

COUNTY: SHROPSHIRE

SITE NAME: HILLEND QUARRY

DISTRICT: South Shropshire

SITE REF: 15WT8

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 396876 Area: 0.2 (ha.) 0.4 (ac.)

Ordnance Survey Sheet 1:50,000: 137 1:10,000: SO 38 NE

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

Date Notified (Under 1981 Act): 1987 Date of Last Revision: –

Other Information:

New site.

Description and Reasons for Notification:

At this site the *Pentamerus* Beds – the lowest beds of the Silurian in this area – overlie Precambrian strata, displaying the maximum extent of local pre-Llandovery angular unconformity. A diverse brachiopod fauna characterises these rocks and interbedded silty shales contain conodonts and acritarchs – micro fossils useful in dating rocks. This is an important site for the study of stratigraphic relationships in the Shropshire area.