

File ref:

**County:**                               **Leicestershire**                               **Site name: Sproxton Quarry**

**District:**                               **Melton**

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

**Local Planning Authority:**   Melton Borough Council

**National Grid Reference:**   SK 864253                               **Area:**               5.5 (ha)       13.6 (ac)

**Ordnance Survey Sheet 1: 50 000:** 130                               **1: 10 000:**    SK 82 NE

**Date Notified (Under 1949 Act):**   1981                               **Date of Last Revision:**

**Date Notified (Under 1981 Act):**   1986                               **Date of Last Revision:**       -

**Other Information:**

**Description and Reasons for Notification:**

Sproxton provides one of the finest and most complete sections of the lower Lincolnshire Limestone Formation, together with the underlying Grantham and Northampton Sand Formation. The main significance of this section rests in the stratigraphical and sedimentological features of the Lower Lincolnshire Formation, particularly its small scale cycles and rare ammonites. An Aalenian-Bajocian sequence unrivalled in the southern Lincolnshire - Leicestershire area.