

**Site Name:** Dog Kennel Plantation

**Site Area:** 3.70 hectares      **National Grid Reference:** SJ542913

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

**Date of Last Revision:** N/A      **Local Site Number:** 111

CITATION: A mature plantation of beech, oak and sycamore providing an important bird breeding site.

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
<b>HABITATS</b>		
H1;	Rarity	1 regionally important habitat.
H2;	Diversity	6 habitats recorded.
H3;	Nearness	51 sites within 1Km.
H4.	Isolation	--
<b>PLANTS</b>		
SP1;	Rarity	1 locally rare species
SP2;	Diversity	Total of 31 plant species.
SP3;	Naturalness	77.42% 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	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

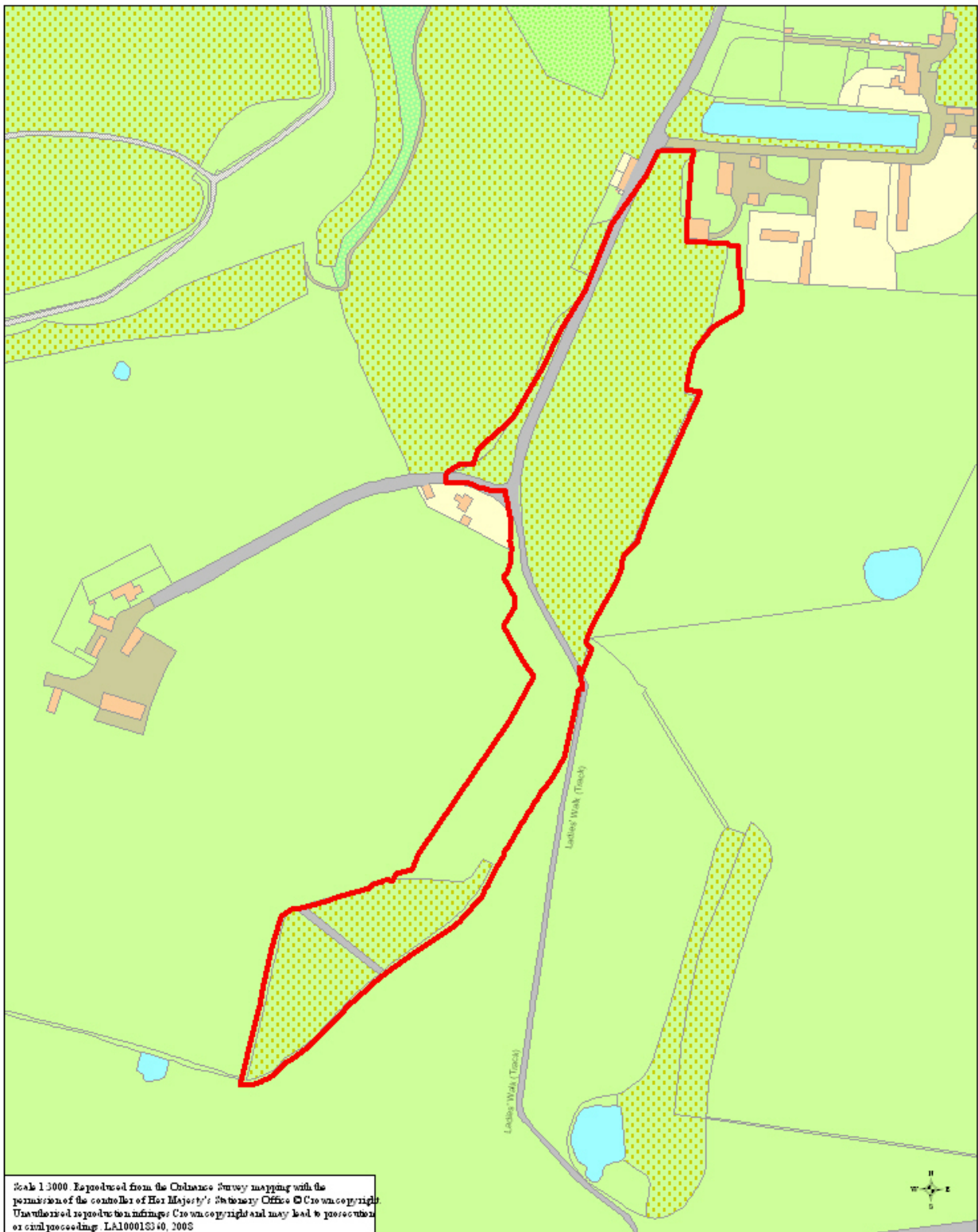
**1 Regionally important habitats  
(North West Biodiversity Audit)**

Standing water

### Plants

**1 Locally rare species**

A moss (*Tortula muralis*)



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