

COUNTY: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

SITE NAME: SELLERS WOOD

DISTRICT: BROXTOWE/CITY OF NOTTINGHAM

Status: Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) notified under Section 28 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.

Local Planning Authority: BROXTOWE BOROUGH COUNCIL, City of Nottingham Council

National Grid Reference: SK 523455

Area: 14.63 (ha.) (ac.)

Ordnance Survey Sheet 1:50,000: 129

1:10,000: SK 54 NW

Date Notified (Under 1949 Act): 1981

Date of Last Revision: –

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Other Information:

Reasons for Notification:

The site is a fine example of broad-leaved semi-natural woodland and is of Regional importance.

Biology

The majority of the woodland is characterised by the preponderance of ash *Fraxinus excelsior* and wych-elm *Ulmus glabra* although, locally, the wood is dominated by sycamore *Acer pseudoplatanus*. Hazel *Corylus avellana* and hawthorn *Crataegus monogyna* are the most abundant of a wide variety of shrub species while the diverse field layer vegetation contains a large number of plant species characteristic of lowland ancient woodland, such as giant bellflower *Campanula latifolia*, early purple orchid *Orchis mascula* and yellow archangel *Galeobdolon luteum*. In places this woodland structure gives way to one dominated by birch *Betula pendula* with oak *Quercus robur*, hazel and rowan *Sorbus aucuparia* all common. Here the field layer vegetation is dominated by bracken *Pteridium aquilinum*, although wood anemone *Anemone nemorosa* is locally abundant. Additional interest is provided by the presence of a number of well-vegetated ponds which contain a diverse aquatic fauna and which are also valuable drinking areas for woodland birds and mammals.