

Site Name: Winch Hill Wood (north remnant)

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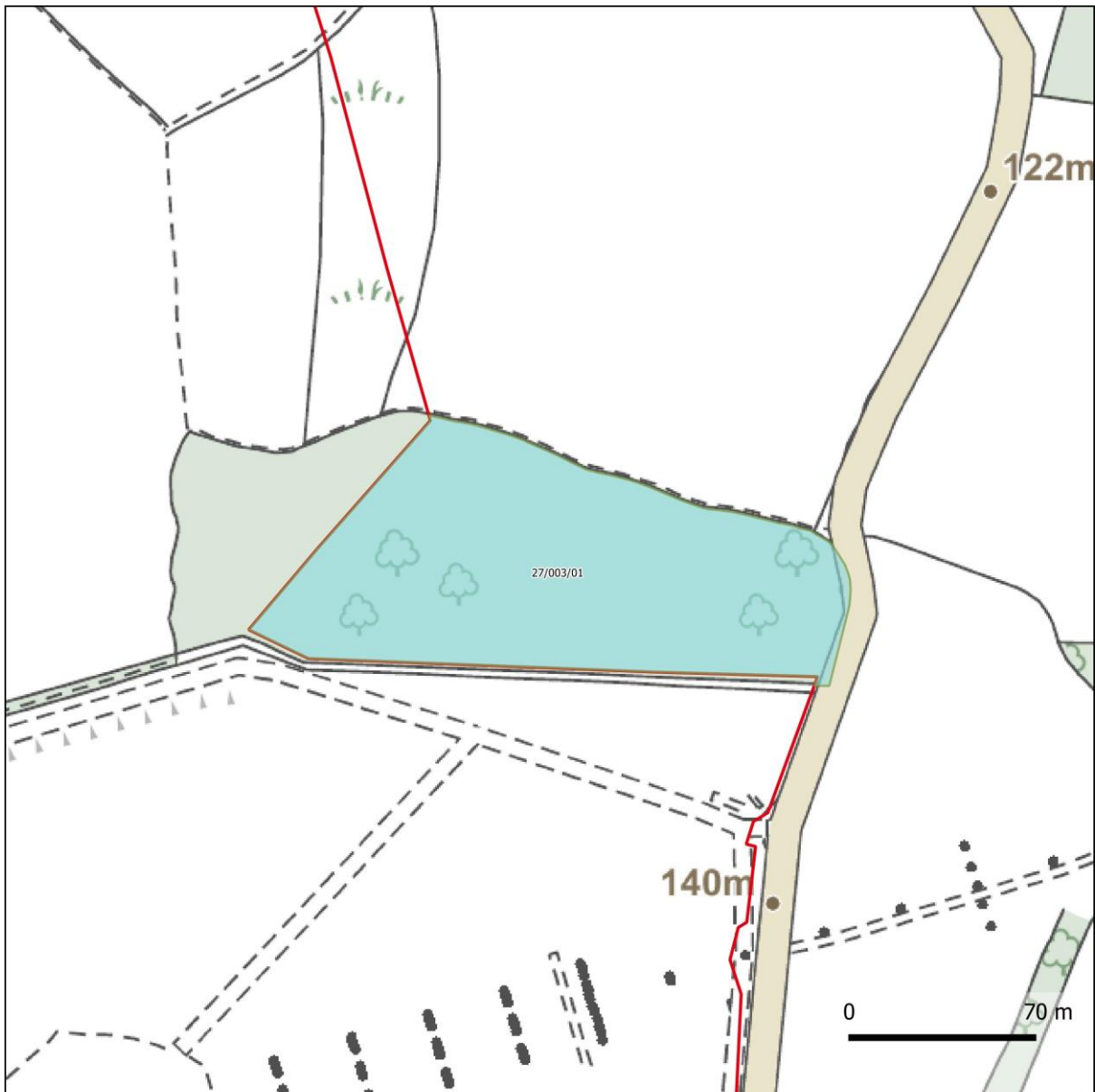
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Area (ha): 1.44

Designation Date: 01/01/1997

Description:

Remnant of larger ancient semi-natural Pedunculate Oak (*Quercus robur*)/Hornbeam (*Carpinus betulus*) with birch (*Betula* spp.) woodland. The northern part of the wood is predominantly old Hornbeam coppice with occasional mature Ash (*Fraxinus excelsior*) and Field Maple (*Acer campestre*) coppice plus scattered Wild Cherry (*Prunus avium*), birch and Pedunculate Oak. At either end of the site and further to the south the wood is dominated by mature birch with scattered Pedunculate Oak, Ash and Hazel (*Corylus avellana*), particularly to the central area. Along the southern edge the wood is quite open with Bracken (*Pteridium aquilinum*) dominant. Below the canopy the field layer is dominated by Bluebell (*Hyacinthoides non-scripta*), with Dog's Mercury (*Mercurialis perennis*), Yellow Archangel (*Lamium galeobdolon*), Wood Melick (*Melica uniflora*) present in the assemblage. Wildlife Site criteria: Ancient woodland with a semi-natural canopy and field evidence suggesting an ancient origin; >1 ha; shown on Bryant's map (1822). woodland indicator species.



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