

COUNTY: BERKSHIRE

SITE NAME: SANDHURST TO OWLSMOOR
BOGS AND HEATHS

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

Local Planning Authorities: Bracknell District Council, Berkshire County Council

National Grid Reference: SU844628

Ordnance Survey Sheet 1:50,000: 175 1:10,000: SU86 SW

Date Notified (Under 1949 Act): 1975 Date of Last Revision:

Date Notified (Under 1981 Act): 1983 Date of Last Revision:

Area: 85.44 ha 211.12 ac

Other information: Part of this site is managed as a public open space by Bracknell District Council.

Description and Reasons for Notification

An area of wet and dry heathland and mixed broadleaved/coniferous woodland, supporting a rich and varied fauna and flora.

Together with the nearby Broadmoor Bottom complex this site forms the largest and most important area of heathland remaining in east Berkshire and is particularly important for its wet heath community dominated by cross-leaved heath *Erica tetralix* and purple moor grass *Molinia caerulea*.

The site includes a shallow, spring-fed valley mire of outstanding importance which supports an extremely interesting flora including round and long-leaved sundews *Drosera rotundifolia* and *D. intermedia*, white beak sedge *Rhynchospora alba*, flea sedge *Carex pulicaris*, bog asphodel *Narthecium ossifragum* and several other plants which are rare in the county, as well as populations of rare and localised insects.