

# Blaenau Gwent Wildlife Site/SINC Notification Form

## SITE SUMMARY

SITE NAME:

GRID REF:

SURVEYOR(S):

SIZE (approx.):

DATE OF SURVEY:

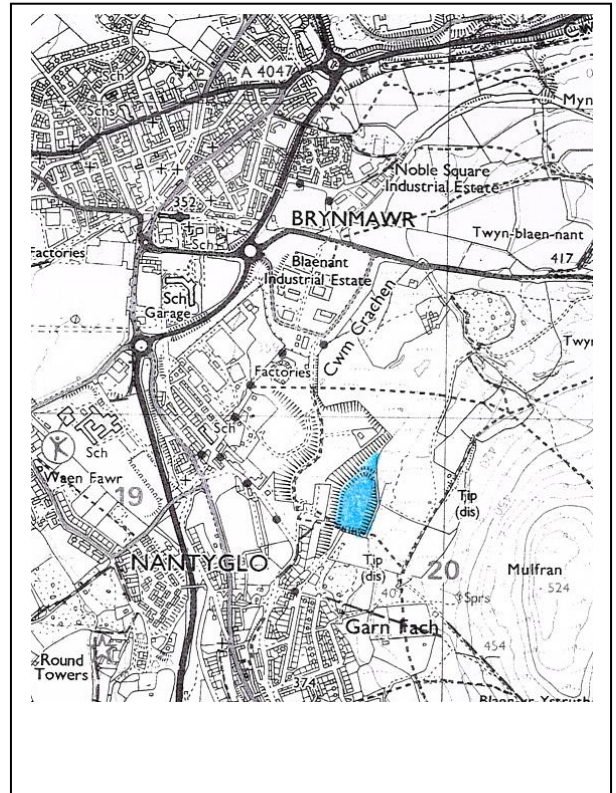
LOCAL AUTHORITY AREA:

WARD:

### MAIN HABITAT TYPES PRESENT:

Habitat types	NVC type	Area (ha)
Semi improved acid grassland/post industrial	-	
Scrub	-	
Neutral grassland/marshy grassland	M23	
Ditch/open water	-	

### SKETCH MAP OF SITES LOCATION:



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

Large area consisting of a flat central area, enclosed by steep embankments, which characterise this post industrial site. The central area supports a damp neutral/marshy grassland and series of small pools. The ponds include *Glyceria fluitans* (floating sweet grass) and *Potamogeton* (pondweed species) and *Callitriche* (water starwort species) and marshy vegetation is characterised by frequent *Juncus effusus* (soft rush), *Holcus lanatus* (Yorkshire fog) and *Agrostis tenuis* (common bent) together with *Prunella vulgaris* (self heal), *Ranunculus acris* (meadow buttercup) and *Rumex acetosa* (common sorrel) interspersed with local patches of *Lotus corniculatus* (bird's foot trefoil) and *Calluna vulgaris* (heather). A ditch runs around the central marshy vegetation, alongside the bottom of the embankment.

The embankment supports a dry sparse grassland community and is variable in species composition with some regions characterised by *Ranunculus acris*, *Trifolium repens* (white clover) and *Holcus lanatus*, while elsewhere plant diversity is greater, for example *Rhinanthus minor* (yellow rattle) and *Centaurea erythraea* (common centaury) on northern bank and *Calluna vulgaris*, *Vaccinium myrtillus* (bilberry), *Lotus corniculatus* and *Potentilla erecta* (tormentil) on the western bank. Scrub, including *Salix sp.* (willow sp.) and *Ulex sp.* (gorse) is invading parts of the banks.

Beyond a stream at the north of the site a small area of marshy grassland including *Deschampsia cespitosa* (tufted hair grass), *Juncus effusus*, *Centaurea nigra* (common knapweed), *Lotus uliginosus* (greater bird's foot trefoil), *Holcus lanatus* and *Plantago lanceolata* (ribwort plantain).

The site is linked via a fenced corridor to acid grassland to the south.

**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 grasslands**

**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	10