

COUNTY: Norfolk

SITE NAME: WEYBOURNE CLIFFS+

DISTRICT: North Norfolk

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

Local Planning Authority: North Norfolk District Council

National Grid Reference: TG 111437 to TG 152435

Area: 39.8 (ha) 98.3 (ac)

Ordnance Survey Sheet 1:50,000: 133

1:10,000: TG 14 SW, SE

Date Notified (Under 1949 Act): +1964 *1954

Date of Last Revision: –

Date Notified (Under 1981 Act): 1985

Date of Last Revision: –

Other Information:

The site has been extended to include the former Skelding Hill Cliffs SSSI* and includes an extension which bridges the gap between the two old sites.

Reasons for Notification:

Cliffs east of Weybourne afford the best Pleistocene sections showing the pre-Cromerian deposits of the Cromer Forest bed. The Pastonian 'Weybourne Crag', here at its type locality, with its marine molluscs has been known since the early days of geology. An historic site with outstanding Pleistocene sections of national importance.

The marine "crag" here have yielded both large and small mammal remains, of Pastonian and probably also pre-Pastonian age. Little has been published on these important fossils and the site remains one with considerable potential for future vertebrate finds.

Additional biological interest is provided by colonies of sand martins in the cliff-face and of fulmars (73 pairs in 1982) on the cliff ledges.