

COUNTY: DORSET            SITE NAME: PEASHILL QUARRY

DISTRICT: WEST DORSET

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

Local Planning Authority: DORSET COUNTY COUNCIL, West Dorset District Council

National Grid Reference: SY 495916 Area: 0.45 (ha.) 1.11 (ac.)

Ordnance Survey Sheet 1:50,000: 194            1:10,000: SY 49 SE

Date Notified (Under 1949 Act): 1952            Date of Last Revision: 1977

Date Notified (Under 1981 Act): 1989            Date of Last Revision: –

Other Information:

Site listed in the Geological Conservation Review.

Boundary amended by deletion. Site lies within the Dorset Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).

Description and Reasons for Notification:

This site has been renowned for many years for its section through the Upper Inferior Oolite and its fauna of bryozoans and sponges. Six genera of sponge and ten genera of bryozoan have been recorded, as well as thirty eight species of foraminifera. The Upper Inferior Oolite with its important sponge beds fauna overlies Lower Inferior Oolite of the *opalinum* biozone.