

COUNTY: EAST SUSSEX SITE NAME: HOUGHTON GREEN CLIFF

DISTRICT: ROTHER

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

Local Planning Authority: ROTHER DISTRICT COUNCIL

National Grid Ref: TQ 931224 Area: 0.125 (ha.) 0.31 (ac.)

Ordnance Survey Sheets 1:50,000: 189 1:10,000: TQ 92 SW

Date Notified (Under 1981 Act): 1990 Date of Last Revision: 1992

Other Information:

This is a new site and is to be included in 'A Geological Conservation Review.'

Reasons for Notification:

The old undercliff here exposes the upper (fluvial top fan delta) division of the Cliff End Sandstone Member of the lower Wadhurst Clay Formation (lower Hastings Beds Group). This is complementary to the site at Winchelsea which exposes the lower (pro-fan delta) division of the Member. (The member has been mapped here as upper Ashdown Sand Formation by BGS.) This is a key site for the study of the sandstone bodies in the Hastings Group clay formations.