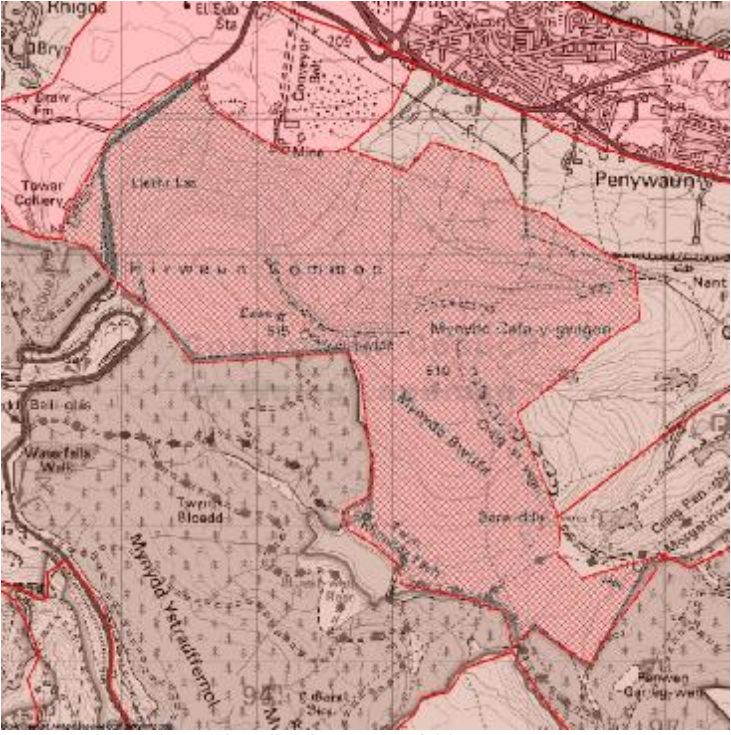


Visual and Sensory	
Aspect Area Name	Hirwaun Common
Aspect Area Classification	Upland/Exposed Upland/Plateau/Upland Grazing (Level 3)
Aspect Area Code	CynonVS430
Assessor	
Date Of Survey : 28/01/2005	
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General	
Has the information been verified in the field?	Yes (1:25000)
Does this area have a special or functional link with an adjacent area?	No
Description	
Summary Description	Dramatic landscape of rough grazed grassland with rock outcrops and some marshy areas lying between approximately 200m and 515m AOD. Wind noise is a dominant aesthetic factor which evokes particular experience of exposure and wildness. Attractive upland views within and attractive rolling terrain to north. A475 is a visual detractor.
Physical Form And Elements: Topographic Form?	High Hills/Mountains
Physical Form And Elements: Landcover Pattern?	Open Land
Physical form and elements: Settlement pattern	No settlements
Physical form and elements: Boundary type	Stone Walls
Aesthetic Qualities: Scale?	Vast
Aesthetic Qualities: Sense of Enclosure?	Exposed
Aesthetic Qualities: Diversity?	Uniform
Aesthetic Qualities: Texture?	Medium
Aesthetic Qualities: Lines?	Curved
Aesthetic Qualities: Colour?	Muted
Aesthetic Qualities: Balance?	Balanced
Aesthetic Qualities: Unity?	Unity
Aesthetic Qualities: Pattern?	Regular
Aesthetic Qualities: Seasonal Interest?	None
Other Factors: Level of Human Access?	Rare
Other Factors: Night Time Light Pollution?	Negligible
Other Factors: Use of Construction Materials?	Appropriate
What materials? Give Details:	Stone walling
There are attractive views...	...both in and out (Uplands)
There are detractive views...	...within (Some electricity pylons but not on skyline.)
Perceptual and Other Sensory Qualities	Attractive Exposed
What is the sense of place/local distinctiveness	Strong (Upland sense of place results from rough ground, rocky outcrops and exposure.)

Evaluation	
Value:	High (n/a)
Condition:	Unassessed
Trend:	Unassessed
Recommendations	
Existing management	Unassessed
Existing management remarks:	Grazing
Principal management recommendation:	Grazing management
Guideline	Long Term (Prevent over grazing)
Define the key qualities that should be conserved:	open, exposed, wild.
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:	Grazing
Define the key elements that should be enhanced:	n/a
Define the key elements that should be changed:	n/a
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?	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?	Landform, contour, edge of plantation to west.
Bibliography	
List the key sources used for this assessment	OS data, Phase 1 habitat
Evaluation Matrix	
Evaluation Criteria: Scenic quality	High (Attractive upland views)
Evaluation Criteria: Integrity	High (Largely unspoilt, some elec pylons present but not on skyline so not as intrusive.)
Evaluation Criteria: Character	High (Strong upland fell giving sense of place.)
Evaluation Criteria: Rarity	High (n/a)
Evaluation Criteria: Overall Evaluation	High (Attractive largely unspoilt upland area with strong sense of place and good views)
Justification of overall evaluation	All criteria high
Assessment	
Additional Assessments	n/a
Additional Comments	