

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 Wildlife 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 Wildlife Sites. The site's evaluation against the guidelines is set out below.

Guideline		Comment
HABITATS		
H1;	Rarity	1 regionally important habitat.
H2;	Diversity	6 habitats recorded.
H3;	Nearness	51 sites within 1Km.
H4.	Isolation	--
PLANTS		
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	--
ANIMALS		
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 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

Habitats

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

Standing water

Plants

1 Locally rare species

A moss (*Tortula muralis*)