

Site Name: Haydock Park Woods

Site Area: 13.94 hectares **National Grid Reference:** SJ592977

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

Date of Last Revision: n/a **Local Site Number:** 38

CITATION: Broadleaf deciduous woodland dominated by Oak and Sycamore which contains a rookery and provides a roost site for Pipistrelle bat.

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 regionally important habitat.
H2;	Diversity	7 habitats recorded.
H3;	Nearness	--
H4.	Isolation	--
PLANTS		
SP1;	Rarity	1 WCA_SC8 species; 1 species of conservation concern; 1 regionally important species.
SP2;	Diversity	Total of 42 plant species.
SP3;	Naturalness	88.1% 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	Guideline met –Rook.
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	Guideline met –Pipistrelle bat.
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 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*)

Animals

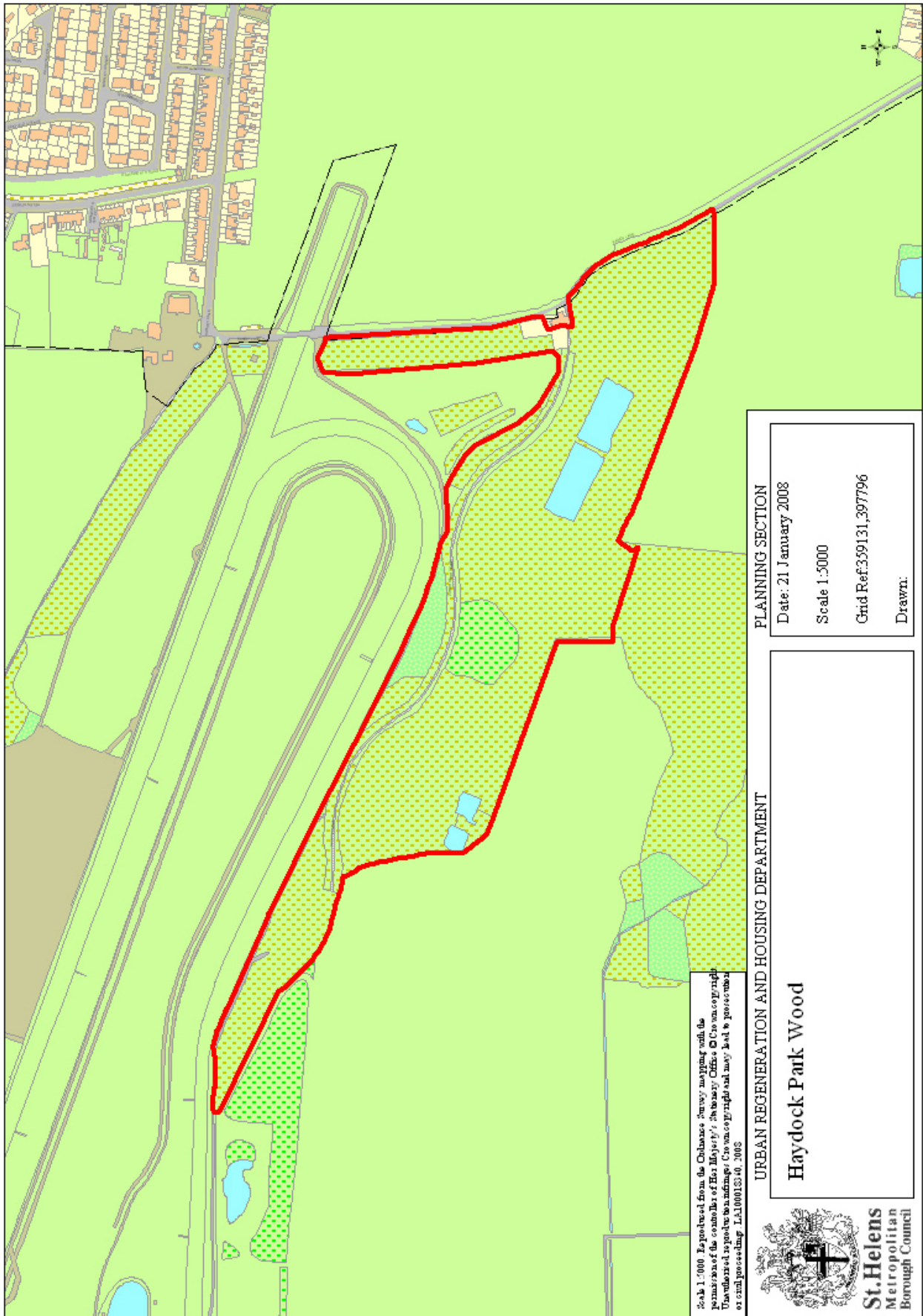
Birds

1 North Merseyside rare or scarce species Rook (*Corvus frugilegus*)

Bats

1 Habitats Directive habitat Pipistrelle bat (*Pipistrellus pipistrellus*)

1 Wildlife and Countryside Act –Schedule 5 species Pipistrelle bat (*Pipistrellus pipistrellus*)



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