

# Blaenau Gwent Wildlife Site/SINC Notification Form

## SITE SUMMARY

SITE NAME:

GRID REF:

SURVEYOR(S):

SIZE (approx.):

DATE OF SURVEY:

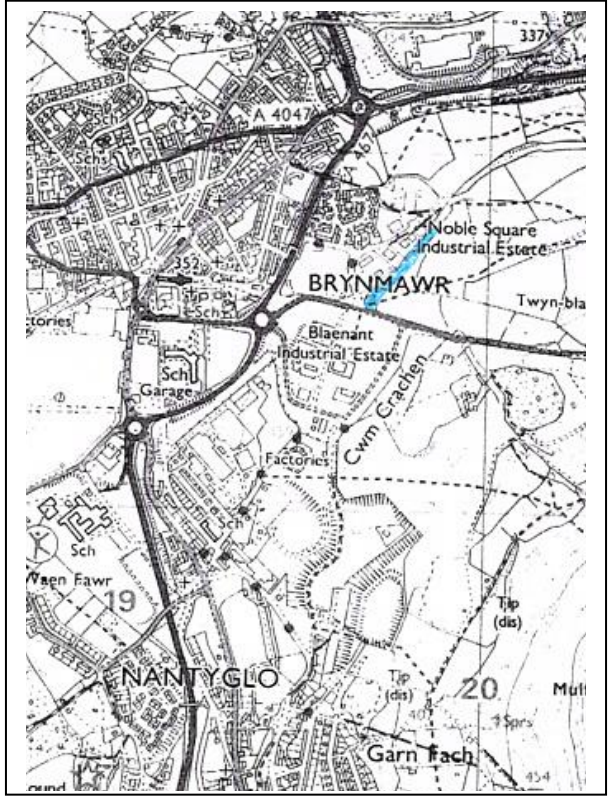
LOCAL AUTHORITY AREA:

WARD:

### MAIN HABITAT TYPES PRESENT:

Habitat types	NVC type	Area (ha)
SI acid grassland/post industrial grassland	-	
Ruderals	-	

### SKETCH MAP OF SITES LOCATION:



### FULL DESCRIPTION OF SITE (including topography, adjacent land use, access and boundaries etc.):

A narrow strip of fenced land including an old embankment (associated with old railway?) situated alongside Noble Street Industrial Estate and adjacent to a track. The strip provides an access corridor to the wider common land to the north and is unfenced at its junction with the common. Interest is mainly associated with the steep side and top of the western bank, where a good variety of herbs were recorded, associated with the stony, nutrient poor spoil. *Centaurea nigra* (common knapweed), *Tussilago farfara* (colt's foot), *Lotus corniculatus*, composites, clovers and *Linum catharticum* (fairy flax) are all fairly constant herbs over the bank, with more locally frequent (red bartsia), *Euphrasia officinalis* (eyebright), *Pimpinella saxifraga* (burnet saxifrage) and *Centaureum erythraea* (common centaury). *Dactylorhiza sp.* (common/heath spotted orchid), *Tragopogon pratensis* (goat's beard), *Campanula rotundiflora* (harebell) and *Solidago virgaurea* (goldenrod) were also recorded.

The base of the slope is characterised by tall grassy vegetation, with thistles and others ruderals. The wide track and associated flatter ground is itself poorly vegetated, with little interest. A drainage ditch runs alongside the eastern edge of the track.

Waxcaps were locally frequent including *Hygrocybe nigrescens* (blackening waxcap).

Incidental Fauna: Peacock butterfly, bumblebee

**Official Use Only:** Site selected as a Wildlife Site/SINC? YES  NO  Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please state the section(s) of the Wildlife Site Guidelines that this site qualifies under:

**H4) Neutral grassland**

**H18) Mineral Spoil tips & Other Post Industrial Land**

The post industrial site contains indicator species from a variety of grassland types, however overall supports sufficient neutral indicators to qualify under H4) Neutral grasslands

Qualifying Habitat types	Number of indicator species present
Semi improved neutral grassland	16