

COUNTY: GLOUCESTERSHIRE

SITE NAME: ROBINS WOOD HILL  
QUARRY

DISTRICT: GLOUCESTER

SITE REF: 15 WXL

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

Local Planning Authority: GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL, Gloucester City Council

National Grid Reference: SO 836148

Area: 1.67 (ha.) 4.13 (ac.)

Ordnance Survey Sheet 1:50,000: 162

1:10,000: SO 81 SW

Date Notified (Under 1949 Act): 1966

Date of Last Revision: 1974

Date Notified (Under 1981 Act): 1986

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**Other Information:**

Forms part of Robins Wood Hill Country Park. Boundary modification (reduction).

**Reasons for Notification:**

Robin's Wood Hill Quarry provides the best inland section of Lower Jurassic, Middle Lias strata in Britain; a complete section of the Upper Pliensbachian Stage is present. The geology of this well known site has been intensively studied and particularly the diverse faunas which it yields; notably fifty-four species of fossil molluscs have been recorded here. The silty character of the Middle Lias, Marlstone Rock Bed here contrasts markedly with the contemporaneous Junction Bed of the Dorset coast and the ironstones of the Midlands, an important feature in reconstructing the geography and environment of the early Jurassic.