

# Blaenau Gwent Wildlife Site/SINC Notification Form

## SITE SUMMARY

SITE NAME:

GRID REF: SO155107

SURVEYOR(S):

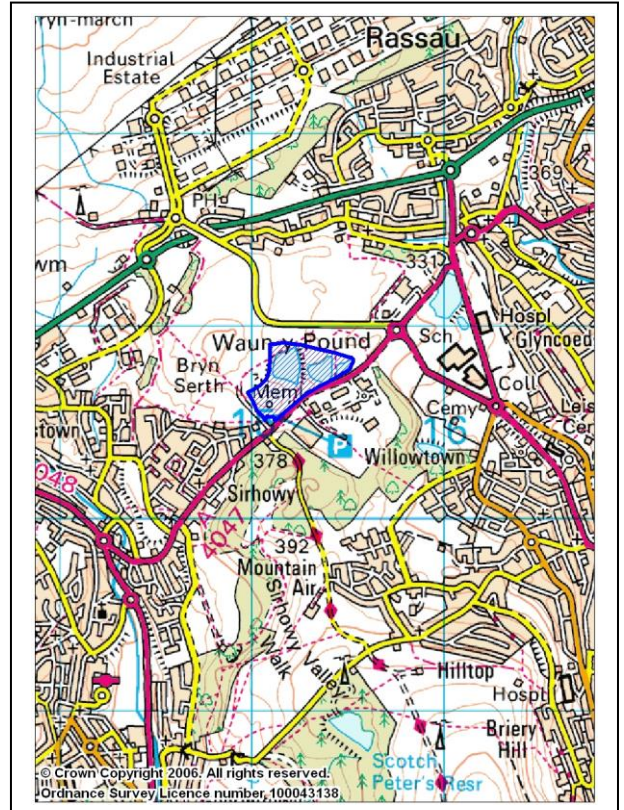
SIZE (approx.):

DATE OF SURVEY:

LOCAL AUTHORITY AREA:

WARD:

SKETCH MAP OF SITES LOCATION:



### MAIN HABITAT TYPES PRESENT:

Habitat types	NVC type	Area (ha)
Neutral Grassland	MG1, MG6, MG10	
Swamp	S10, S12, S19	
Acid Grassland	U4	
Woodland/Scrub	W24	
Open Water	-	
Heathland	H12	
Mire	M6	
Marshy Grassland	M23, M25	
Aquatic community	A9	

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

Located on the A4047, 2 miles west of Beaufort, the site is situated close to and within an industrial estate, with parts of the site separated by roads. The south end of the site contains a large area of species-rich neutral grassland and rush pasture with more than 10 indicator species including *Dactylorhiza praetermissa* (Southern marsh orchid).

Areas 10 and 11 include species rich grassland with some acidic areas and wet flushes. *D. Praetermissa* (Southern marsh orchid) again is present. An area of hawthorn (*Crataegus monogyna*) underscrub also occurs.

The northern area of the site contains a large mosaic of important habitats which include a large area of M25, acid grassland and dry heath. Indicator species include *Serratula tinctoria* (Saw-wort) and *Erica tetralix* (Cross-leaved heath).

A relatively large reservoir has some emergent and bankside vegetation. To its east there is a mosaic of swamp, rush pasture and grassland. Species rich mire and heath, and open water is present and represents an important complex of habitats. Area 1 contains rush pasture and Areas 8 and 9 contain partly vegetated spoil heaps and are insufficiently rich to be included in the Local Wildlife Site boundary.

**Section(s) of the Wildlife Site Guidelines that this site qualifies under:** Mosaic Habitats (H20), Neutral Grassland (H4), Acid Grassland (H6)

**Qualifying Habitat types:** Neutral Grassland, Acid Grassland, Mire/swamp, Heathland

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