

COUNTY: Norfolk

SITE NAME: HUNSTANTON PARK ESKER

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 695 409

Area: 17.110 (ha) 42.28 (ac)

Ordnance Survey Sheet 1:50,000: 132

1:10,000: TF 64 SE

Date Notified (Under 1949 Act): N/A

Date of Last Revision: N/A

Date Notified (Under 1981 Act): 1990

Date of Last Revision: N/A

Other Information:

GCR Block: Pleistocene/Quaternary of East Anglia. New Site.

Description and Reasons for Notification:

STATEMENT OF INTEREST:

This site is important for an esker of Devensian age which extends ca. 1.5 km from north of Ringstead Downs to Hunstanton Hall. The esker is particularly well developed in its central and southern sections, and occasional sections assist in demonstrating the internal structure, composition and genesis of this type of glaciofluvial landform. Hunstanton Park provides a good example of a landform which is relatively uncommon in central and southern England and is the only one of Devensian age in the area.