

COUNTY: HEREFORD & WORCESTER

SITE NAME: ELTON LANE CUTTING

DISTRICT: LEOMINSTER

SITE REF: 15 WQH

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

Local Planning Authority: HEREFORD & WORCESTER COUNTY COUNCIL,
Leominster District Council

National Grid Reference: SO 465704

Area: 0.3 (ha.) 0.7 (ac.)

Ordnance Survey Sheet 1:50,000: 137, 148

1:10,000: SO 47 SE

Date Notified (Under 1949 Act): 1969

Date of Last Revision: 1975

Date Notified (Under 1981 Act): 1989

Date of Last Revision: –

Other Information:

Description and Reasons for Notification:

This is a classic section in the Ludlow Series of the Silurian, well known for the early studies carried out here on its graptolite faunas. The section includes the Lower, Middle and Upper Elton Formations. This is the standard section for the *Neodiversograptus nilssoni* and *Pristiograptus tumescens* biozones. This site is key one for studies of late Silurian rocks and biostratigraphy.