

Date Notified: 18th July 1986

File ref: NY 62/3

County: Cumbria **Site Name:** Pus Gill

District: Eden

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

Local Planning Authority: Eden District Council

National Grid Reference: NY 696256 **Area:** 2.3 (ha) 5.7 (ac)
NY 705262

Ordnance Survey Sheet 1:50,000: 91
1:10,000: NY 62 NE, NY 72 NW

Date Notified (Under 1949 Act): 1951
Date of Last Revision: 1975

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

Other Information:

Part of the site was formerly within the Upper Teesdale and Appleby Fells SSSI.

Description and Reasons for Notification:

Pus Gill forms a deep, densely wooded ravine at the base of Dufton Pike. The stream running through Gus Gill and the village of Dufton forms part of the River Eden catchment and the stream sides are of geological importance as they represent the type section of the Pusgillian stage, the lowest stage of the Ashgill series of modern usage. The stream section contains the type-section of the "Corona Beds", and has yielded type material of both brachiopods and trilobites. Rocks of Onnian and Lower Longvillian age are also represented in this fossiliferous section, the most extensive Pusgillian section in the north of England, and thus a key National reference section.