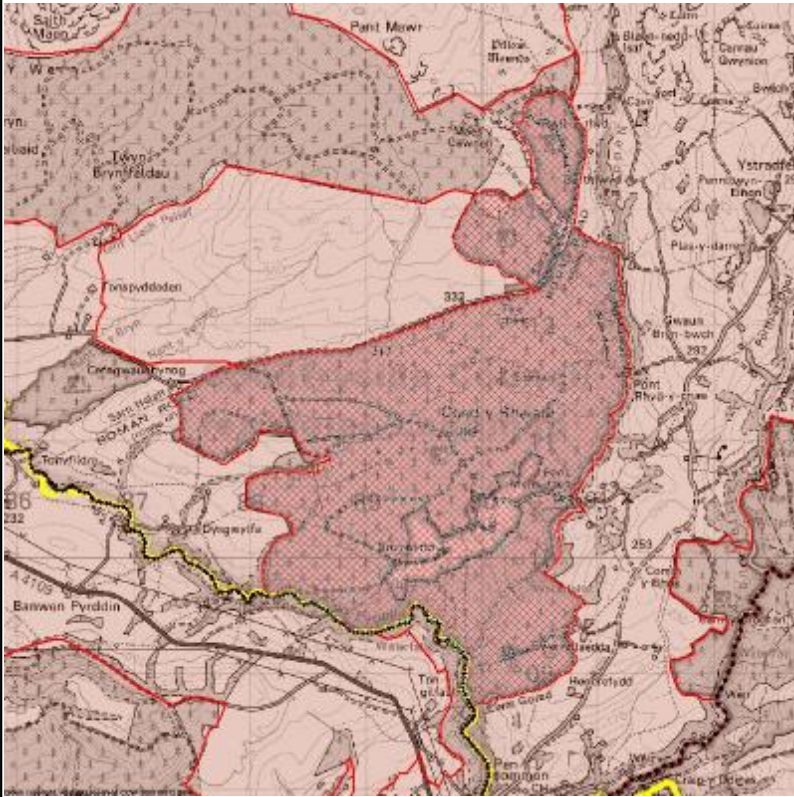


Visual and Sensory	
Aspect Area Name	Coed-y-Rhaiadr
Aspect Area Classification	Upland/Upland Valleys/Wooded Upland Valleys (Level 3)
Aspect Area Code	BRCKNVS597
Assessor	
Date Of Survey : 04/02/2003	
	

General

Has the information been verified in the field?	Yes (1:10000/1:25000)
Does this area have a special or functional link with an adjacent area?	No

Description

Summary Description	An extensive area of coniferous plantation dominated by spruce with some larch. The area covers previously enclosed land and there is a central area of rough pasture which is still retained with two dwellings. The area acts as simple backcloth to Nedd Valley. Within the lower part of the Nedd Valley there is deciduous woodland with waterfalls on the river. There is public access and this is a popular visitor attraction serviced by car parks to the south and north.
Physical Form And Elements: Topographic Form?	Plateaux
Physical Form And Elements: Landcover Pattern?	Woodland
Physical form and elements: Settlement pattern	Scattered Rural/Farm
Physical form and elements: Boundary type	Fences
Aesthetic Qualities: Scale?	Large
Aesthetic Qualities: Sense of Enclosure?	Enclosed
Aesthetic Qualities: Diversity?	Simple
Aesthetic Qualities: Texture?	Coarse
Aesthetic Qualities: Lines?	Straight
Aesthetic Qualities: Colour?	Muted
Aesthetic Qualities: Balance?	Balanced
Aesthetic Qualities: Unity?	Unity
Aesthetic Qualities: Pattern?	Regular
Aesthetic Qualities: Seasonal Interest?	Autumn

Other Factors: Level of Human Access?	Occasional
Other Factors: Night Time Light Pollution?	Negligible (2 dwellings)
Other Factors: Use of Construction Materials?	Generally Appropriate
What materials? Give Details:	
There are attractive views...	...both in and out (From Nedd/Mellte Valley ridge (ege Comin-y-Rhos).)
There are detractive views...	...neither in or out
Perceptual and Other Sensory Qualities	Sheltered
What is the sense of place/local distinctiveness	Weak (Forestry does not respond to place.)
Evaluation	
Value:	Moderate
Condition:	Fair
Trend:	Constant
Recommendations	
Existing management	Generally Appropriate
Existing management remarks:	Managed for commercial forestry
Principal management recommendation:	Diversify tree species creating more interesting edges in particular
Guideline	Medium Term (Selectively fell conifers overtime and diversify species especially on edge) Medium Term (Manage deciduous woodland to encourage regeneration and diversity) Medium Term (Manage recreational routes to encourage access without damage to river/woodland)
Define the key qualities that should be conserved:	Lower Nedd river valley deciduous woodland/river
Define the key qualities that should be enhanced:	
Define the key qualities that should be changed:	Coniferous forest monotony
Define the key elements that should be conserved:	Deciduous woodland. River Course and waterfalls. Access.
Define the key elements that should be enhanced:	
Define the key elements that should be changed:	Coniferous forest limited species
Tolerance To Change	
Are there any significant threats to the current integrity and condition of the visual & sensory features of the area?	
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?	1:10,000 and 1:25,000
What is the justification for the Aspect Area boundaries?	Edge of forestry, including sliver of River Nedd lower valley
Bibliography	
List the key sources used for this assessment	
Evaluation Matrix	
Evaluation Criteria: Scenic quality	Moderate
Evaluation Criteria: Integrity	High

Evaluation Criteria: Character	Moderate
Evaluation Criteria: Rarity	Moderate
Evaluation Criteria: Overall Evaluation	Moderate
Justification of overall evaluation	The forestry plantation is consistently managed and has a consistent character with integrity. It is dominated by a single species which leads to some monotony visually. The Nedd Valley lower area is covered with deciduous woodland focussing on the river with impressive waterfalls and rocky channel. This area is of outstanding quality in all categories.
Assessment	
Additional Assessments	
Additional Comments	