

**Site Name:** Emma Wood

**Site Area:** 15.7 hectares      **National Grid Reference:** SJ463975

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

**Date of Last Revision:** December 2003      **Local Site Number:** 41

**CITATION:** A mixed deciduous / coniferous plantation containing a number regionally and locally important habitats as well as English Bluebell. The woodland is an important site for breeding birds.

**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.

<b>Guideline</b>		<b>Comment</b>
<b>HABITATS</b>		
H1;	Rarity	2 regionally important habitats; 1 locally uncommon habitat. 14 habitats recorded.
H2;	Diversity	
H3;	Nearness	
H4.	Isolation	
<b>PLANTS</b>		
SP1;	Rarity	1 WCA_SC8 species; 1 species of conservation concern; 1 regionally important species. Total of 93 plant species. 86% 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	
<b>ANIMALS</b>		
General		
SP5;	Rare/priority	--
Birds		
B1;	Non-breeding population	--
B2;	Breeding population	--
B3;	Regional rare/scare	--
B4;	Breeding assemblage	Guideline met – woodland 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  
(North West Biodiversity Audit)**

Marshy grassland  
Standing water

**1 Locally uncommon habitat**

Recently felled coniferous woodland

#### Plants

**1 Wildlife and Countryside Act – Schedule 8 species**

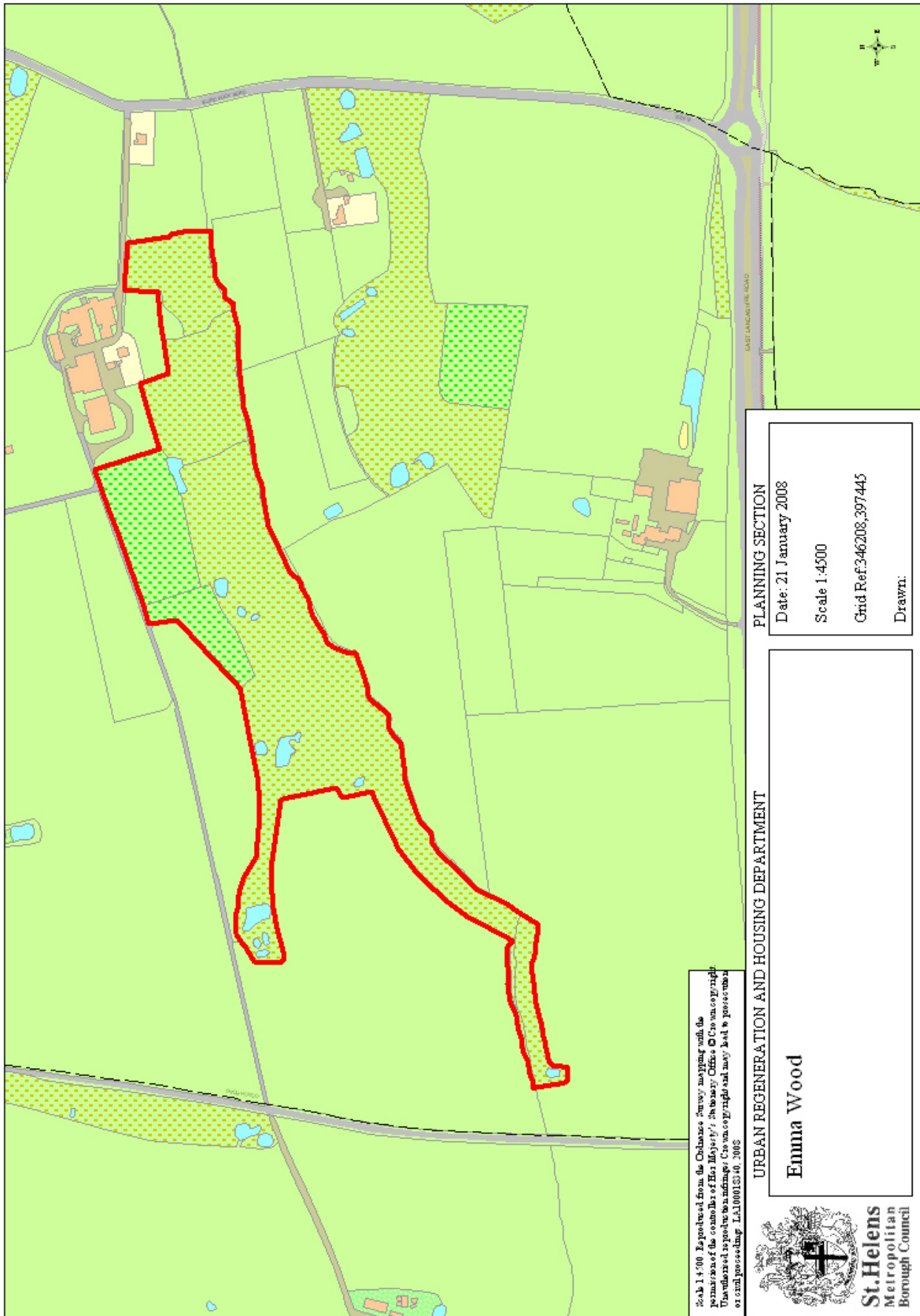
English bluebell (*Hyacinthoides non-scripta*)

**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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**URBAN REGENERATION AND HOUSING DEPARTMENT**  
**Emma Wood**

