COUNTY: NORTHAMPTONSHIRE        SITE NAME: FINEDON TOP LODGE QUARRY

District: Wellingborough

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

Local Planning Authority: Wellingborough Borough Council

National Grid Reference: SP 925699

Ordnance Survey Sheet 1:50,000: 141          1:10,000: SP 96 NW

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

Date Notified (Under 1981 Act): 1986          Date of Last Revision:

Area: 0.9 ha 2.1 ac

Other Information: This is a new site identified as being of national importance by the Geological Conservation Review.

Description and Reasons for Notification

This locality is of considerable sedimentological and palaeontological interest, in addition to being of stratigraphical value.

This locality exposes a complete section of the Middle Jurassic Rutland Formation, including the type-section of the Wellingborough Member. Most of the overlying White Limestone is also exposed, containing important in situ shell banks of oysters and rhynchonellids within the well developed Kallirhynchia sharpi Beds.