

Blaenau Gwent Wildlife Site/SINC Notification Form

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NAME:

GRID REF: SO213022

SURVEYOR(S):

SIZE (approx.):

DATE OF SURVEY:

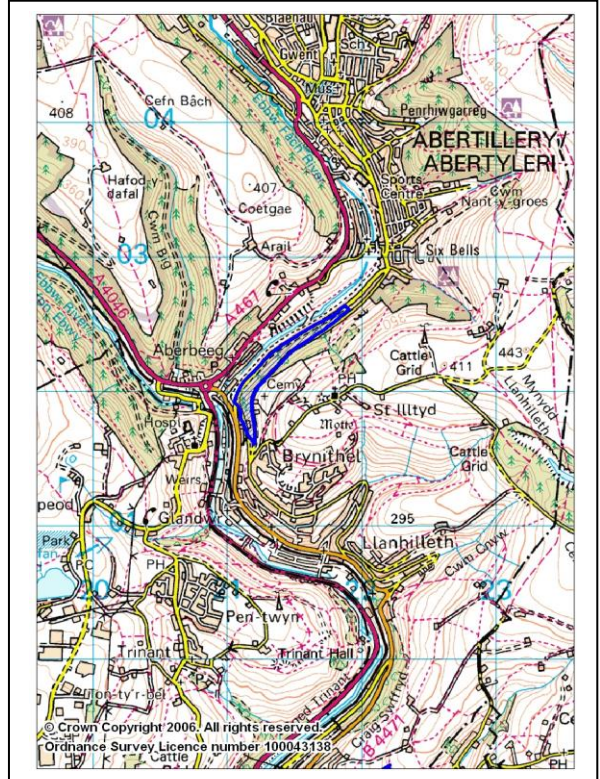
LOCAL AUTHORITY AREA:

WARD:

MAIN HABITAT TYPES PRESENT:

Habitat types	NVC type	Area (ha)
Woodland – dry	W10 W11 W15 W16 W21	
Heath	-	

SKETCH MAP OF SITES LOCATION:



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

On steep W-NW facing ground above Aberbeeg. The stands are essentially of sessile oak (*Quercus petraea*), but with dense ground flora including bracken (*Pteridium aquilinum*), bramble (*Rubus* spp.) and locally wavy hair grass (*Deschampsia flexuosa*), suggesting some soil enrichment (possibly from above). Regeneration has been good with locally abundant saplings (especially along roadside embankments) but fewer seedlings, probably reflecting the abundant ground and field layer plants.

Locally fenced from housing it is otherwise open without signs of grazing.

Access is easier from A467 below. Altitude is c250m. Adjacent land includes housing, pastures, roads. A beech stand is present and associated thicket of large saplings, plus bracken (*P. aquilinum*) / hawthorn (*Crataegus monogyna*) scrub.

Section(s) of the Wildlife Site Guidelines that this site qualifies under:

H1) Woodland (*Beech stand & Upland oak wood*)

Official Use Only: Site selected as a Wildlife Site/SINC? YES NO Date: _____