

COUNTY: SHROPSHIRE

SITE NAME: BUILDWAS RIVER SECTION

DISTRICT: Shrewsbury & Atcham

SITE REF: 15WA7

Status: Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) notified (Under Section 28 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act) 1981.

Local Planning Authority: SHROPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL, Shrewsbury & Atcham Borough Council

National Grid Reference: SJ 640045

Area: 1.29 (ha.) 3.2 (ac.)

Ordnance Survey Sheet 1:50,000: 127

1:10,000: SJ 60 SW

Date Notified (Under 1949 Act): –

Date of Last Revision: –

Date Notified (Under 1981 Act): 1986

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Other Information:

New site.

Reasons for Notification:

This is a nationally important geological locality providing exposures of highly fossiliferous rocks of Silurian age. The shelly fossils which occur here in the lowest part of the Buildwas Formation, itself named after the locality, are superbly preserved and have been intensively studied since the late 19th Century. This site is also important because the exposures span the boundary between the Llandovery and Wenlock Series, two of the three major divisions of the Silurian system.