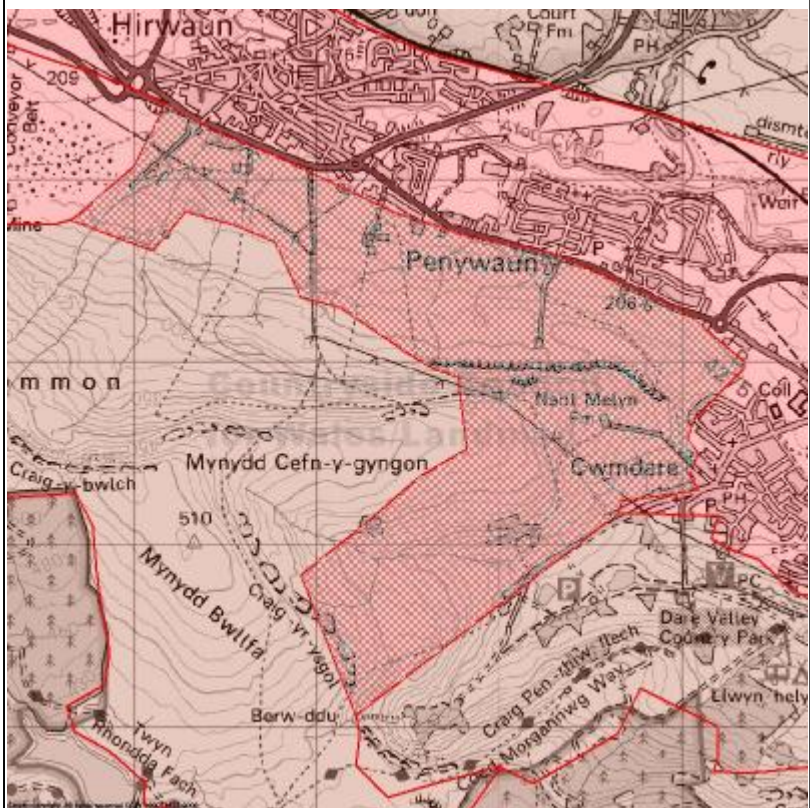


Visual and Sensory	
Aspect Area Name	Craing Nantmelyn
Aspect Area Classification	Upland/Hills, Lower Plateau & Scarp Slopes/Hillside & Scarp Slopes Grazing (Level 3)
Aspect Area Code	CynonVS890
Assessor	
Date Of Survey : 28/01/2005	
	

**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	Lower slopes to the east of Hirwaun Common. Generally grazing land with bracken and small scattered clumps of woodland. Open character and more upland feel is tempered by urban edge presence to north (Penywaun). Views similarly polarised into upland to south west and urban to north east. Some more distant upland views to north past Penywaun however.
Physical Form And Elements: Topographic Form?	Hills/Valleys
Physical Form And Elements: Landcover Pattern?	Mixture
Physical form and elements: Settlement pattern	Scattered Rural/Farm
Physical form and elements: Boundary type	Mixture
Aesthetic Qualities: Scale?	Medium
Aesthetic Qualities: Sense of Enclosure?	Open
Aesthetic Qualities: Diversity?	Diverse
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?	None
Other Factors: Level of Human Access?	Infrequent

Other Factors: Night Time Light Pollution?	Moderate
Other Factors: Use of Construction Materials?	Generally Appropriate
What materials? Give Details:	n/a
There are attractive views...	...out (To uplands of Hirwaun Common)
There are detractive views...	...out (To urban area of Hirwaun)
What is the sense of place/local distinctiveness	Moderate (Caught between mixture of upland (on upper slopes) and urban (on lower slopes) influences slightly incongruous mix.)
<b>Evaluation</b>	
Value:	Moderate (n/a)
Condition:	Unassessed
Trend:	Unassessed
<b>Recommendations</b>	
Existing management	Unassessed
Existing management remarks:	Grazing.
Principal management recommendation:	Land management (grazing, bracken control)
Guideline	Medium Term (Limit urban spread up valley sides, reduce well defined edge)
Define the key qualities that should be conserved:	Openness
Define the key qualities that should be enhanced:	n/a
Define the key qualities that should be changed:	n/a
Define the key elements that should be conserved:	n/a
Define the key elements that should be enhanced:	n/a
Define the key elements that should be changed:	n/a
<b>Tolerance To Change</b>	
Are there any significant threats to the current integrity and condition of the visual & sensory features of the area?	Not known
<b>Aspect Area Boundary</b>	
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?	Other (OS Raster, Phase 1 habitat)
If OS Data was used, what was the scale?	1:10,000
What is the justification for the Aspect Area boundaries?	Penywaun to the north and more upland areas of hirwaun common to the south west.
<b>Bibliography</b>	
List the key sources used for this assessment	OS data, Phase 1 habitat
<b>Evaluation Matrix</b>	
Evaluation Criteria: Scenic quality	Moderate (Some attractive views out to neighbouring upland , and slightly detractive views to urban areas in valley floor.)
Evaluation Criteria: Integrity	Moderate (Urban edge detracts from overall integrity)
Evaluation Criteria: Character	Moderate (Moderate sense of place.)
Evaluation Criteria: Rarity	Moderate (n/a)
Evaluation Criteria: Overall Evaluation	Moderate (No single defining feature of regional importance to justify more than local importance. Scenic quality and integrity both reduced by

	the presence of urban areas)
Justification of overall evaluation	All criteria moderate.
<b>Assessment</b>	
Additional Assessments	n/a
Additional Comments	