

County: Dorset **Site Name:** Blashenwell Farm Pit

District: Purbeck

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

Local Planning Authority: Purbeck District Council, Dorset County Council

National Grid Reference: SY 952805 **Area:** 11.4 (ha) 28.2 (ac)

Ordnance Survey Sheet 1:50,000: 195 **1:10,000:** SY 98 SE

Date Notified (Under 1949 Act): 1954 **Date of Last Revision:** –

Date Notified (Under 1981 Act): 1988 **Date of Last Revision:** –

Other Information:

A Geological Conservation Review Site. Site boundary amended by extension.

Description and Reasons for Notification:

The tufa deposit at Blashenwell Farm is important for Quaternary studies, providing a detailed record of molluscan biostratigraphy and environmental history during the early- and mid-Flandrian (mollusc assemblage zones b to d). It is particularly valuable for the length and continuity of the record and the dating potential provided by the presence of associated archaeological remains. Several radiocarbon dates are also available from the site.

Notified to the Secretary of State on 12 Feb 88