

MARDEN PARK BAGLAN

Reference No: NPTSINC130

Ward: Baglan

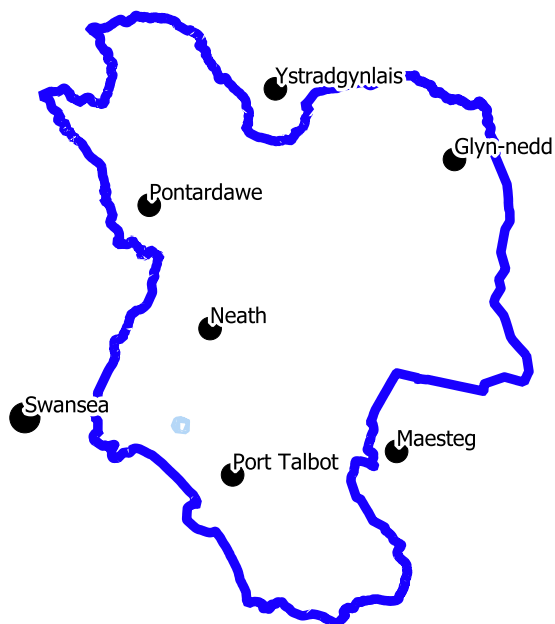
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Area (ha): 4.31

Reason for selection:

H14:3 Open Mosaic on Previously
Developed Land

S6 Vascular plants



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SITE OF IMPORTANCE FOR NATURE CONSERVATION

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Site Description:

The site mainly comprises a mosaic of secondary post-industrial habitats which have developed on the cleared and levelled substrate of gravelly crushed hardcore and sand. The cover varies from bare ground with a thin, skeletal cover of ephemeral and short perennial species, through dense carpets of mosses with patches of lichens, to denser swards which are developing towards semi-improved neutral grassland. Scrub species are also colonising, and are particularly well established within the denser sward areas to the north. There is also some marshy ground locally which supports sedge-rich marshy grassland. Tall ruderal species occur locally, particularly to the rear and around the belt of mixed plantation to the west, and also on a topsoil mound to the south. There are some localised patches of common reed.

All of the open post-industrial habitats of the site meet the guidelines for SINC designation through the presence of 3 Priority plant species (threshold is 1) and 7 Contributory species (threshold is 5) and under the guidelines for Open Mosaic Habitats on Previously Developed Land.

Qualifying features

H14:3 OMPDL (a28/20, b11/9)

S6 Vascular plants (PS 3) (CS 7)

Important species

Species recorded: Herring gull, Lapwing, Song thrush, Alder buckthorn, Thyme leaved sandwort, Distant sedge, Basil-thyme, Common cudweed, Round-leaved crane's-bill, Sharp rush, Hawkweed oxtongue, Wild mignonette, Knotted pearlwort, Yellow feather-moss

Habitat suitable for: Small blue butterfly, Shrill carder bee, Lapwing

Management Recommendations

Management should aim to halt the decline in open habitats by scrub/tree clearance while maintaining the mosaic of habitats

Last surveyed: 2013 Surveyor: DCE/CH Author: LEP

To be read in conjunction with Wildlife Sites Guidance Wales (WBP 2008) and the NPT amendments. This area has been designated as a Site of Importance for Nature Conservation by Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council. This does not formally protect the site or place any restrictions upon the landowner. Neath Port Talbot Council's Countryside & Wildlife Team will endeavour to support and encourage activities that maintain and enhance the biodiversity interest of the land; where funding is available, funds may be provided to facilitate these activities. The information given is used to ensure that nature conservation is taken into account in planning decisions. The designation itself does not confer any rights of access to the site and places no restriction on the management of the land.