

COUNTY: Norfolk

SITE NAME: CAISTOR ST EDMUND CHALK PIT

DISTRICT: South Norfolk

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

Local Planning Authority: South Norfolk District Council

National Grid Reference: TG 239048

Area: 23.8 (ha) 58.8 (ac)

Ordnance Survey Sheet 1:50,000: 134

1:10,000: TG 20 SW, NW

Date Notified (Under 1949 Act): 1968

Date of Last Revision: N/A

Date Notified (Under 1981 Act): 1985

Date of Last Revision: –

Other Information:

Reasons for Notification:

A geological site which displays the best exposure of The Upper Cretaceous (Late Campanian) Beeston Chalk, a unit not exposed in coastal sections, and representing some of the youngest *in situ* chalk in Britain. The site is famous for its large flints, known as 'potstones' and 'paramoudras', with their remarkable contained burrow systems. The Chalk is here very fossiliferous; of note are the specimens of the molluscs *Belemnitella* and *Inoceramus* and Sea Urchin *Echinocorys* which it commonly yields.