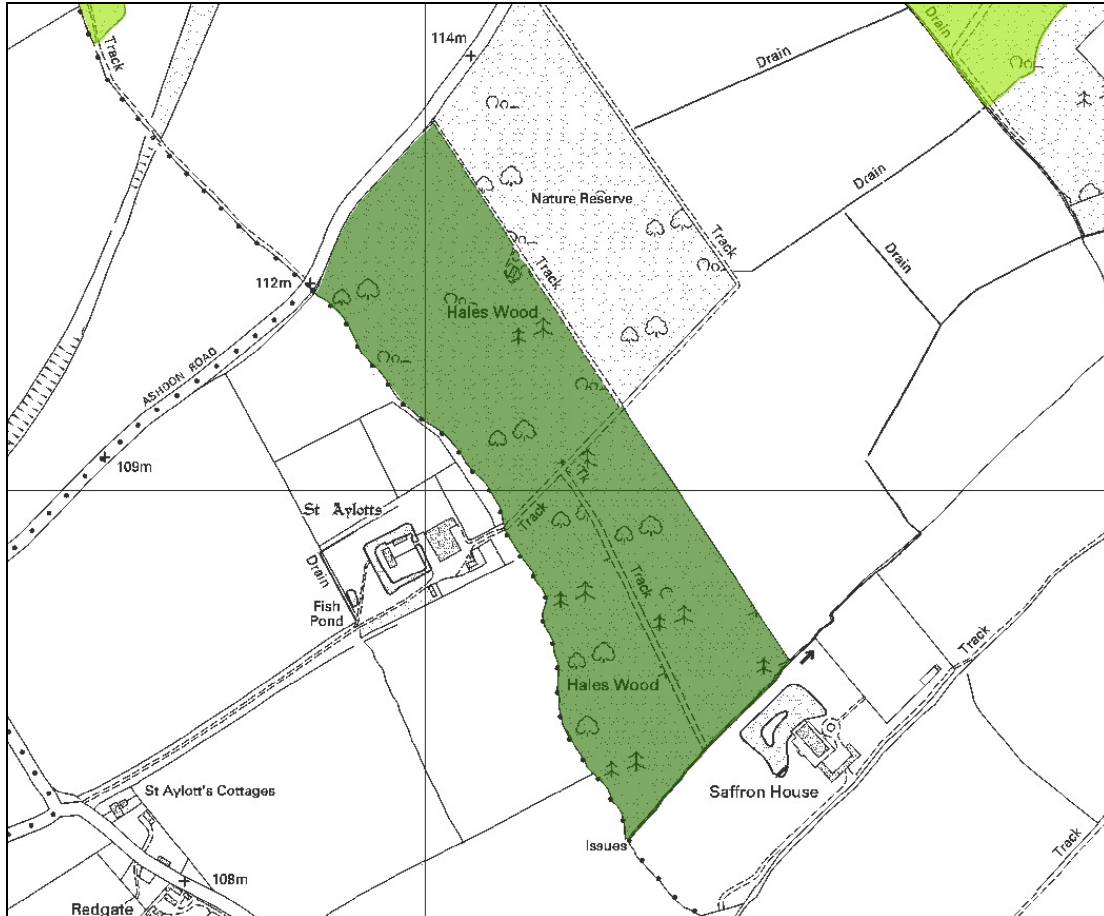


LOCAL WILDLIFE SITES.
UTTLESFORD DISTRICT
Ufd163. Hales Wood South



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This section of ancient woodland has been replanted throughout. To the south, the canopy comprises a mix of planted Pedunculate Oak (*Quercus robur*) and Spruce (*Picea* sp.) with some Beech (*Fagus sylvatica*). Here the ground flora is dominated by Nettle (*Urtica dioica*), Bramble (*Rubus fruticosus*) and patches of Dog's Mercury (*Mercurialis perennis*). The central section is a stand of Beech over Dog's Mercury, whilst the northern end is a dense block of Pine (*Pinus* sp.) with a ground flora virtually absent. Management to return the canopy to a native broadleaved cover would greatly benefit the wildlife of this site, adjacent to an excellent coppiced National Nature Reserve to the north-east.

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