

CITATION

ACHNASHEEN TERRACES SITE OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST Highland (Wester Ross)

Site code: 016

NATIONAL GRID REFERENCE: NH 160 580
OS 1:50,000 SHEET NO: Landranger Series 20
1:25,000 SHEET NO: Explorer Series 430/ 435/ 436
AREA: 232.71 hectares

NOTIFIED NATURAL FEATURES:

Geological: Quaternary geology and geomorphology Quaternary of Scotland

DESCRIPTION:

Achnasheen Terraces SSSI is located to the south of Achnasheen and is bisected by the Inverness-Kyle railway and the A890 road. The site encompasses one of the best examples in Scotland of a suite of outwash terraces associated with a stage in the deglaciation of the last ice sheet. The fine detail of the terraces, their compact form and clear visibility, and the striking examples of ice contact slopes at their western and south-western margins are particularly distinguishing features of this site.

NOTIFICATION HISTORY:

First notified under the 1949 Act: 1978
Re-notified under the 1981 Act: 16 May 1985
Notification reviewed under the 2004 Act: 30 July 2008

REMARKS:

Measured area of site corrected (from 225.34 hectares).