

COUNTY: Norfolk

SITE NAME: WIGGENHALL ST GERMANS

DISTRICT: Kings Lynn and West Norfolk

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

Local Planning Authority: The Borough Council of Kings Lynn and West Norfolk

National Grid Reference: TF 588 139

Area: 5.10 (ha) 12.60 (ac)

Ordnance Survey Sheet 1:50,000: 143

1:10,000: TF 51 SE

Date Notified (Under 1949 Act): N/A

Date of Last Revision: N/A

Date Notified (Under 1981 Act): 1992

Date of Last Revision: –

Other Information:

GCR Block: Holocene Sea Level

**Description and Reasons for Notification:**

Wiggenhall St Germans was one of the first sites in Britain to be investigated for sea-level studies using pollen and foraminifera analyses. The sequence of deposits is dominated by fine-grained clastic sediments intercalated by three peat layers and with a thin basal peat. The site is important both historically and for future research. Detailed analysis of the whole sequence of deposits together with radiocarbon dating will provide much useful palaeoenvironmental and chronological information.