

Site Name: Ashgrove Farm, Wood

Site Area: 1.31 hectares **National Grid Reference:** SD529009

Date of Designation: April 1994 **District:** St. Helens

Date of Last Revision: December 2003 **Local Site Number:** 14

CITATION: A woodland surrounding a watercourse and pond. This site comprises of a range of woodland and wetland habitats which are nationally and regionally important.

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; 2 priority Habitats Directive habitats; 3 regionally important habitats.
H2;	Diversity	9 habitats recorded.
H3;	Nearness	27 sites within 1Km.
H4.	Isolation	--
PLANTS		
SP1;	Rarity	--
SP2;	Diversity	Total of 16 plant species.
SP3;	Naturalness	81.3% 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	--

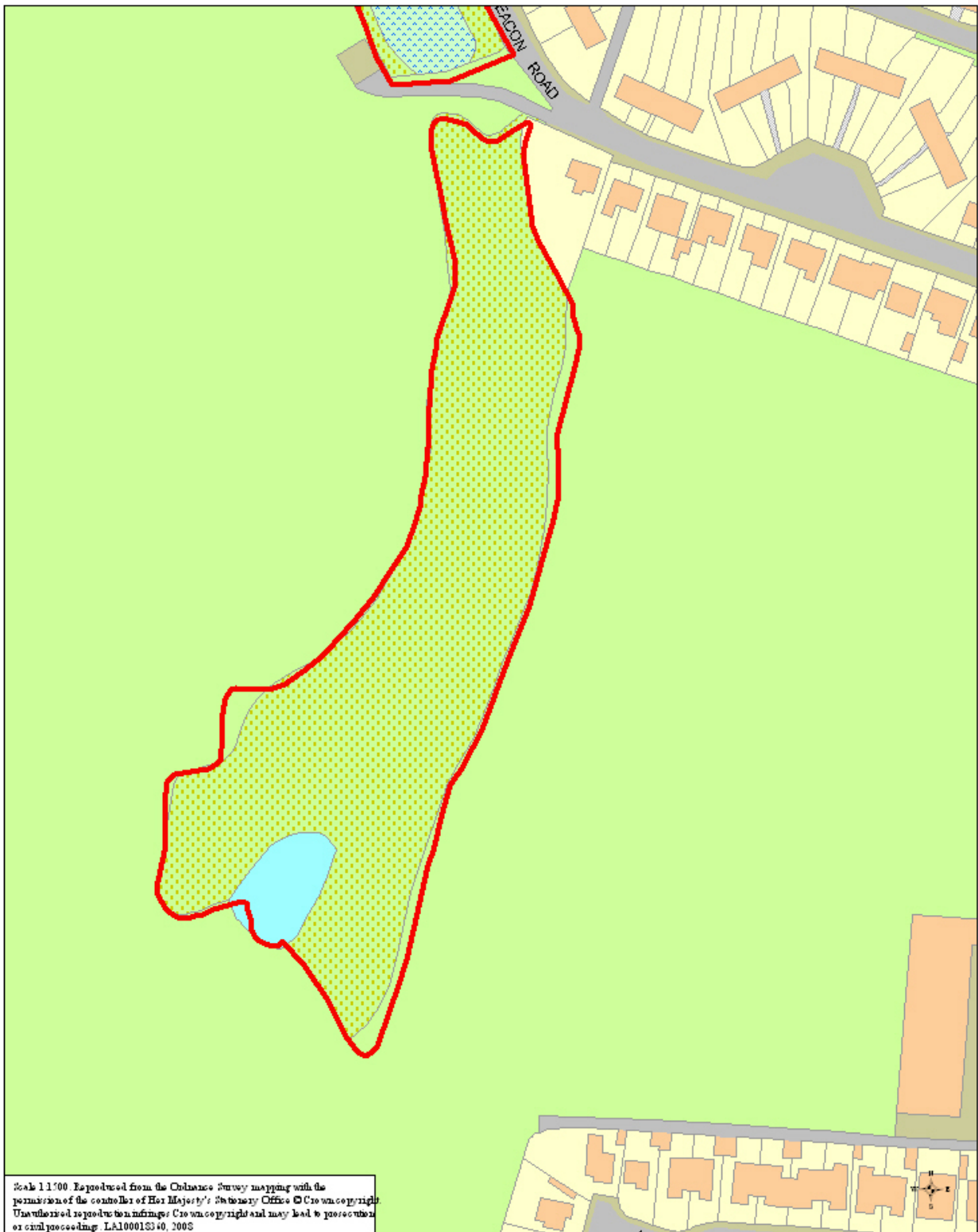
SUMMARY: The combination of these factors has led to this site being identified as a Local Site.

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	Swamp
2 Priority Habitat Directive habitats	Swamp Inundation vegetation
3 Regionally Important Habitats	Swamp Standing water Acid / neutral exposure



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