

COUNTY: BERKSHIRE

SITE NAME: PARK FARM DOWN

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

Local Planning Authorities: Newbury District Council

National Grid Reference: SU299826

Ordnance Survey Sheet 1:50,000: 174 **1:10,000:** SU28 SE

Date Notified (Under 1949 Act): 1970 **Date of Last Revision:**

Date Notified (Under 1981 Act): 1982 **Date of Last Revision:**

Area: 3.2 ha 8 ac

Other information: A site within the North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Boundary amended in 1982.

Description and Reasons for Notification

An area of scattered sarsen stones which are now extremely rare on the Berkshire Downs. The stones support a flora of rare and local lichens and the site is the easternmost known locality in Britain for *Buellia saxorum*, *Candelariella coralliza* and *Ramalina siliquosa*. *Ramalina* is characteristically a maritime species and occurs here at its most inland locality.