SITE SYNOPSIS

SITE NAME: WOODLAND AT OMEATH PARK

SITE CODE: 001465

The woodland at Omeath Park occurs on a low hill at the head of Carlingford Lough across the Newry River and just to the west of Warrenpoint.

This wet, semi-natural, deciduous woodland is comprised mainly of birch (*Betula* spp.) and Alder (*Alnus glutinosa*) with some scrub around the margins. It is quite undisturbed and is a well preserved habitat for local wildlife.

There are few serious threats to the site at present although the non-native Rhododendron (*Rhododendron ponticum*) is invading some parts of the wood. The undergrowth is dominated by Bracken (*Pteridium aquilinum*).

This habitat is perhaps not unusual in Ireland but it is one of the only relatively pure stands of birch in County Louth and is thus of at least local importance.

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