

COUNTY: KENT

SITE NAME: DALHAM FARM

BOROUGH: ROCHESTER UPON MEDWAY

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

Local Planning Authority: Rochester upon Medway Borough Council

National Grid Reference: TQ 778753                      Area: 9 (ha.) 22.2 (ac.)

Ordnance Survey Sheet 1:50,000: 178                      1:10,000: TQ/77 NE

Date Notified (Under 1949 Act): 1981                      Date of Last Revision: –

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Other Information:

This site, formerly known as High Halstow, is listed in the Geological Conservation Review.

Reasons for Notification:

Dalham Farm is one of very few undisturbed areas which show mass movement phenomena on low-angled, inland slopes of London Clay. It shows failure by successive rotational landslipping on a slope of about 8°, the effects of which are visible as a series of ridges and small scarps crossing the slope. Dalham Farm illustrates what is possibly the lowest angled slope failure in Great Britain and is important in demonstrating slope degradation in the absence of coastal erosion and removal of material from the base.