

# Blaenau Gwent Wildlife Site/SINC Notification Form

## SITE SUMMARY

SITE NAME:

GRID REF: SO164070

SURVEYOR(S):

SIZE (approx.):

DATE OF SURVEY:

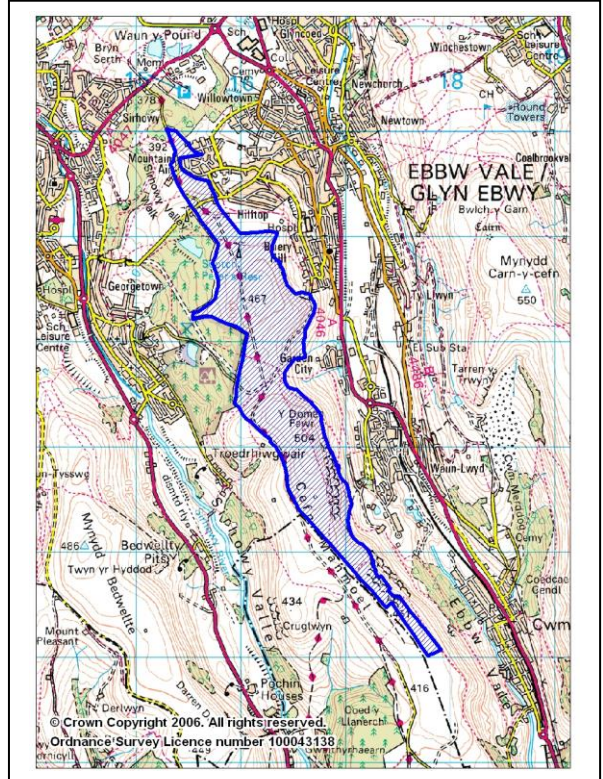
LOCAL AUTHORITY AREA:

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### MAIN HABITAT TYPES PRESENT:

Habitat types	NVC type	Area (ha)
Acid Grassland	U4/U5/U20	
Marshy Grassland	M23b/M25	
Dry Heathland	H12/H18	
Wet Heathland	M15	
Mire	M6	

### SKETCH MAP OF SITES LOCATION:



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

Mynydd Manmoel rises between the Ebbw and Sirhowy valleys. The northern area comprises of a mosaic of acid grassland, wet heath and mire communities. Heath communities can be found in the central area. H12 heathland is represented over higher slopes and often occurs patchily amidst other habitats. Species present include *Empeterum nigrum* (Crowberry), *Erica tetralix* (Cross-leaved heath) and *Calluna vulgaris* (Ling). H18 can also be found over higher ground with a well developed bryophyte layer.

Small areas of wet heath can be found with *Molinia caerulea* (Purple moor grass), *Carex echinata* (Star sedge) and *Narthecium ossifragum* (Bog asphodel) (Area 23). Mire communities have species that include *Galium palustre* (Marsh bedstraw), *Carex panicea* (Carnation grass) and *Potentilla erecta* (Tormentil) and are mainly found in the north of the site with M6c communities found typically as flushes following stream and spring lines. Acid grassland can be found within the heathland referable to U4 and U5. The reprofiled spoil in Area 53 is species poor and has not been included within the Local Wildlife Site boundary. The site supports a rich mosaic of habitats of great value to wildlife.

**Section(s) of the Wildlife Site Guidelines that this site qualifies under:** Mosaic Habitats (H20)

**Qualifying Habitat types:** Acid grassland, Marshy grassland, Dry heath, Wet heath, Mire

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