

Site Name: Newton Brook 05

Site Area: 2.92 hectares **National Grid Reference:** SJ590947

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

Date of Last Revision: December 2003 **Local Sites Number:** 103

CITATION: A section of Newton Brook providing good habitat for water voles

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	21 sites within 1Km.
H2;	Diversity	
H3;	Nearness	
H4.	Isolation	
PLANTS		
SP1;	Rarity	
SP2;	Diversity	
SP3;	Naturalness	
SP4.	Nationally Rare	
ANIMALS		
General	Rare/priority	-- guidelines met- confirm water voles
SP5;		
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		
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 Wildlife Site.

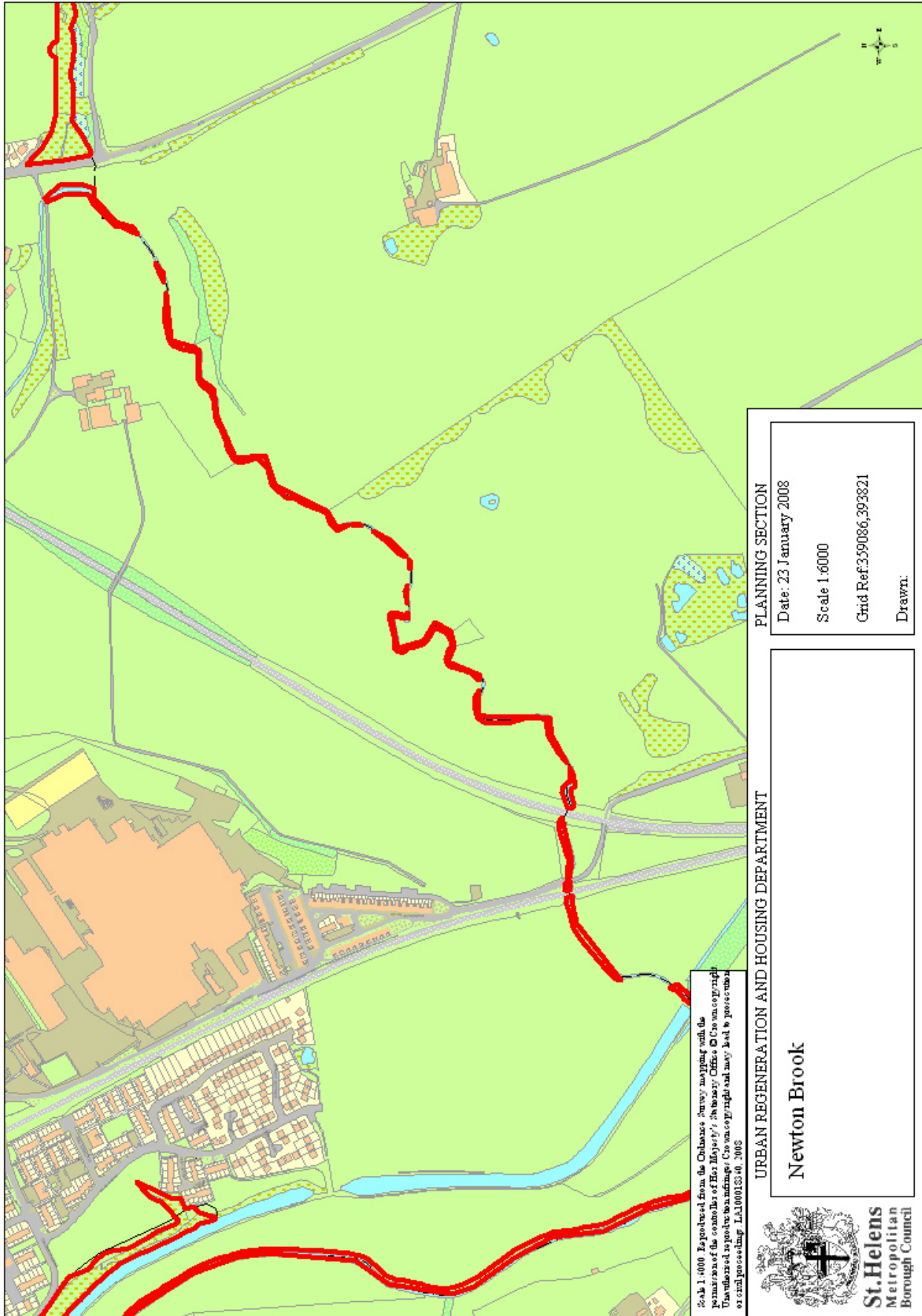
NOTE: Validated data from 1981 to December 2003 have been used in this assessment. Other data may become available to support this designation.

Status of features of nature conservation importance

Mammals

**1 Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 – Schedule 5
species**

Water vole (*Arvicola aquaticus*)



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