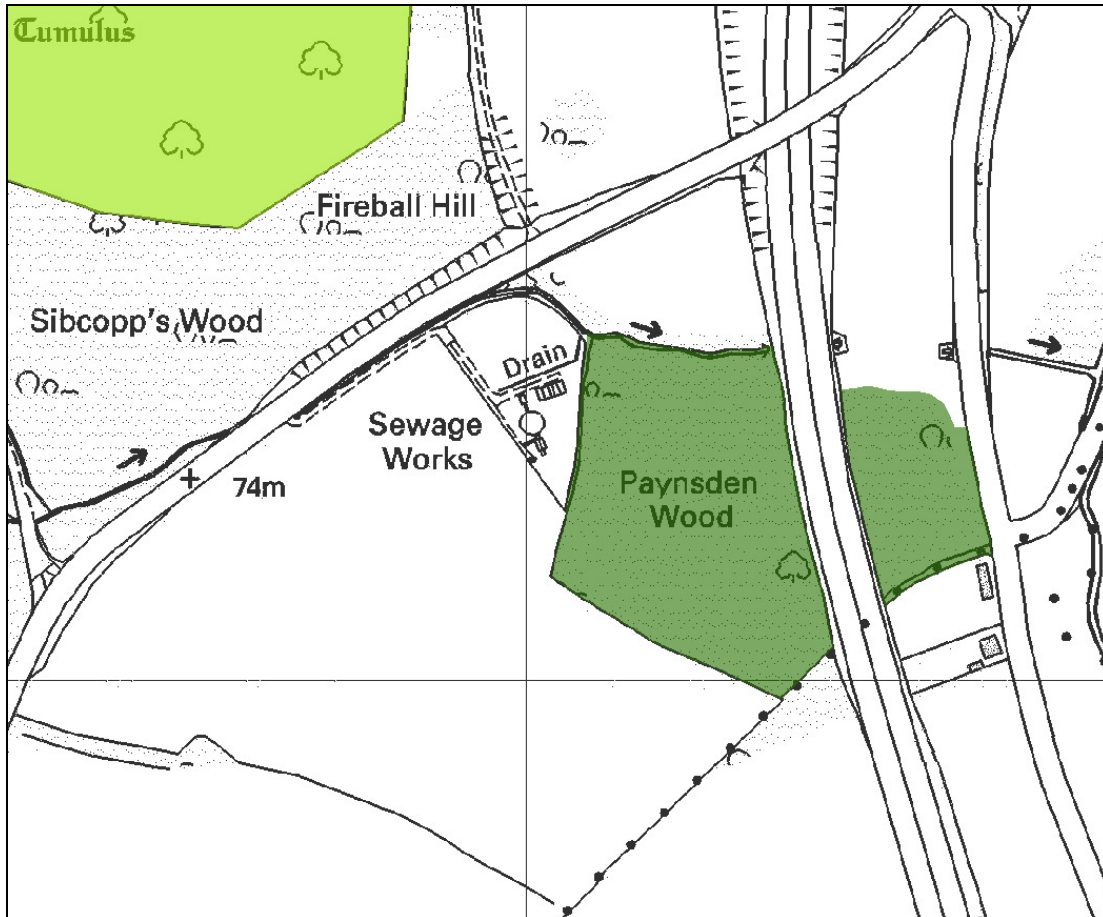


LOCAL WILDLIFE SITES.
UTTLESFORD DISTRICT
Ufd87. Paynsden Wood



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Ufd87. Paynsden Wood (4.0 ha) TL 522311

This wood is bisected by the M11 motorway. The canopy is composed of overgrown Ash (*Fraxinus excelsior*) coppice with only scattered Pedunculate Oak (*Quercus robur*) standards. Other canopy/sub-canopy trees include Birch (*Betula sp.*), Hornbeam (*Carpinus betulus*), Poplar (*Populus sp.*) and some invading Sycamore (*Acer pseudoplatanus*). The shrub layer includes Hazel (*Corylus avellana*), Dogwood (*Cornus sanguinea*), Spindle Tree (*Euonymus europaeus*) and Blackthorn (*Prunus spinosa*). The ground flora is characterised by patches of Dog's Mercury (*Mercurialis perennis*), Bluebell (*Hyacinthoides non-scripta*) and Bramble (*Rubus fruticosus*), along with lesser quantities of Wood Anemone (*Anemone nemorosa*) and Oxlip (*Primula elatior*) amongst a typical woodland flora.

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