares **National Grid Reference:** SJ486903

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

Date of Last Revision: N/A **Local Site Number:** 115

CITATION: A golf course containing a range of habitats including, woodland, scrub, wetlands and hedgerows. These habitats support a high diversity of species and include a number of nationally, 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	2 regionally important habitats; 1 locally uncommon habitat. 16 habitats recorded.
H2;	Diversity	
H3;	Nearness	
H4.	Isolation	
PLANTS		
SP1;	Rarity	1 WCA_SC8 plant species; 1 species of conservation concern; 5 regionally important species; 8 locally rare species. Total of 191 plant species. One of 58 sites with 100 or more species. 87.4% of the plants are native to the borough. Colonisation has been aided by man and the site has been physically altered.
SP2;	Diversity	
SP3;	Naturalness	
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

2 Regionally Important habitats

Standing water - pond
Acid / neutral rock exposure

1 Locally uncommon habitats

Native species rich hedgerow with trees

Plants

1 Wildlife and Countryside Act – Schedule 8 species

English bluebell (*Hyacinthoides non-scripta*)

1 Species of conservation concern

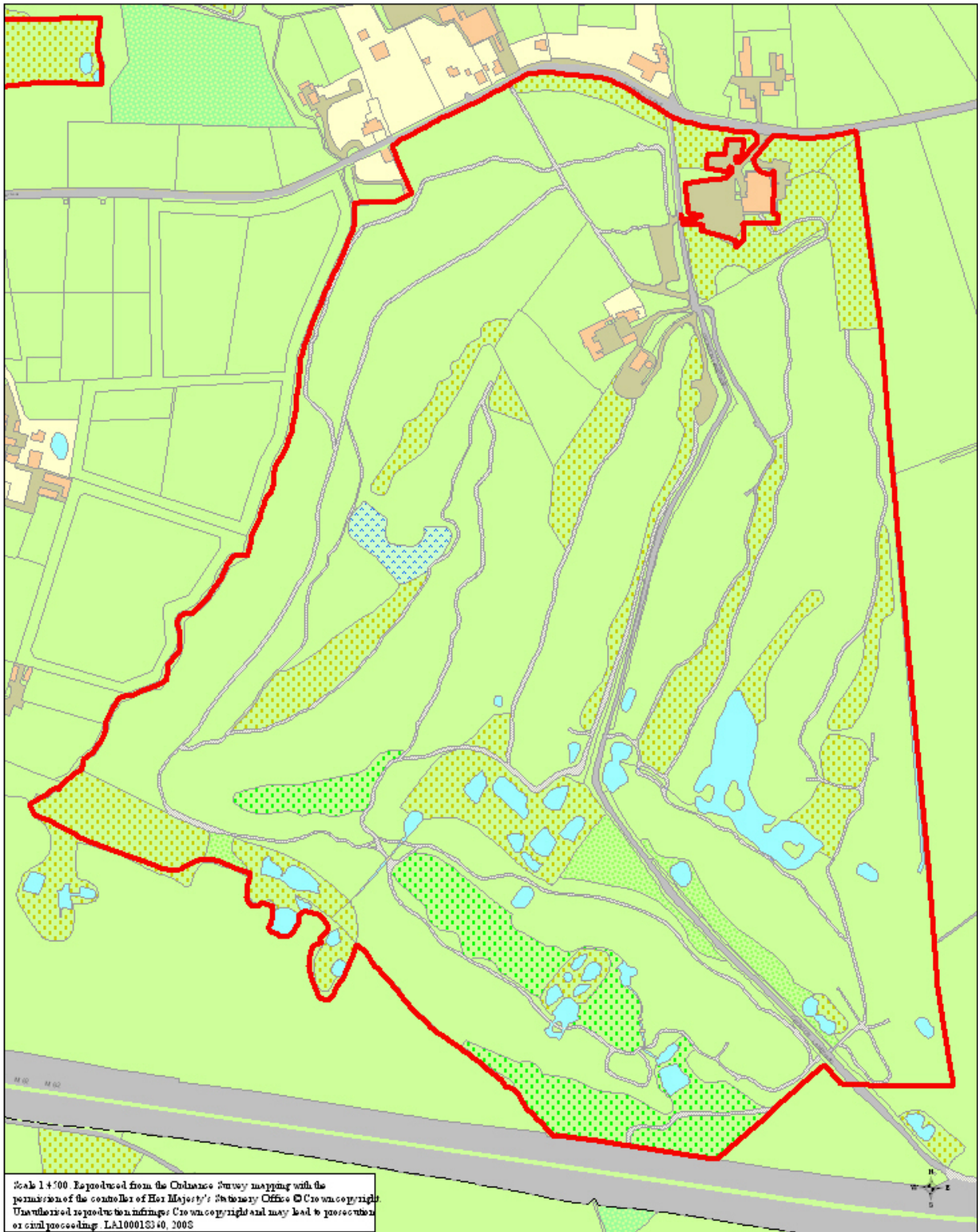
English bluebell (*Hyacinthoides non-scripta*)

4 Regionally important species

Small-flowered Crane's-bill (*Geranium pusillum*),
English bluebell (*Hyacinthoides non-scripta*)
Water chickweed (*Myosoton aquaticum*)
Burnet rose (*Rosa pimpinellifolia*)

8 Locally rare species

Maidenhair spleenwort (*Asplenium trichomanes*)
Harebell (*Campanula rotundifolia*)
Smooth-stalked Sedge (*Carex laevigata*)
Small-flowered Crane's-bill (*Geranium pusillum*)
Hedgerow Crane's-bill (*Geranium pyrenaicum*)
Water chickweed (*Myosotum aquaticum*)
Burnet rose (*Rosa pimpinellifolia*)
Heath Groundsel (*Senecio sylvaticus*)



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