

COUNTY: HEREFORD AND WORCESTER SITE NAME: ECKINGTON RAILWAY
CUTTING

DISTRICT: WYCHAVON

SITE REF: 15 W2C

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

Local Planning Authority: HEREFORD AND WORCESTER COUNTY COUNCIL,
Wychavon District Council

National Grid Reference: SO 920417 Area: 0.9 (ha.) 2.2 (ac.)

Ordnance Survey Sheet 1:50,000: 150 1:10,000: SO 94 SW

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

Date Notified (Under 1981 Act): 1990 Date of Last Revision: –

Other Information:
New site.

Description and Reasons for Notification:

This site provides exposures in highly fossiliferous Pleistocene interglacial gravels and sands, belonging to Terrace 3 of the River Avon. It had yielded the most extensive molluscan fauna of any Severn/Avon river site, and mammalian remains are exceptionally abundant, including hippopotamus. The latter is of great importance since it provides strong evidence of an Ipswichian age for this terrace, upon which hinges much of the established Pleistocene chronology of the region. The site is therefore of great importance in studies of the British Quarternary Period.