CWMAFAN GREEN CORRIDOR



Reference No: NPTSINC095 Ward: Bryn and Cwmavon

Grid ref at centre: SS7860692883

Area (ha): 11.9

Reason for selection: H16 Mosaic Habitats





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Site Description:

A mostly linear site, constituting a green corridor, running along the course of the former railway line (alongside Heol Camlas), through the eastern half of the village of Cwmafan in the Afan valley. The widest sections of the site support dense scrub and species-rich neutral grassland. The lowland meadow at the eastern end of Heol Camlas is owned by NPT and leased for grazing, the remaining grassland area to the NE is recorded as a playing field but may well have fallen into disuse as such. The site is close to other mosaic and grassland SINCS including SINC068 Cwmafan coaltips to the south east and SINC004 Hawthorn Close, Marshy grassland to the south west.

Qualifying features

H16 Mosaic habitats: Scrub communities, Lowland Meadows

H2 Boundary and linear features - disused railway

H5:1 Lowland meadow 16/8 PTi5 area alone

Important species

Species recorded: House sparrow, Grass vetchling, Fragrant agrimony

Management Recommendations

The grazing levels of the meadow should be assessed and reviewed/revised before the next lease period. Invasive species should be removed from scrub and along the former railway line.

Last surveyed: 2011 Surveyor: BS Author: WJL

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