

County: Devon

Site Name: Richmond Walk

District: Plymouth

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
Plymouth City Council

National Grid Reference: SX 460543 **Area:**0.205 (ha) 0.5 (ac)

Ordnance Survey Sheet 1:50,000: 201 **1:10,000:** SX 45 SE

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

Date Notified (Under 1981 Act): 1992 **Date of Last Revision:** –

Other Information:

This is a new site.

A Geological Conservation Review site.

Description and Reasons for Notification:

This site exposes a good section through fossiliferous Devonian limestones notable for their coral and conodont faunas, of mid-late Givetian age. This site is of importance in interpreting the changing palaeoecology of the area in mid-Devonian times. Richmond Walk illustrates the transition from black argillaceous limestones to massive, grey stomatoporoid limestones, indicating a shallowing of the sea locally during the Givetian.