

COUNTY: ESSEX

SITE NAME: HARWICH FORESHORE

DISTRICT: TENDRING

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

Local Planning Authority: Tendring District Council

National Grid Reference: TM 263320

Area: 10.63 (ha.) 26.27 (ac.)

Ordnance Survey Sheet 1:500,000: 169

1:10,000: TM 23 SE

Date Notified (Under 1949 Act): –

Date of Last Revision: –

Date Notified (Under 1981 Act): 1986

Date of Last Revision: –

Other Information:

A new site.

Reasons for Notification:

This locality yields the only fossil flora securely with certainty attributable to the lowest division of the Eocene London Clay [A1]. Its composition is typical of the formation and specimens are abundant. Association of the plants with ash bands within the Clay may aid correlations elsewhere in the basin since they form useful marker horizons. A recently discovered site with great research potential.