

COUNTY: BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

SITE NAME: FERN HOUSE GRAVEL PIT

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

Local Planning Authorities: Wycombe District Council, Buckinghamshire County Council

National Grid Reference: SU883885

Ordnance Survey Sheet 1:50,000: 175 **1:10,000:** SU88 NE

Date Notified (Under 1949 Act): 1951 **Date of Last Revision:** 1975

Date Notified (Under 1981 Act): 1986 **Date of Last Revision:**

Area: 1.3 ha 3.2 ac

Description and Reasons for Notification

This pit shows a thick sequence of Pleistocene deposits: over five metres of Taplow Terrace gravels are overlain by one metre of loam and two metres of soliflucted gravel. The terrace deposits have yielded abundant remains of mammoth, and occasional other mammalian material. The site is the best available exposure of Taplow Terrace deposits in the Middle Thames, and therefore of considerable importance.