

COUNTY: SHROPSHIRE

SITE NAME: LINCOLN HILL

DISTRICT: The Wrekin

SITE REF: 15WB6

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

Local Planning Authority: SHROPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL, The Wrekin District Council

National Grid Reference: SJ 669038

Area: 5.42 (ha.) 13.4 (ac.)

Ordnance Survey Sheet 1:50,000: 127

1:10,000: SJ 60 SE

Date Notified (Under 1949 Act): –

Date of Last Revision: –

Date Notified (Under 1981 Act): 1985

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Other Information:

New site.

Reasons for Notification:

This is an historically famous fossil locality showing strata of Wenlock Series age. The abundant shelly faunas here have been studied since the time of Murchison, who first described and figured the site. This is the type locality for a number of fossil groups, notably ostracods, and has played a key role in recent years in fresh studies of the fossil faunas of the Wenlock Series of the Silurian period. Detailed studies of the Lincoln Hill faunas have been important in understanding the environment of the famous Wenlock reef and its adjacent backreef lagoon.