

COUNTY: DEVON SITE NAME: DEAN STEEP

DISTRICT: NORTH DEVON

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, Exmoor National Park Authority

National Grid Reference: SS 709479 Area: 1.8 (ha.) 4.4 (ac.)

Ordnance Survey Sheet 1:50,000: 180 1:10,000: SS 74 NW

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

Date Notified (Under 1981 Act): 1985 Date of Last Revision: –

Other Information:

A new site.

In Exmoor National Park.

In County Structure Plan Nature Conservation Zone.

Description and Reasons for Notification:

This extensive section provides excellent exposures of the Devonian aged 'Lynton Beds' and the overlying 'Hangman Sandstone' formations.

Fossils indicate that the boundary between these two series of rocks corresponds approximately to the boundary between the Lower and Middle Devonian rocks, which are here seen to grade conformably into each other without any break in the sequence.