

COUNTY: GLOUCESTERSHIRE

SITE NAME: HOBBS QUARRY, LONGHOPE

DISTRICT: FOREST OF DEAN

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

Local Planning Authority: GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL, Forest of Dean District Council

National Grid Reference: SO 695194

Area: 0.75 (ha.) 1.86 (ac.)

Ordnance Survey Sheet 1:50,000: 162

1:10,000: SO 61 NE

Date Notified (Under 1949 Act): 1966

Date of Last Revision: 1974

Date Notified (Under 1981 Act): 1985

Date of Last Revision: –

Other Information:

Owned by Gloucester Trust for Nature Conservation.

Reasons for Notification:

An excellent exposure of Silurian Wenlock Limestone, particularly noted for its small reef-like mounds ('ballstones') and associated sinuous drapes of overlying bedded limestones. These limestones are very fossiliferous, containing a great variety of fossil organisms. Many of the fossils from this locality have been described and figured in scientific publications dating from the mid 19th century – including classic texts by T Davidson.