

**County:** Devon      **Site Name:** Kent's Cavern

**District:** Torbay

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

**Local Planning Authority:** Devon County Council, Torbay Borough Council

**National Grid Reference:** SX 934641      **Area:** 1.7 (ha) 4.2 (ac)

**Ordnance Survey Sheet 1:50,000:** 202      **1:10,000:** SX 96 SW

**Date Notified (Under 1949 Act):** 1952      **Date of Last Revision:** 1974

**Date Notified (Under 1981 Act):** 1993      **Date of Last Revision:** –

**Other Information:**

A Geological Conservation Review site.

**Description and Reasons for Notification:**

Kent's Cavern is a famous and important Quaternary site. It is significant for studies in palaeontology and stratigraphy and for elucidating environmental and faunal changes during the Quaternary Period. The cave deposits have yielded numerous vertebrate remains (including hyena, cave bear, cave lion, sabre-toothed tiger, mammoth, woolly rhinoceros and bison) of Late Pleistocene age. Human remains and stone artefacts are also associated with these deposits. Kent's Cavern is also notable for the presence of sediments assigned to the Hoxnian Interglacial Period.