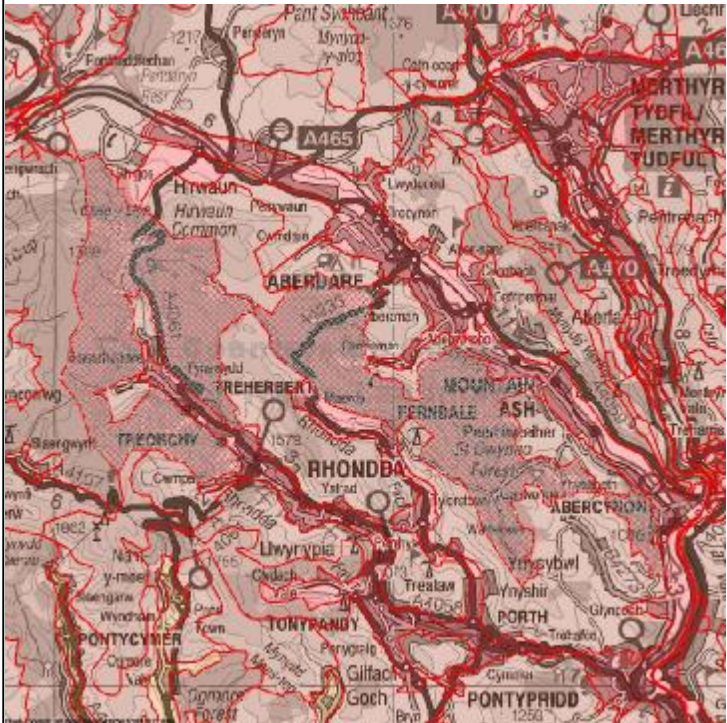


Visual and Sensory	
Aspect Area Name	St Gwynno
Aspect Area Classification	Upland/Exposed Upland/Plateau/Wooded Upland & Plateaux (Level 3)
Aspect Area Code	CynonVS580
Assessor	
Date Of Survey : 26/01/2004	
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General	
Has the information been verified in the field?	Yes (1:25000)
Does this area have a special or functional link with an adjacent area?	No
Description	
Summary Description	upland landscape dominated by coniferous forest with small areas of rough grazing/open land interspersed. strongly defined undulating topography with ridges and valleys creates a multi-scaled landscape with a variety of spaces. limited views out to upland areas. some car/refuse dumping minor eyesore/visual detractor.
Physical Form And Elements: Topographic Form?	High Hills/Mountains
Physical Form And Elements: Landcover Pattern?	Woodland
Physical form and elements: Settlement pattern	No settlements
Physical form and elements: Boundary type	Mixture
Aesthetic Qualities: Scale?	Large
Aesthetic Qualities: Sense of Enclosure?	Enclosed
Aesthetic Qualities: Diversity?	Simple
Aesthetic Qualities: Texture?	Coarse
Aesthetic Qualities: Lines?	Angular
Aesthetic Qualities: Colour?	Moderate Contrasts
Aesthetic Qualities: Balance?	Balanced
Aesthetic Qualities: Unity?	Neutral
Aesthetic Qualities: Pattern?	Regular
Aesthetic Qualities: Seasonal Interest?	Winter (Evergreen colour)
Other Factors: Level of Human Access?	Rare
Other Factors: Night Time Light Pollution?	Negligible (n/a)
Other Factors: Use of Construction Materials?	Generally Appropriate
What materials? Give Details:	n/a
There are attractive views...	...out (partially filtered/screened views out to adjacent upland areas)
There are detractive views...	...neither in or out (n/a)
Perceptual and Other Sensory Qualities	Sheltered Other (wind noise in trees)
What is the sense of place/local distinctiveness	Moderate (lack of specific sop)

Evaluation	
Value:	Moderate (n/a)
Condition:	Unassessed
Trend:	Unassessed
Recommendations	
Existing management	Unassessed
Existing management remarks:	forestry
Principal management recommendation:	introduce broadleaf woodland mix
Guideline	Immediate (broadleaf planting along edge/stream course) Medium Term (maintain open spaces)
Define the key qualities that should be conserved:	shelter
Define the key qualities that should be enhanced:	n/a
Define the key qualities that should be changed:	angularity
Define the key elements that should be conserved:	trees
Define the key elements that should be enhanced:	n/a
Define the key elements that should be changed:	soften edges
Tolerance To Change	
Are there any significant threats to the current integrity and condition of the visual & sensory features of the area?	Not known
Aspect Area Boundary	
To what level was this information site-surveyed?	Level 3
At 1:10,000, how much of the Aspect Area boundary is precise?	Most
What baseline information source was used for Aspect Area boundary mapping?	OS Raster
If OS Data was used, what was the scale?	1:25,000
What is the justification for the Aspect Area boundaries?	forest edge, study area boundary to east and south
Bibliography	
List the key sources used for this assessment	os data
Evaluation Matrix	
Evaluation Criteria: Scenic quality	Moderate (limited views)
Evaluation Criteria: Integrity	Moderate (the conifer plantation is generally intact, but some dumping of refuse/cars visual detractor)
Evaluation Criteria: Character	Moderate (moderate sop)
Evaluation Criteria: Rarity	Moderate (n/a)
Evaluation Criteria: Overall Evaluation	Moderate (fairly typical upland plantation with moderate sop and limited views, mainly from higher open areas.)
Justification of overall evaluation	all criteria moderate for this typical upland plantation. it should be noted that the area has a recreational amenity value, indicated by picnic sites, trails and carparking
Assessment	
Additional Assessments	n/a
Additional Comments	