

## Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation in Merthyr Tydfil County Borough

SINC No	Site Name/s	Summary Description	Meets and/or Exceeds Mid Valleys selection SINC Criteria	Survey information
59	Afon Bargod Taf	Major river system flowing through the eastern part of the County Borough. The river passes through former industrial areas in its lower reaches, and includes some sections that have been canalised. The upstream reaches, in contrast, are bordered by woodland and agricultural land. The SINC covers all sections of the Bargod Taf which do not fall in other SINC along the route, comprising three discrete sections. Includes adjacent bankside habitats, particularly semi-natural woodland along with semi-improved neutral and acid grasslands, bracken stands and swamp. Large mature trees are frequent along the banks, and these may support roosting bats. Otter occurs throughout the length of the river which is known to be of value to a wide variety of birds, fish, bats and reptiles.	H1, H4, H6, H9, H11, H15, H18.  S1, S5 & S7.	RIV 2, David Clements Ecology Limited, May 2008. Resurveyed in June 2017 and SINC boundary retained.

Extracted from Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council Replacement Local Development Plan (2016 - 2031).

<https://www.merthyr.gov.uk/media/5642/replacement-ldp-written-statement-final-composite-version-140120.pdf>