

**County:** Essex **Site Name:** River Ter

**District:** Chelmsford

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

**Local Planning Authority:** Essex County Council and Chelmsford District Council

**National Grid Reference:** TL 744155 to 733157 **Area:** 6.38 (ha) 15.76 (ac)

**Ordnance Survey Sheet 1: 50 000:** 167 **1: 10 000:** TL 71 NW

**Date Notified (Under 1949 Act):** - **Date of Last Revision:** -

**Date Notified (Under 1981 Act):** 8 March 1994 **Date of Last Revision:** -

**Other Information:**

This is a new site.

**Description and Reasons for Notification:**

This reach of the River Ter is representative of a lowland stream with a distinctive floor regime. It is flashy, draining a low-lying catchment on glacial till, and has a very low base flow discharge but high flood peaks; daily, monthly and annual flow variability are also high. In addition the site demonstrates characteristic features of a lowland stream including pool-riffle sequences, bank erosion, bedload transport and dimensional adjustments to flooding frequency.