

Date Notified: 7 December 1987

County: Humberside

Site Name: **Withow Gap, Skipsea**

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

Local Planning Authority: East Yorkshire Borough Council

National Grid Reference: TA 183546

Area: 7.8 (ha) 19.3 (ac)

Ordnance Survey Sheet 1:50,000: 107

1:10,000: TA 15 SE

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Description:

Withow Gap, Skipsea is an important site for the interpretation of Late Devensian (glacial) and Flandrian (post-glacial) environmental history in Holderness. The unique feature of the site is the exposure in a coastal section of a sequence of mere deposits which occupies a hollow in the Late Devensian (Skipsea) till. This provides an unusual opportunity to see the complete stratigraphy, its lateral variations and the complexity of the geomorphological processes that operated at the former lake margin. Both the coastal section and the sub-surface aspects of the hollow inland are invaluable for research and education, and the site has yielded a considerable volume of palaeoenvironmental data from studies of pollen, plant macrofossils, molluscs and lithostratigraphy.

Other Information:

The site is identified as being of national importance in the Geological Conservation Review.