

County: Devon

Site Name: Shapwick Grange Quarry

District: East Devon

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

Local Planning Authority: Devon County Council
East Devon District Council

National Grid Reference: SY 313918 **Area:** 6.0 (ha) 14.8 (ac)

Ordnance Survey Sheet 1:50,000: 193 **1:10,000:** SY 39 SW

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

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

Other Information:

This is a new site.

Description and Reasons for Notification:

The quarry is the only locality in Devon to have yielded an *in situ* ammonite fauna belonging to the *dispar* zone (Albian Stage) of the Cretaceous Upper Greensand. It is of vital biostratigraphic importance as this gives a precise relative date for this deposit locally, at a time when there is still controversy over the age of this widespread formation in south-west England. This is a key site for palaeogeographic and stratigraphic studies in the Lower Cretaceous.