

COUNTY: SHROPSHIRE

SITE NAME: COSTON FARM QUARRIES

DISTRICT: South Shropshire

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

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

National Grid Reference: SO 391804, SO 386802  
SO 387803, SO 387806,  
SO 387807

Area: 0.7 (ha.) 1.73 (ac.)

Ordnance Survey Sheet 1:50,000: 137

1:10,000: SO 38 SE

Date Notified (Under 1949 Act): –

Date of Last Revision: –

Date Notified (Under 1981 Act): 1985

Date of Last Revision: –

Other Information:

New site.

Reasons for Notification:

This is an important series of exposures of key stratigraphic interest for rocks of the upper Ordovician System in Britain. The Costonian Stage of the Ordovician Period is named after this area, which lies in the classic geological area of south Shropshire. The rocks originally accumulated as sand and mud on the bed of a shallow sea and are rich in fossil remains. A number of species of both brachiopods and trilobites were first collected and described from these outcrops.