COUNTY: NORTHAMPTONSHIRE  
SITE NAME: COLLYWESTON SLATE MINE  

District: East Northamptonshire  

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

Local Planning Authority: East Northamptonshire District Council  

National Grid Reference: TF 000030  

Ordnance Survey Sheet 1:50,000: 141  
1:10,000: TF 00 SW, SK 90 SE  

Date Notified (Under 1949 Act): 1955  
Date of Last Revision: 1970  

Date Notified (Under 1981 Act): 1984  
Date of Last Revision:  

Area: 0.81 ha 2.0 ac  

Description and Reasons for Notification  
This slate mine, actively exploited until 1963, exposes the ‘Collyweston Slate’ of the Jurassic lower Lincolnshire Limestone Formation. A stratigraphically important section is visible in the shaft and the site also provides a useful illustration of the now virtually defunct mode of exploitation of the slates. An important site as the type locality for the slate, over which there has been much debate concerning dating.