

**EC Directive 92/43 on the Conservation of Natural Habitats and of Wild
Fauna and Flora**

Citation for Special Area of Conservation (SAC)

Name: Wormley Hoddesdonpark Woods
Unitary Authority/County: Hertfordshire
SAC status: Designated on 1 April 2005
Grid reference: TL320059
SAC EU code: UK0013696
Area (ha): 335.53
Component SSSI: Wormley Hoddesdonpark Wood North SSSI, Wormley
Hoddesdonpark Wood South SSSI

Site description:

Wormley Hoddesdonpark Woods has large stands of almost pure hornbeam *Carpinus betulus* (former coppice), with sessile oak *Quercus petraea* standards. Areas dominated by bluebell *Hyacinthoides non-scripta* do occur, but elsewhere there are stands of great wood-rush *Luzula sylvatica* with carpets of the mosses *Dicranum majus* and *Leucobryum glaucum*. Locally, a bryophyte community more typical of continental Europe occurs, including the mosses *Dicranum montanum*, *D. flagellare* and *D. tauricum*.

Qualifying habitats: The site is designated under **article 4(4)** of the Directive (92/43/EEC) as it hosts the following habitats listed in Annex I:

- Sub-Atlantic and medio-European oak or oak-hornbeam forests of the *Carpinion betuli*. (Oak-hornbeam forests)

This citation relates to a site entered in the Register of European Sites for Great Britain.
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On behalf of the Secretary of State for Environment,
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