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**SITE OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST CITATION**

**RHONDDA CYNON TAFF**

**BLAENRHONDDA ROAD CUTTING**

**Date of Notification:** 1965, 1986

**National Grid reference:** SN927016 - SN933001

**O.S. Maps:** 1:50,000 Sheet number: 170  
1:25,000 Sheet number: SN 90

**Site Area:** 16.5 ha

**Description:**

This is the best available section of the flood-plain facies of the Carboniferous Rhondda Beds. It shows, fining upwards, cycles of sandstones and shales, and includes a thin coal, probably the Daren Rhesfyn Seam. Some of the sedimentary channels are of particular interest in that they are side-filled. The variety of flood-plain and backswamp conditions represented in this section are significantly different from the Rhondda Beds as seen in South Wales, where deltaic sandstones usually predominate; this makes the site of great importance for understanding the late Westphalian history of the South Wales Coalfield.

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