

SITE: WESTINGTON CAMP

1. Location: lies to south of A411 road between Leominster and Bromyard, east of Docklow.
2. Grid reference: S0583567
3. Date of survey: 16.4.92 and 5.5.92
4. Geology: mudstone with beds of sandstone covered with head and fluvio-glacial deposits (sheet 198, Hereford scale 1:50000).
5. Climatic limitations: the highest grade the site can be classified is Grade 2 due to climate limitation imposed by a combination of average annual rainfall and temperature.
6. Site limitations: these exist where slopes impose limitation on the use of agricultural machinery and are refer to under paragraph 8.
7. Agricultural land use: at the time of the survey the land was under cereals, oilseed rape and grass.
8. Agricultural land quality:

Subgrade 3a - soils typically have a sandy silt loam texture over lying clay loam, sandy silt loam or clay at depth. In places the soil was impenetrable with a hand held auger below 50 cms due to stony soil horizons. The main limitations to the agricultural use of this land are stoniness and droughtiness.

Subgrade 3b - soils have a sandy silt loam texture occassionally over lying silty clay loam and often impenetrable below 40 cms. The gradient of much of this land exceeds 7° and this is the main limitation to the agricultural use of the land.

Grade 4 - where the gradient exceeds 18° and the relief is irregular land has been classified as Grade 4 due to limitations for the use of agricultural machinery.