

APPENDIX 2: DESIGNATED SITES

Site Summary Tables

Table 2.1: Summary of statutory designated sites in Wigan

Site Name	Location	Status	Area ¹	Primary Reasons for Designation	Site Reference
Manchester Mosses	Lately Common	SAC	172.81 ha	Degraded raised bog (still capable of natural regeneration) – Annex I habitat and considered on of the best examples in the UK	UK0030200
Bryn Marsh & Ince Moss	Bryn Gates	SSSI	68.3 ha	Lowland raised bog Breeding birds	SD50/5
Abram Flashes	Abram	SSSI	39.62 ha	Breeding birds Lowland open water Wet grassland	SD60/4
Astley & Bedford Mosses	Lately Common	SSSI	92.2 ha	Lowland raised bog (the largest remaining fragment of Chat Moss)	SJ69/5
Highfield Moss	Lowton	SSSI	21.3 ha	Lowland raised bog Acid grassland	SJ69/3
Borsdane Wood	Hindley	LNR	37.39 ha (26.9 ha in Wigan)	Ancient broadleaved woodland with bryophyte and fungi communities and rich ground-flora. Also high invertebrate species richness	-
Wigan Flashes	Wigan	LNR	175.24 ha	Wetland flora, birds, bats and invertebrate assemblages	-
Orrell Water Park	Orrell	LNR		Birds and invertebrate assemblages	-
Low Hall Park	Hindley	LNR	7.8 ha	Odonata and water voles	-

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Table 1.2: Summary of non-statutory designated sites in Wigan

Site Name	Location	Status	No. of Designating Features ²	Area ³	Site Reference
Haigh Plantations	Haigh, Aspull	SBI Grade A	10	86.9 ha	A47
Horrocks Flash	Ince-in-Makerfield	SBI Grade A	9	58.3 ha	A46
Westwood Flash	Poolstock	SBI Grade A	9	17.0 ha	A40
Pennington Flash	Leigh	SBI Grade A	9	137.9 ha	A78
Amberswood Common	Ince-in-Makerfield	SBI Grade B	8	87.8 ha	A50
Bryn Marsh	Ince-in-Makerfield	SBI Grade A	8	16.2 ha	A36
Orrell Water Park	Orrell	SBI Grade B	8	3.7 ha	A94
Forest Fold	Shevington	SBI Grade A	8	12.0 ha	A6
Ochre Flash	Ince-in-Makerfield	SBI Grade B	8	13.9 ha	A37
Turner's Flash	Ince-in-Makerfield	SBI Grade A	8	13.6 ha	A38
Winstanley Hall Woods	Pemberton	SBI Grade B	8	49.2 ha	A12
Borsdane Wood	Hindley - Aspull	SBI Grade A	7	26.9 ha	A61
Dean Wood	Upholland	SBI Grade A	7	12.9 ha	A5
Kirkless Lane	Higher Ince	SBI Grade A	7	14.7 ha	A52
Bispham Hall Woods & Billinge Plantation	Orrell	SBI Grade B	7	26.0 ha	A1
Ponds at Robin Hill Farm (West)	Shevington Moor	SBI Grade B	7	1.3 ha	A30
Red Rock Railway Cutting (South)	Haigh	SBI Grade C	7	4.5 ha	A48
Lawns Wood	Crooke, Shevington	SBI Grade B	6	5.1 ha	A25
John Pit Woods	Shevington	SBI Grade A	6	36.9 ha	A27
Scotman's Flash	Worsley Menses	SBI Grade A	6	38.7 ha	A31

² Designating features are listed features of interest supported by the SBI including (but not exclusively) vegetation type, ferns, bryophytes, fungi, mammals, birds, amphibians, reptiles, Lepidoptera, Odonata, other invertebrates and geological.







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Highfield Moss	Lowton, Golbourne	SBI Grade A	6	19.7 ha	A74
Ponds Near Lightshaw Lane	Golbourne	SBI Grade A	6	11.8 ha	A76
Barrowcroft Wood	Standish	SBI Grade B	6	8.2 ha	A33
Atherton & Bedford Woods	Atherton	SBI Grade B	6	24.7 ha	A68
Callico & Hullet Hole Woods	Shevington	SBI Grade B	6	14.8 ha	A9
Bibi's Sand Pit	Worthington, Standish	SBI Grade B	6	1.5 ha	A35
Hindley Deep Pits	Hindley	SBI Grade C	6	8.4 ha	A57
Hope Carr Nature Reserve	Leigh	SBI Grade A	6	39.3 ha	A79
Blundell's Woods	Highfield	SBI Grade C	6	4.6 ha	A23
Meadow Near Kirkless Hall	Ince	SBI Grade B	6	5.8 ha	A51
Lightshaw Lime Beds	Golbourne	SBI Grade A	5	8.7 ha	A75
Astley & Bedford Moss	Glazebury	SBI Grade A	5	102.6 ha	A81
Ponds North of Cleworth Hall (South)	Tyldesley	SBI Grade A	5	120.6 ha	A71
Ponds South of Langtree Lane	Standish	SBI Grade A	5	4.3 ha	A29
Arley Woods (West)	Red Rock, Standish	SBI Grade A	5	2.6 ha	A44
Wetland by M6	Shevington Moor	SBI Grade B	5	1.7 ha	A20
Barlows Farm	Bickershaw, Hindley	SBI Grade A	5	23.8 ha	A59
Wetlands, Grasslands & Scrub off Colliery Lane	Atherton	SBI Grade A	5	52.3 ha	A67
Pearson's Flash	Ince-in-Makerfield	SBI Grade A	5	20.2 ha	A39
Low Hall Park	Hindley	SBI Grade A	5	7.8 ha	A55
Bickershaw Colliery	Bickershaw	SBI Grade B	5	40.8 ha	A62
Wetland off Orchard Lane	Leigh	SBI Grade B	5	5.9 ha	A66
Crooke West Clay Pits	Crooke	SBI Grade B	5	1.6 ha	A15
Crooke	Crooke	SBI Grade B	5	9.4 ha	A24
Wetland & Scrub at Hindley Green	Hindley	SBI Grade B	5	7.5 ha	A63
Orrell Brick Works	Orrell	SBI Grade B	5	6.0 ha	A4

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Big Wood	Shevington	SBI Grade A	5	5.8 ha	A10
Porter's Wood	Kitt Green	SBI Grade B	5	7.8 ha	A13
Otters Croft, Crooke & Greaves Woods	Shevington	SBI Grade A	5	25.9 ha	A18
Woodshaw Colliery	Aspull	SBI Grade C	5	17.8 ha	A58
Disused Railway at Hindley Green	Hindley	SBI Grade C	5	6.3 ha	A64
Frodsham's Wood	Crooke	SBI Grade B	5	3.9 ha	A101
Follient Wood	Crooke, Shevington	SBI Grade B	5	3.3 ha	A26
Leeds Liverpool Canal - Adlington to Wigan (South)	Arley - Wigan	SBI Grade C	5	11.7 ha	A43
Reservoirs East of Leyland Park	Hindley	SBI Grade B	5	2.2 ha	A60
Abram Flashes	Abram	SBI Grade A	5	44.1 ha	A90
Culvert & Lodge at Standish	Standish	SBI Grade B	5	1.4 ha	A93
Leeds/Liverpool Canal - Appley Bridge to Wigan	Apley Bridge - Wigan	SBI Grade C	5	11.6 ha	A16
Glead Wood & Tan Pit Slip	Winstanley	SBI Grade C	5	8.5 ha	A22
Ackhurst Lane Sand Workings	Shevington	SBI Grade C	5	2.0 ha	A14
Fairhurst Lane	Standish	SBI Grade C	5	2.2 ha	A32
Whelley Loop	Boar's Head	SBI Grade C	5	5.3 ha	A41
Astley Hospital	Astley	SBI Grade C	5	2.9 ha	A70
Worthington Lakes	Standish	SBI Grade A	4	21.3 ha	A45
Barton Clough	Leyland Green	SBI Grade C	4	2.1 ha	A11
Pond at Primrose Hill	Shevington	SBI Grade B	4	2.8 ha	A28
Fairclough Wood	Standish	SBI Grade C	4	3.6 ha	A42
Ponds Near New Manchester (West)	Tyldesley	SBI Grade A	4	17.1 ha	A72
Gathurst Wood	Gathurst	SBI Grade B	4	3.5 ha	A7
Park Lane Colliery	Abrah	SBI Grade B	4	9.5 ha	A54
Chat Moss Remnants	Astley	SBI Grade A	4	35.0 ha	A83
Moss Wood	Orrell	SBI Grade C	4	5.9 ha	A3

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Martland's Wood	Shevington	SBI Grade C	4	1.7 ha	A8
Gathurst - Between Canal & River	Shevington	SBI Grade B	4	3.3 ha	A17
White Bridge Wood	Standish	SBI Grade B	4	4.5 ha	A34
Firs Park	Firs Lane, Leigh	SBI Grade C	4	2.0 ha	A65
Windybank Wood	Glazebury, Leigh	SBI Grade B	4	6.9 ha	A80
Smithy Brook	Worsley Mesnes	SBI Grade A	3	0.7 ha	A96
Martland Heath and Marshes	Wigan	SBI Grade B	3	6.7 ha	A98
Marsh at Lower Green	Astley Green	SBI Grade C	3	3.4 ha	A84
Edge Green	Edge Green	SBI Grade C	3	1.1 ha	A73
Skitters Wood	Ashton – in – Makerfield	SBI Grade C	3	6.8 ha	A91
Field by Scowcroft Farm	Hindley	SBI Grade B	2	1.1 ha	A92
Calico Meadow	Shevington	SBI Grade B	2	0.7 ha	A100
Abbey Lakes	Upholland	SBI Grade C	2	1.9 ha	A2
Marsh & Reedbeds at Shakerley	Shakerly, Atherton	SBI Grade C	2	0.6 ha	A69
Parson's Meadow	Poolstock	SBI Grade C	2	5.4 ha	A95
Platt Bridge Heath	Wigan	SBI Grade C	2	3.4 ha	A99
Tyldesley Sewage Works	Tyldesley	SBI Grade B	1	7.0 ha	A82

Site Location Plan

-  Wigan Borough boundary
-  Special Area of Conservation
-  Site of Special Scientific Interest
-  Local Nature Reserve
-  Site of Biological Importance
-  Greenheart

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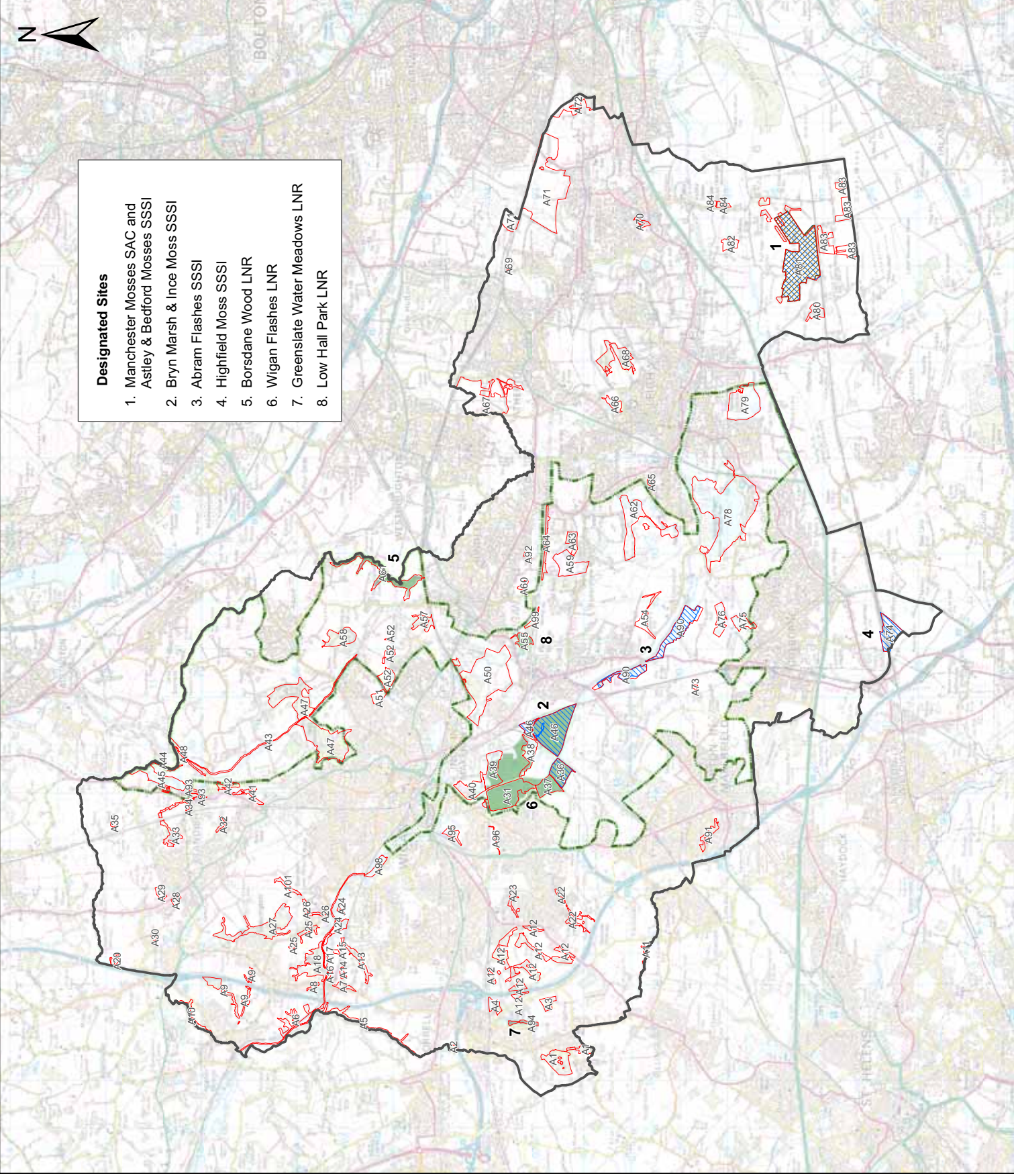
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