

COUNTY: SHROPSHIRE

SITE NAME: GREEN FARM QUARRY

DISTRICT: South Shropshire

SITE REF: 15W3D

Status: Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) notified under Section 28 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 as amended

Local Planning Authority: SHROPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL, South Shropshire District Council

National Grid Reference: SO 607819 Area: 0.4 (ha.) 1.0 (ac.)

Ordnance Survey Sheet 1:50,000: 138 1:10,000: SO 68 SW

Date Notified (Under 1949 Act): – Date of Last Revision: –

Date Notified (Under 1981 Act): 1986 Date of Last Revision: –

Other Information:
New site.

Description and Reasons for Notification:

This is an important site locally for studies of vertebrate palaeontology. The Old Red Sandstone rocks here have yielded a fossil vertebrate fauna of Dittonian (Devonian) age. Fifteen species of 'fish' have been recorded from the site, and this is the type locality for seven species, five of which are unique. Stratigraphically this is the highest (i.e. youngest) 'fish' fauna from the highly fossiliferous Dittonian Strata of the area. Faunas from here may be compared with those of Pembrokeshire, Spitzbergen, Belgium and Podolia (Ukraine), but have little in common with other Welsh borders localities.