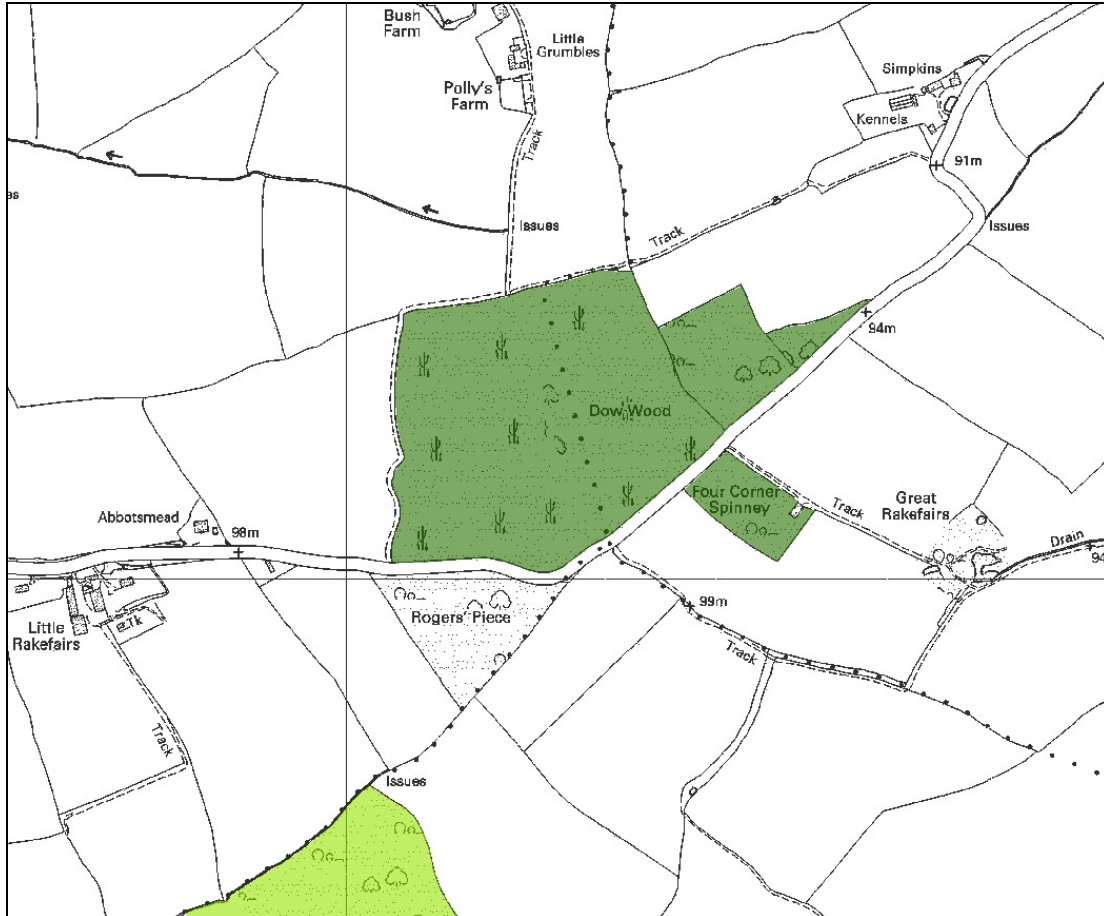


LOCAL WILDLIFE SITES.
UTTLESFORD DISTRICT
Ufd241. Dow Wood/Four Corner Spinney



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Ufd241. Dow Wood/Four Corner Spinney (15.0 ha) TL 632262

This large ancient wood comprises partially active coppice of Hornbeam (*Carpinus betulus*), with canopy/sub-canopy standards of Ash (*Fraxinus excelsior*), Pedunculate Oak (*Quercus robur*) and Field Maple (*Acer campestre*). Hazel (*Corylus avellana*), Hawthorn (*Crataegus monogyna*), Aspen (*Populus tremula*) and Goat Willow (*Salix caprea*) are also present. The flora is varied, with marshy rides supporting Pendulous Sedge (*Carex pendula*), Marsh Thistle (*Cirsium palustre*), Meadowsweet (*Filipendula ulmaria*) and Rushes (*Juncus* spp.) whilst, elsewhere, Bugle (*Ajuga reptans*), Wood False Brome (*Brachypodium sylvaticum*), Dog's Mercury (*Mercurialis perennis*) and Bramble (*Rubus fruticosus*) are widespread.

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