

COUNTY: BEDFORDSHIRE **SITE NAME:** NINE ACRES PIT

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

Local Planning Authorities: South Bedfordshire District Council
Bedfordshire County Council

National Grid Reference: SP 938277

Ordnance Survey Sheet 1:50,000: 165 **1:10,000:** SP 92 NW

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

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

Area: 20.72 ha 51.20 ac

Other Information: This is a Geological Conservation Review (GCR) site.

Description and Reasons for Notification

This locality shows a Lower Cretaceous section spanning the Aptian and Albian stages, including the finest development of Carstone and Shenley Limestone in the Leighton Buzzard area as well as superb exposures of dune bedding in the Upper Woburn Sands.

The famous Shenley Limestone contains a unique fossil fauna of a diversity virtually unparalleled in the Albian elsewhere.