COUNTY: NORFOLK SITE NAME: HAPPISBURGH CLIFFS

DISTRICT: NORTH NORFOLK

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

Local Planning Authority: North Norfolk District Council

National Grid Reference: TG 379314 TG 383311 Area: 5.9 (ha.) 14.5 (ac.)

Ordnance Survey Sheet 1:50,000: 133 1:10,000: TG 33 SE

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

Date Notified (Under 1981 Act): 1985 Date of Last Revision: –

Other Information:
A new site.

Description:
This locality is important both for the cliff exposures which uniquely show three glacial deposits, the Cromer Tills (of Anglian age) with intercalated waterlain sediments, and for the underlying Cromer Forest-bed Formation, exposed in the foreshore, with excellent development of pre-Pastonion and Pastonian sediments. An important site for dating the Pleistocene succession of East Anglia with a range of sediments from marine to freshwater and glacial, spanning five stages, from the pre-Pastonian to the Anglian.