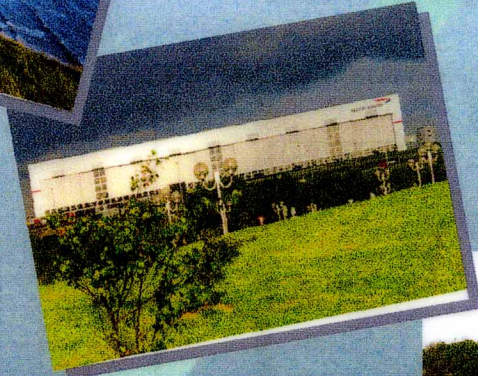


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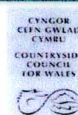
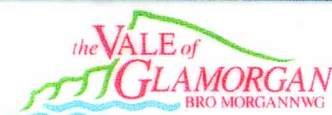
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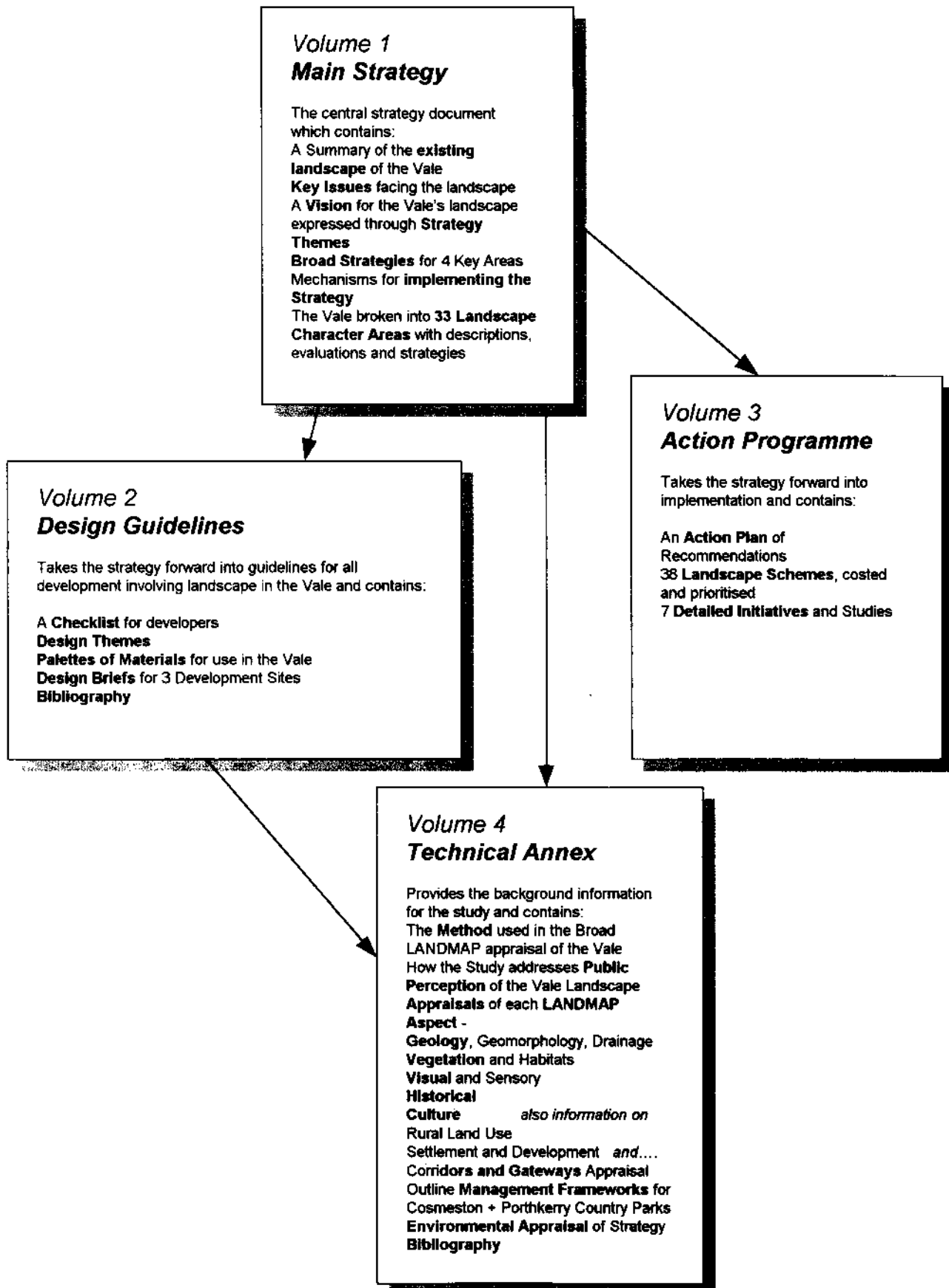
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Guide to the Strategy Document

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 General

This document is Volume 3 of a series of four documents which together make up the Landscape Strategy for the Vale of Glamorgan Council entitled 'Landscapes Working for the Vale of Glamorgan'.

The intention of this volume is to set out an Action Plan of initiatives derived from the Strategy Themes in Volume 1 and a Landscape Implementation Programme for the Vale over the next five years. It is likely to be implemented mainly by the local authority although other bodies will be involved.

The Action Plan is set out in Section 2 and the Action Programme sites in Section 3.

2.0 ACTION PLAN

Reference in Volume 1	Actions	Responsibility	Priority
	Planning and Legislative Framework		
3.2.1	The landscape assessment should form the basis for future landscape designation	VGC	A
3.2.2	Prepare Design Framework as Supplementary Planning Guidance and layers of topic, area and site based design guidance	VGC	A
3.2.4	Allotments are protected and positively promoted to encourage wider use.	VGC	C
3.2.5, 3.10.3	Identify SNCI's and issue as supplementary planning guidance	VGC/GWT/CCW	A
3.2.7	The Council continues to explore opportunities for local involvement in environmental initiatives.	VGC/CCW/other agencies	B
3.7.4	Apply the Heritage Coast policies on conservation to the hinterland sloping towards the sea outside the boundary	VGC	A
3.11.4	Liaise with Cadw to consider review of the boundaries of current Registered Landscapes of Outstanding Historic Interest in Wales [at Llancafarn and Merthyr Mawr] after the above studies in 3.11.1 and 3.11.2 have been completed.	VGC/Cadw	C
	Suggested Organisational Structure Improvements		
3.8.4, 3.9.1, 5.6	Establish Countryside Service for the Vale	VGC	A
3.10.2	Establish centralised Biological Records Centre for the Vale	VGC/GWT	B
	Research and Information		
3.6.1, 3.7.1, 3.9.2, 5.5	Undertake more detailed LANDMAP assessments as the need arises to add to existing information.	VGC/CCW	B
3.11.1	Undertake Historic Landscape Characterisation Study	VGC/GGAT	A
3.11.2	Undertake a Heritage Audit of the Heritage Coast	VGC/GGAT	B
3.11.3	Undertake an Historic Settlement Survey	VGC/GGAT	C
3.10.6	Undertake river corridor survey of Thaw, Kenson and Cadoxton river systems	EA	B
	Local Distinctiveness		
3.6.2	Encourage and support community led appraisals [of villages etc] where there is local interest.	VGC/CCW	C
3.2.3, 3.6.5	The council should continue to explore the potential for production of building stone from existing quarries.	VGC/Private Sector	B
3.6.8	Encourage local makers and suppliers to the environment with grants and small craft unit construction.	VGC/WDA	B
3.6.9	Review street furniture to reflect rural Vale character for all areas outside Barry and Penarth	VGC	C
3.6.10	Prepare a Public Art Strategy to provide specific guidance for key sites and assess opportunities for funding, sponsorship and implementation	VGC/WDA	B
	Coast		
3.7.1, 3.10.5	Produce a Coastal Management Plan for the whole coast	VGC	A
3.7.4	Apply the Heritage Coast policies on conservation to the hinterland sloping towards the sea outside the boundary	VGC	B
3.7.6	Prepare a management plan for Cwm Col huw and Ogmere-by-Sea	VGC/CCW	A

Reference in Volume 1	Actions	Responsibility	Priority
	Rural Vale		
3.8.4	Develop a rural/Western Vale Countryside Service based at Dunraven	VGC	A
3.8.5, 3.2.2	Prepare highway design guidelines to balance road safety with the conservation and enhancement of rural character.	VGC	A
3.8.6	Promote the Tir Gofal and Woodland Grant Schemes to areas where landscape and/or woodland has particular value but is beginning to degrade	VGC [CCW/FRCA]	A
3.8.7	Protect hedgerows by resourcing the Hedgerow Regulations team for a more proactive role	VGC	B
5.4	Provide guidance for CASH communities for improvements of rural villages	VGC	C
	Urban Fringe		
3.9.1	Develop a South East Vale Countryside Service based at Cosmeston	VGC	A
3.9.2	Seek management agreements on farms and other landholdings to improve landscape management possibly using the Woodland Grant Scheme and/or Tir Gofal.	VGC/CC/FA	B
3.9.3	Undertake management frameworks for Cosmeston and Porthkerry Country Parks	VGC	B
	Natural Heritage		
3.10.7	Establish partnerships with Commoners Associations and devise management plans for Commons	VGC/CCW	C
3.10.9	Prepare educational resource of landscapes of the Vale for schools and colleges	VGC/Private sector	C
	Access		
3.12.2	Create a continuous Coastal Trail linking Penarth Haven with Ogmere by Sea	VGC	B
3.12.3	Create new footpath/bridleway/cycle routes along dismantled railways	VGC	C
3.12.4	Create and maintain a strong green access corridor through Barry linking Porthkerry with the east	VGC	B
3.12.5	Reinforce role of Country Parks as Hubs for access with appropriate facilities and linkage	VGC	C
	Woodlands		
3.13.1	Prepare a woodland strategy	FAN/GC/CC	B
	Landscape Management		
3.14.1	Develop guidelines for landscape management for application by Local Authority and other major landowners.	VGC/All landowners	A
	Community		
3.6.2	Encourage Local Jigso or village appraisals in areas under particular threat of change.	VGC, Jigso	B
5.4	Provide guidance for CASH communities for improvements of rural villages	VGC	B

Key to Responsible Organisations

CC	Coed Cymru
CCW	Countryside Council for Wales
EA	Environment Agency
FRCA	Farming and Rural Conservation Agency
GGAT	Glamorgan and Gwent Archaeological Trust
GWT	Glamorgan Wildlife Trust
VGC	Vale of Glamorgan Council
WDA	Welsh Development Agency

Priority

A	Most urgent
B	Urgent
C	Least urgent

3.0 ACTION PROGRAMME

3.1 Selection of Sites

The sites have arisen from the LANDMAP assessment process in which strategies have focussed on the South-east Vale and urban fringes, the main road corridors and the coast.

The sites have been selected for their potential to -

- upgrade the image of the Vale of Glamorgan in strategic locations;
- improve the integration of tourism and recreation with conservation and the coastal landscape;
- upgrade the image and facilities of new and existing employment sites.

Sites already under consideration by the Vale of Glamorgan Council for improvement are also included.

3.2 General

The sites are listed on the following pages and their locations shown on Figures 1A, 1B and 1C. Those studies and initiatives from the Action Plan where details have been put forward are also listed. The accompanying table summarises the Action Programme, giving the following information:

3.3 Priority

The sites and initiatives are prioritised into A, B and C using the criteria as shown -

- | | |
|---------------------|--|
| A - Top priority | Most impact in upgrading the image of the Vale;
Where there is an immediate problem, or danger of problem increasing;
Where there is an opportunity for improvement that will be lost soon;
First stage in longer-term improvement or planning for improvement. |
| B - Medium priority | Medium impact in upgrading the image of the Vale;
Improvement needed to pre-empt future deterioration. |
| C - Low priority | Where there is potential to be realised but site is not degraded or in danger of degradation. |

3.4 Ease of Implementation

Sites and initiatives are graded depending factors relating to ownership, design and funding affecting the ease with which they can be implemented -

- | | |
|-------------|---|
| 1 - easiest | All the site is owned by Vale of Glamorgan;
Little design input;
No major funding requirements. |
| 2 - medium | Involves other landowners and permission, but unlikely to encounter many difficulties;
Medium amount of design input required;
Various sources of funding required. |

- 3 - hardest Complex involvement of other landowners, users, permissions, etc.;
- Complex design and implementation requirements;
- Large funding package required

3.5 Type of Scheme

The following categories of scheme have been identified, some being in more than one category -

M.Rd	Major road
S.Rd	Secondary road
Rec	Informal recreation/visitor facilities
Acc	Access - footpaths and other routes
Em	Employment sites
Com	Community improvement
Nat	Nature conservation improvements

3.6 Partners

Bodies which may be involved in the design or implementation, or in owning or funding of schemes are noted as partners with the Vale of Glamorgan Council. It is assumed that the Vale of Glamorgan Council will be involved in all the schemes.

WDA	Welsh Development Agency.
CCW	Countryside Council for Wales where schemes relate to access to the countryside and to improvements in nature conservation value.
Pub	Public bodies or service providers such as Hyder, the Crown Estates (foreshore), the Church in Wales .
Pri	Private landowners and other bodies where schemes are on their land or involve their boundaries and access.

3.7 Capital costs

The capital costs shown are not detailed estimates. They have been formulated on broad costings of types of work, including site clearance, earthworks, surfacing and other hard landscape features, planting and improvements to vegetation. Design and land acquisition costs are not included. Three years maintenance is included within the costs.

3.8 Maintenance Implications

Maintenance implications are given rather than annual maintenance estimates. Some of the sites are already maintained and it is expected that many of the sites will have very little maintenance requirements. They have been rated thus:

No	No change in level of maintenance costs, or possible decrease i.e. currently some low maintenance such as occasional grass cutting or litter collection, proposals may change the maintenance requirements but will not increase their level.
Min	Minimum maintenance required. i.e. currently unmaintained sites, or with low maintenance, proposals will require only occasional inspection of trees, signs, paths and safety.
Low	Low increase in maintenance costs on small sites i.e. currently little or no maintenance, proposals will require occasional grass-cutting, litter collection, or surface repairs;

- or
currently site is maintained by, for instance, grass-cutting,
proposals will require less grass-cutting but include
maintenance of shrubs, trees, fences, paths etc.
- Med** **Medium increase in maintenance costs**
i.e. Currently little or no maintenance, proposals will require
grass cutting, litter collection, tree and shrub maintenance
on medium-sized site;
or
currently some maintenance, proposals will require a higher
standard of maintenance.
- High** **Where a high level of maintenance will be required on a**
previously unmaintained site of medium or large size.

SUMMARY OF LANDSCAPE ACTION PROGRAMMES SITES

Site no.	Location	Priority	Ease of Implementation	Type of Scheme	Partners	Capital Cost	Maintenance Implication
	Roads						
1	Pant-y-Ffynnon layby	B	2	M.Rd	Priv	5,200	Min
2	Pant-y-Lladron council yard	B	1	M.Rd	-	10,000	Min
3	St. Hilary Down layby	B	1	M.Rd	Priv	4,000	Low
4	Downs Cafe roadside	A	2	S.Rd/IR	Priv	10,000	Low
5	Layby near Colwinston	B	2	M.Rd	-	11,400	Min
6	General tree planting - A48	A	1	M.Rd	-	16,000	Min
7	Wenvoe Quarry screen planting	A	1	M.Rd	-	4,500	Min
8	Wenvoe tree replacement	B	1	M.Rd	-	14,000	Min
9	Cogan - Llandough roadside	A	1	M.Rd	-	30,000	Min
10	Dinas Powis station boundary	B	2	M.Rd	Pub	8,000	No
11	Cardiff Road, Barry	A	3	M.Rd/Em	WDA/Priv	180,000	Med
12	Sully Moors Road roadside	A	2	M.Rd/Em	WDA/Priv	96,000	Med
13	Barry - Rhoose roadside	B	1	M.Rd	-	45,000	Min
14	Rhoose layby	B	2	M.Rd	WDA	27,000	Low
15	Cardiff Wales Airport roadside	B	1 - 2	M.Rd/Em	Priv	166,000	Min

Site no.	Location	Priority	Ease of Implementation	Type of Scheme	Partners	Capital Cost	Maintenance Implication
16	Aberthaw to Llantwit planting	B	1	M.Rd	-	105,000	Min
17	St Athan junction	B	2	M.Rd/Com	WDA	45,000	Med
18	Llantwit Major bypass	B	1	M.Rd/Com	-	11,000	Min
19	Roundabouts	B	2	M.Rd	WDA	264,000	No/Low
20	Pencoedre roundabout	B	2	M.Rd	WDA	48,000	Min
Coastal Strip							
21	Penarth - Cliff Walk	C	2	Rec	-	60,000	Low
22	Penarth to Barry coastal footpath	B	3	Acc/Nat	CCW	36,000	Min
23	Sully - Glebe Fields	C	3	Rec	Pub	N/A	High
24	Hayes Road civic amenities site & slipway	B	2	Rec/Acc	-	72,000	Low
25	Atlantic Trading Estate coastal path	A	2	Acc/Em	WDA	46,000	Min
26	Barry Island coastal path	A/B	2/3	Acc/Nat	CCW/Priv	N/A	Min
27	Barry - The Knap/Bull Cliff	C	1	Rec	WDA	84,000	Low
28	Porthkerry to Rhoose coastal path.	C	2	Acc/Nat	CCW	72,000	Min
29	Breaksea Point coastal link	C	2	Acc/Nat	CCW/Pub	35,000	Min
30	Limpert car park	B	2	Rec/Nat	CCW/Priv	30,000	Low
31	Cwm Nash to Cwm Bach link	C	2	Acc/Nat	CCW	20,000	Min

Site no.	Location	Priority	Ease of Implementation	Type of Scheme	Partners	Capital Cost	Maintenance Implication
32	Southern-down car park	B	2	Rec	WTB/Priv	22,000	No
33	Ogmore-by-Sea car park	B	2	Rec	WTB/Priv	190,000	No
	Others						
34	Llandow - B4370 road junction	A	1	S.Rd/Em	WDA/Priv	10,000	No
35	Llandow - Minor road junction	A	1	S.Rd/Em	WDA	12,800	Min
36	Llandow - Former entrance to Trading Estate	B	2	S.Rd/Em	WDA	6,000	Min
37	Llantwit Major - Ogney Brook Park	B	3	Rec/Nat/Com	WDA/Priv	79,000	High
38	Cowbridge Leisure Centre field	C	2	Nat	CCW	54,000	High
	Studies/other initiatives						
39	St.Brides Major - B4265 roadside	B	3	M. Rd	Priv	120,000	No
40	Cosmeston Management/Improvement Plan	A	2	Rec/Nat	CCW	N/A	High
41	Porthkerry Management/Improvement Plan	A	1	Rec/Nat	CCW	N/A	Med
42	Cwm Colhuw Management/Improvements Plan	A	2	Rec/Nat	CCW/Pub	N/A	Med
43-A	SPGs for landscape and urban design	A	2	All		N/A	No
43-B	Roadside management review	A	1	M.Rd/S.Rd		N/A	Low/No
43-C	Historic Landscape and hedgerow survey	A	1	All	CCW	N/A	No
43-D	CASH guidance	A	1	Com		N/A	No

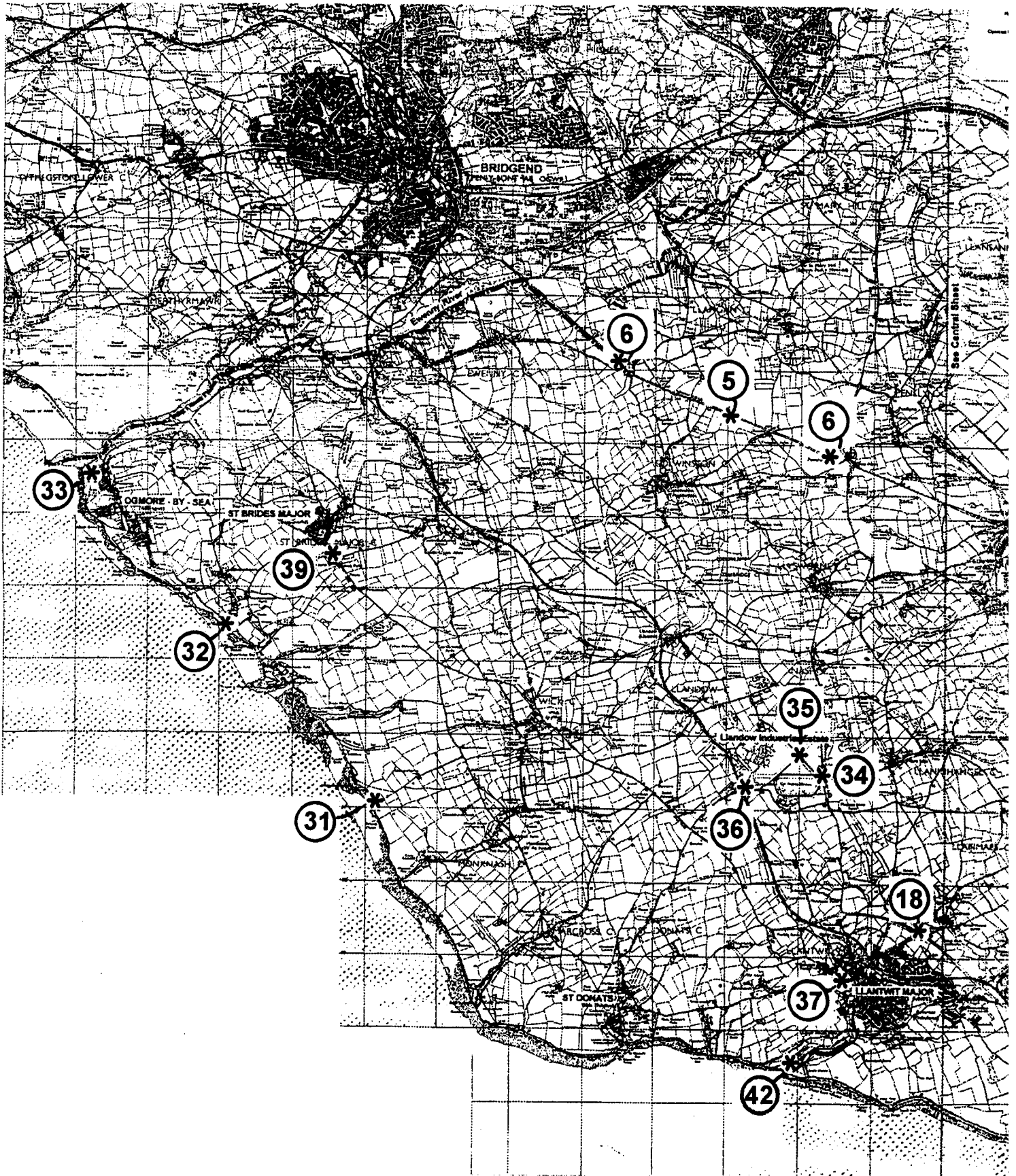


Figure 1A

**ACTION PROGRAMME SITES:
WEST**

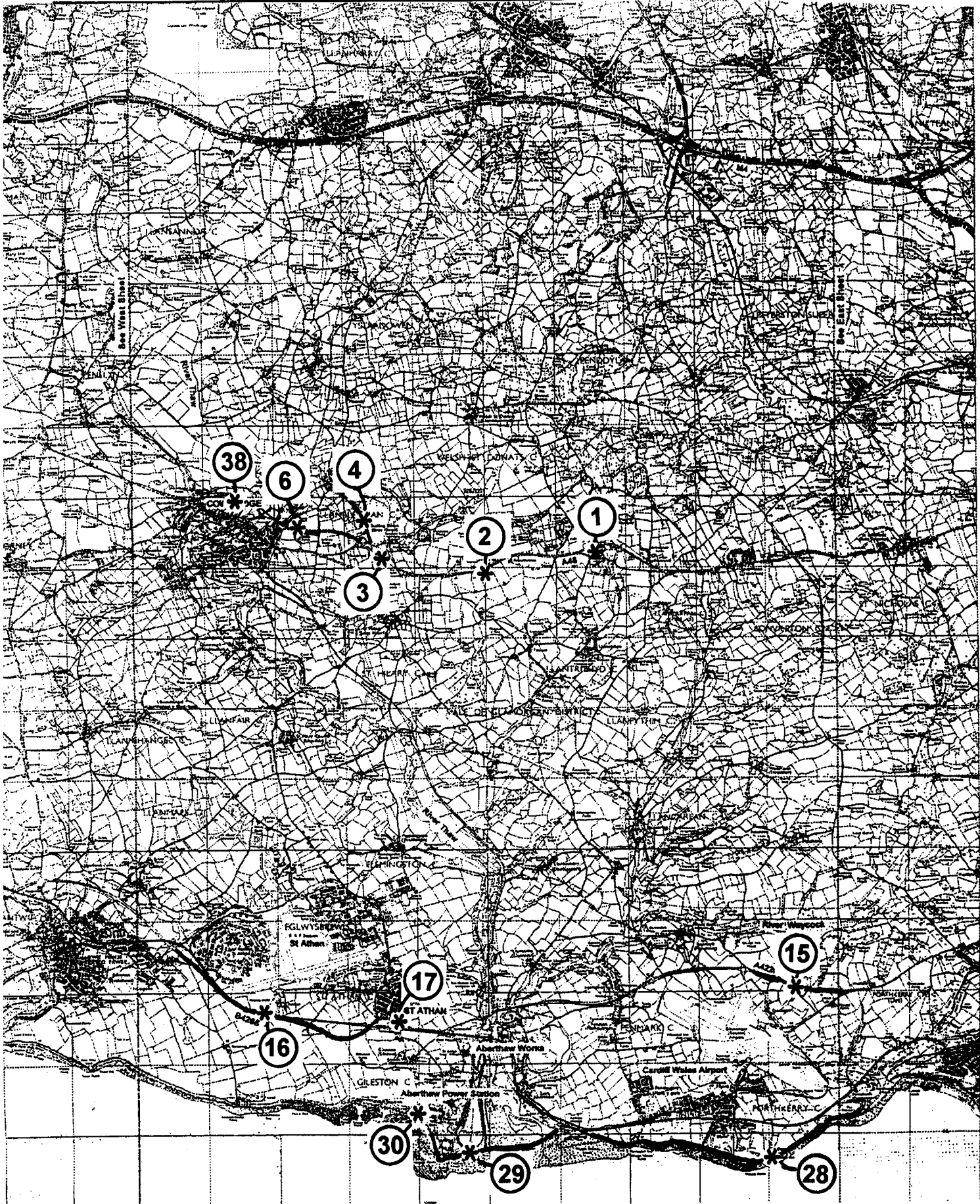


Figure 1B

**ACTION PROGRAMME SITES:
CENTRAL**

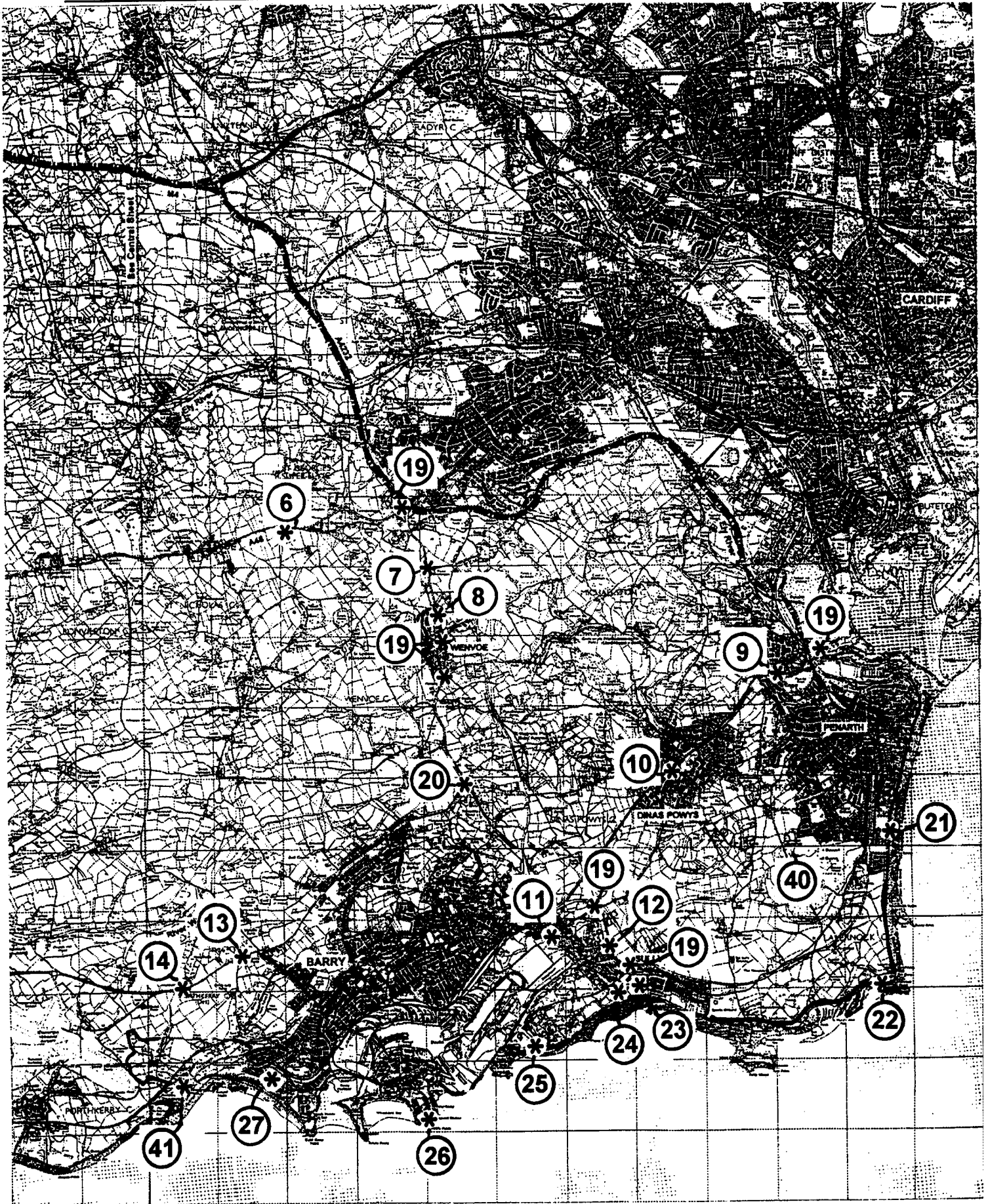


Figure 1C

**ACTION PROGRAMME SITES:
EAST**

SITE APPRAISAL

A derelict petrol station site on north side of A48 at minor road junction. Wide unmaintained grass verge with rough tarmac entrance and area behind. Some trees along back boundary. General air of neglect and unsightly from A48 and especially from minor road. It is one of a series of minor detractors along the main road.

PROPOSALS

- General tidy-up of verge plus specimen tree planting (if beyond sight lines)
- Continued low maintenance of grass.
- Additional trees and shrubs along back boundary to screen houses.
- Encourage re-use of derelict site.

SITE LOCATION: **A48**
Pant-y-Ffynnon layby

SITE NO. **1**

GRID REFERENCE: **ST 045 743**

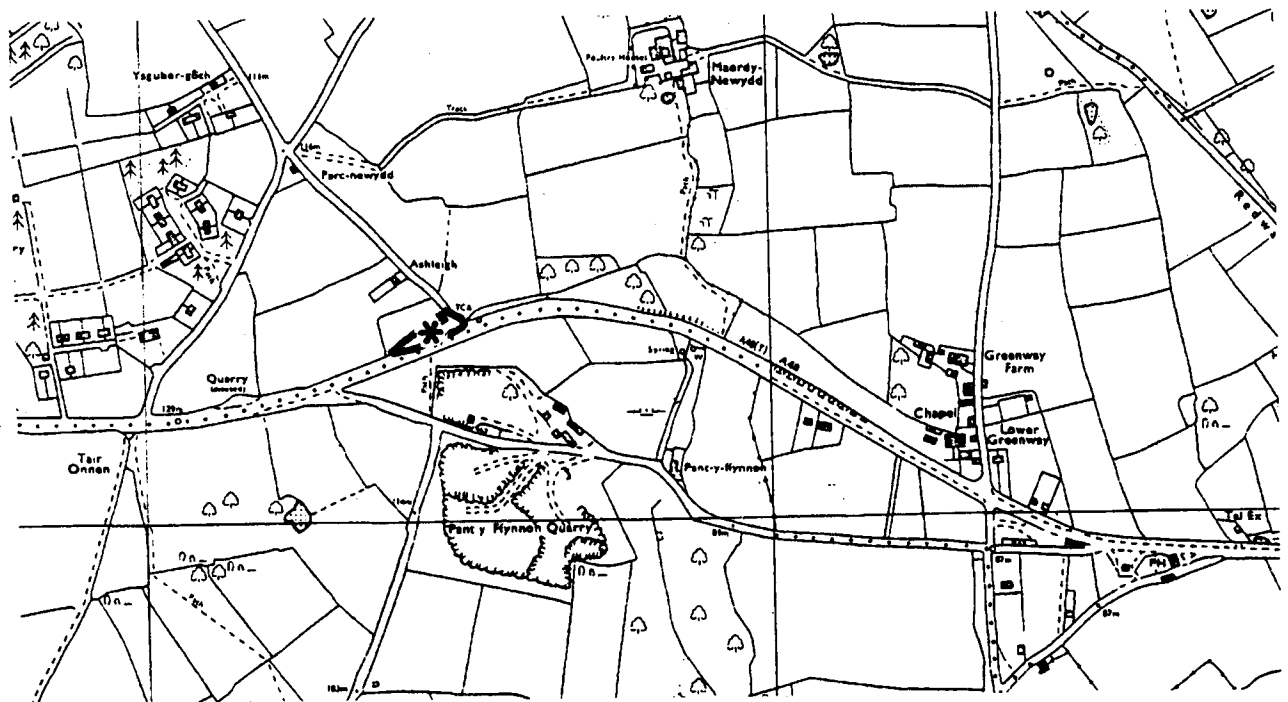
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CAPITAL COSTS: **£5,500**

MAINTENANCE IMPLICATION:
minimum

EASE OF ACHIEVEMENT: **2**

PRIORITY: **B**



1

SITE APPRAISAL

Council Highways storage yard on south side of A48. It is partly screened by trees and rough scrub. The metal gate in poor condition and the entrance surface is rough and may not provide adequately safe vehicular access. There are views into the yard especially when approaching from the west and at the gate. It is one of a series of minor detractors alongside the main road.

PROPOSALS

- Replace the gate with inconspicuous but robust and secure new gate.
- Additional trees and shrubs along the road frontage and beyond to screen oblique views in.
- Entrance kerbs re-positioned to allow for slowing-down and turning -in, with whole area resurfaced.

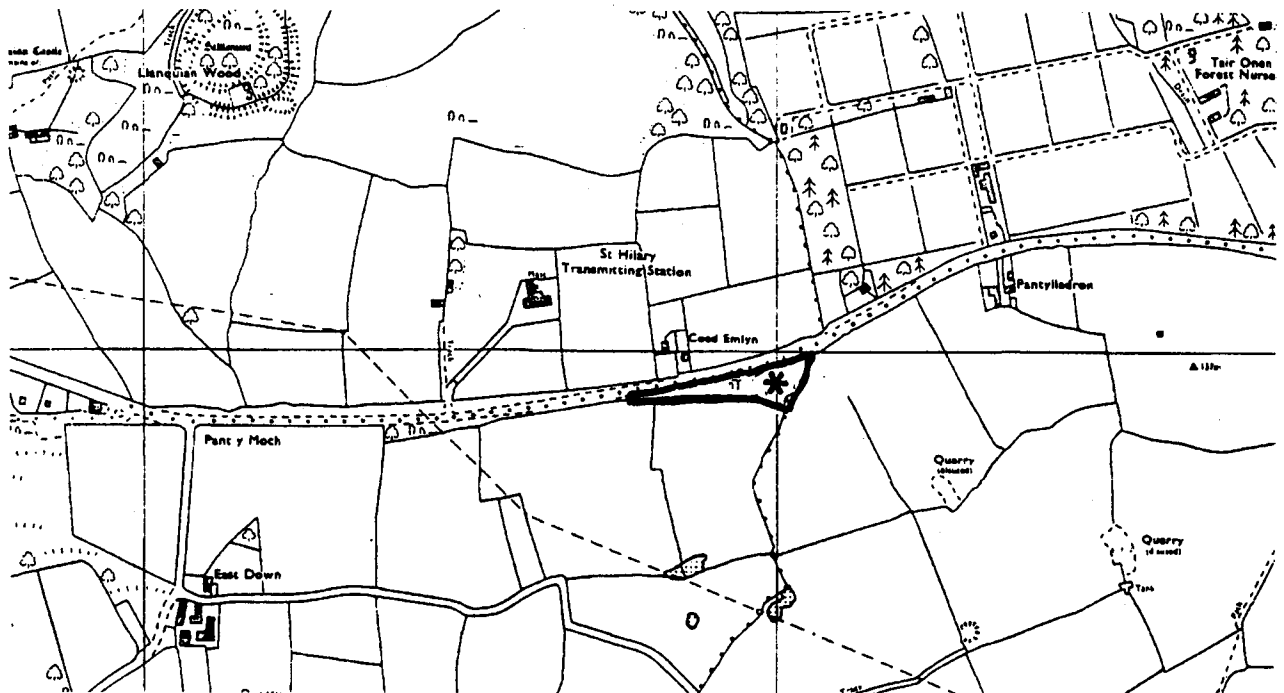
SITE LOCATION: **A48**
Pant-y-Lladron
Council Yard

SITE NO.: **2**
GRID REFERENCE: **ST 030 739**

LAND OWNERSHIP:
Vale of Glamorgan Council

CAPITAL COSTS: **£10,000**
MAINTENANCE IMPLICATION:
minimum

EASE OF ACHIEVEMENT: **1**
PRIORITY: **B**



SITE APPRAISAL

On the south side of A48, where the main road crosses the unfenced common land. A rough pull-off from the road onto rough unsurfaced area with space for a few cars to park. There is an informal footpath up to the war memorial. There is fly-tipping adjacent to the rough track behind gorse and scrub. It is one of a series of minor detractors alongside the main road.

PROPOSALS

- Seek approval of common owner/commoners
- General tidy-up and clearance of rubbish.
- Informal lay-by constructed to highway safety standards.
- Vehicle access beyond layby blocked off with boulders or similar to prevent access for fly-tipping

SITE LOCATION: **A48**
St. Hilary Down layby

SITE NO. **3**
GRID REFERENCE: **ST 016 741**

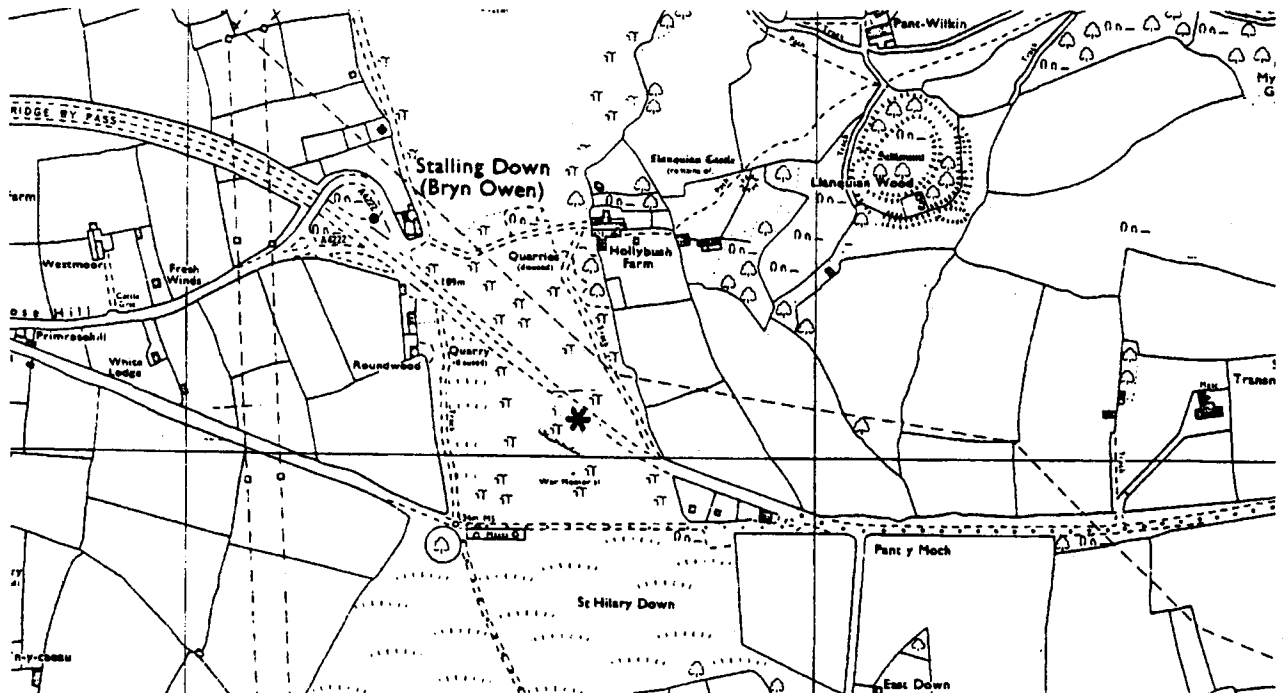
LAND OWNERSHIP:
Vale of Glamorgan Council
Private (common)

CAPITAL COSTS: **£4,000**

MAINTENANCE IMPLICATION:
low

EASE OF ACHIEVEMENT: **1**

PRIORITY: **B**



3

SITE APPRAISAL

Edges of unfenced minor road passing along the side of Stalling Down from A48 to Aberthin. Informal parking, including cycles and motorbikes, occurs mainly along north side of road especially near the well-frequented Downs Cafe. Road edges are badly worn and surface rough and uneven. There are badly-eroded vehicular access points to the common in several places. Generally detracts from important popular informal recreation area
 At junction with A48 slip road there is a badly-damaged small traffic island.

PROPOSALS

- Seek approval of common owner/commoners
- Retain informal, rural character.
- Near cafe, edges of roadside parking defined and vehicular access restricted with boulders or similar. Gravel surface improved.
- Vehicular access to common to be clearly defined and restricted to places where sight lines are good.
- Other disturbed areas reinstated with soil and grass with boulders to prevent damage.
- Lengths of track onto common surfaced with gravel.
- General roadside tidy-up.
- Traffic island preferably removed or rebuilt with simple gravel-surface.

SITE LOCATION:

Downs cafe roadside

SITE NO.

4

GRID REFERENCE:

ST 014 744

LAND OWNERSHIP:

**Vale of Glamorgan Council
 Private (common)**

CAPITAL COSTS:

£10,000

MAINTENANCE IMPLICATION:

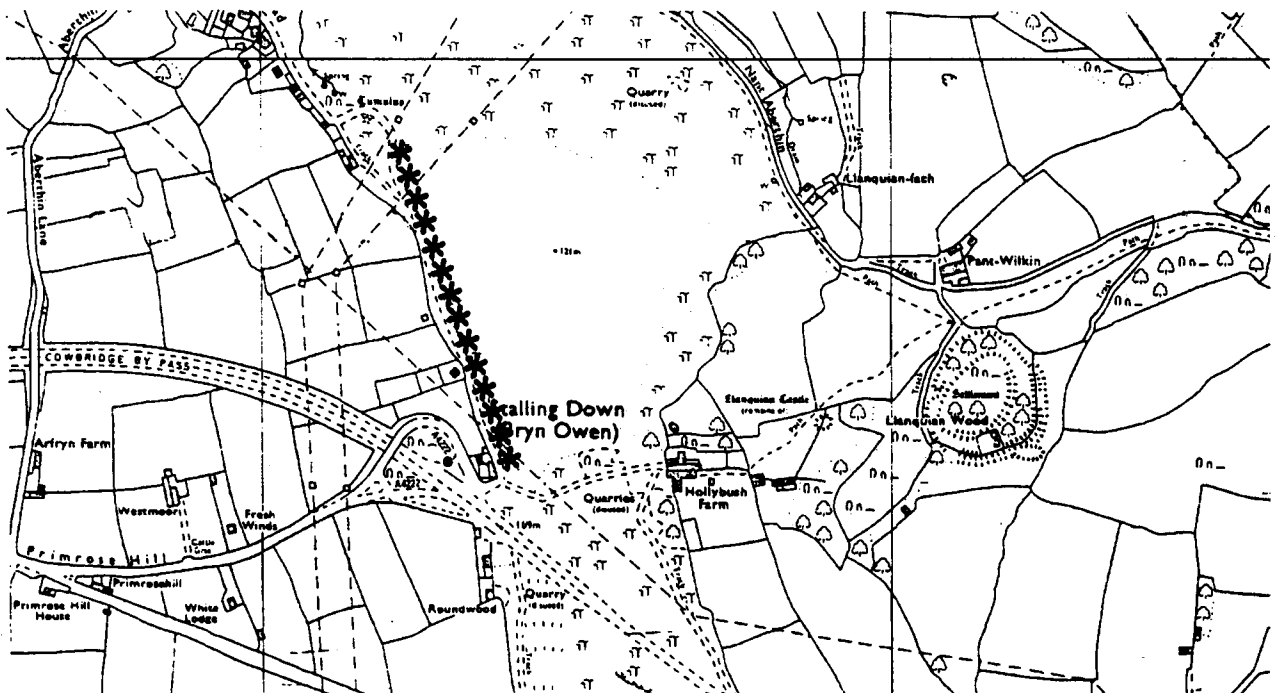
low

EASE OF ACHIEVEMENT:

2

PRIORITY:

A



4

SITE APPRAISAL

An untidy roadside layby used by lorries. It is adjacent to a small overgrown disused quarry with old corrugated iron gates. The surfacing is in poor condition, the kerbs and edges over-run and muddy, and there is litter spread around despite there being a litter bin. The site is in a prominent position at the top of Crack Hill.

PROPOSALS

- Determine whether or not the layby should be catering for lorries and design turning circles, etc. accordingly.
- Re-surfacing is needed and the area of hard surface increased or reduced according to type of use.
- High kerbs or other methods to prevent over-running of edges.
- The gate to the old quarry needs to be replaced (private).
- New litter bins and regular collection.

**SITE LOCATION: A48
Layby near Colwinston**

SITE NO. 5

GRID REFERENCE: SS 951 764

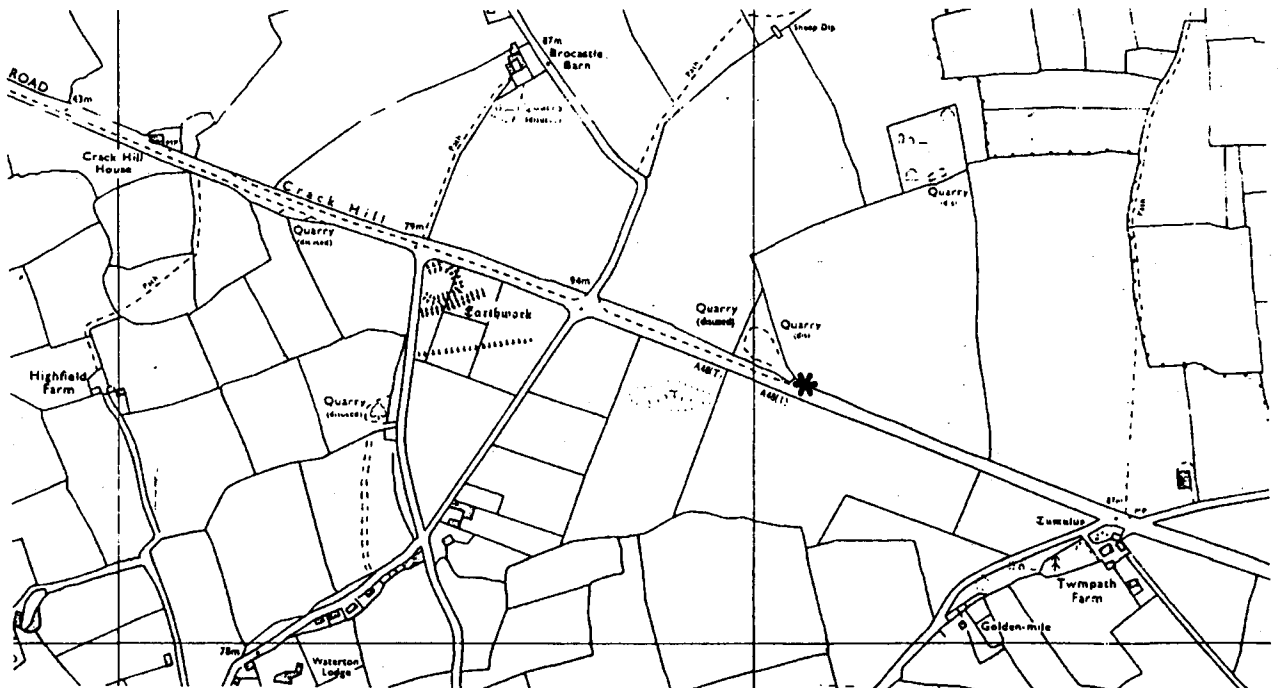
**LAND OWNERSHIP:
Vale of Glamorgan Council**

CAPITAL COSTS: £11,500

**MAINTENANCE IMPLICATION:
minimum**

EASE OF ACHIEVEMENT: 2

PRIORITY: B



SITE APPRAISAL

Various places along the verges of A48 where there are old trees nearing the end of life and on conspicuous skylines, or inappropriately suburban species, or where there are exposed embankments.

PROPOSALS

East of St. Nicholas -

- Planting of replacement limes between existing old limes to allow for phased removal as necessary.

Bare banks and cuttings at Cowbridge by-pass -

- Minor shelves cut in steep slopes to allow planting pockets.
- Plant with transplants, eg. rowan, ash, pine, in places to frame views up Thaw valley and to screen Cowbridge.

At Pentre Meyrick and near Crack Hill/B4525 junction

- Planting of native trees for phased replacement of inappropriate cherries etc.

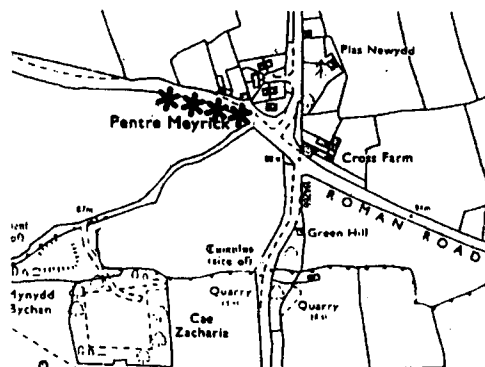
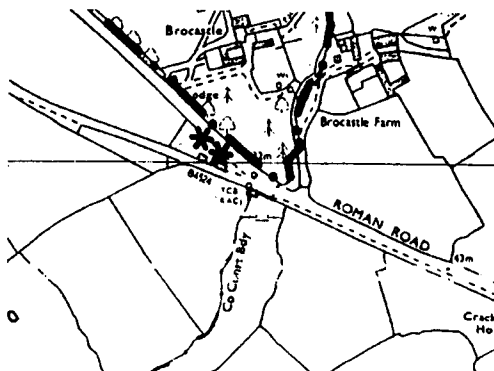
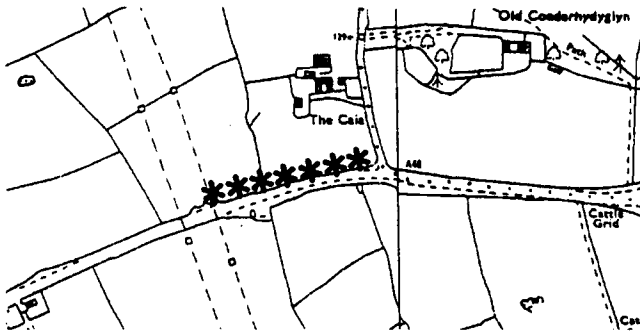
SITE LOCATION: A48
General tree planting

SITE NO. 6
GRID REFERENCE: ST 098 745
ST 005 745
SS 965 758
SS 934 771

LAND OWNERSHIP:
Vale of Glamorgan Council

CAPITAL COSTS: £16,000
MAINTENANCE IMPLICATION:
minimum

EASE OF ACHIEVEMENT: 1
PRIORITY: A



SITE APPRAISAL

Along northern sections of the Wenvoe bypass road there are various unsuitably suburban and formal trees, eg. flowering cherry and fastigate hornbeam.

PROPOSALS

- Interplanting with native trees, eg. ash, oak.
- Phased removal of inappropriate trees over several years.

SITE LOCATION: A4050
Wenvoe tree replacement

SITE NO. 8

GRID REFERENCE: ST 123 733

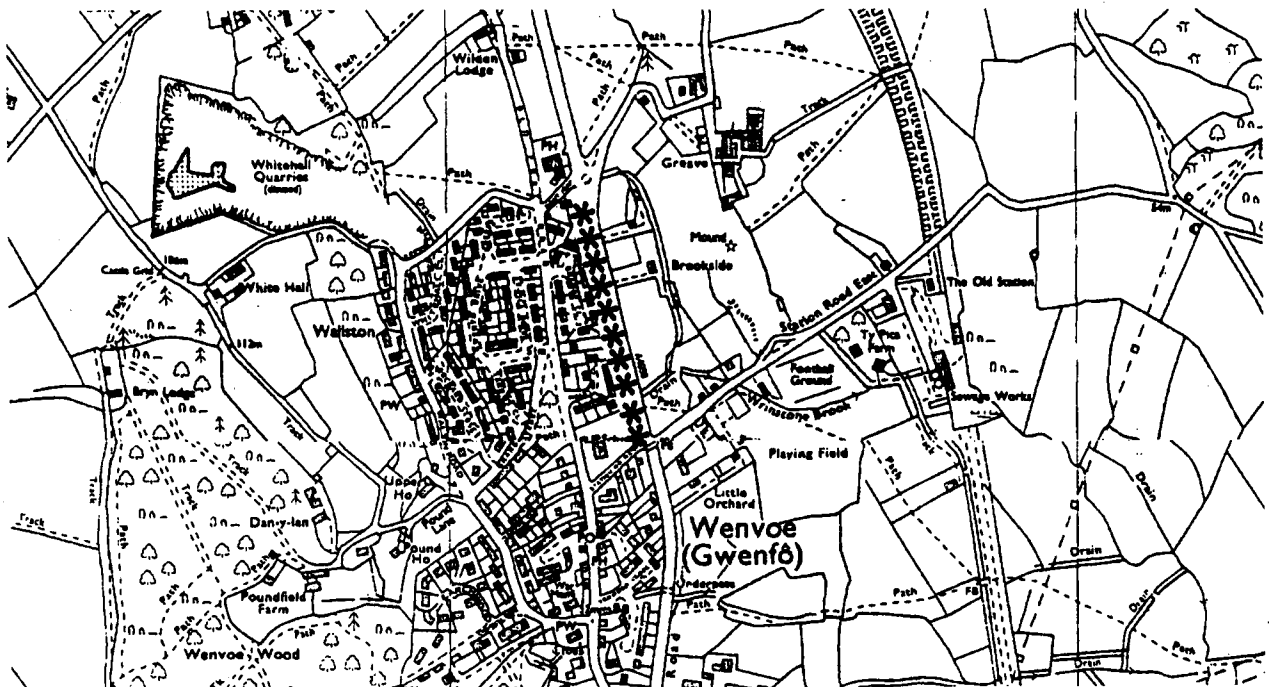
LAND OWNERSHIP:
Vale of Glamorgan Council

CAPITAL COSTS: £14,000

MAINTENANCE IMPLICATION:
minimum

EASE OF ACHIEVEMENT: 1

PRIORITY: B



SITE APPRAISAL

Important entrance to Vale, especially for commuters from Cardiff. South side of western part of road has open views across Cogan valley to uninteresting suburbia. Grass verge with steep drop down to gardens.

PROPOSALS

- Screen/break up views with planting - background of large, mainly native shrubs with groups of native trees.

**SITE LOCATION: A4055
Cogan - Llandough roadside**

SITE NO. 9

GRID REFERENCE: ST 170 724

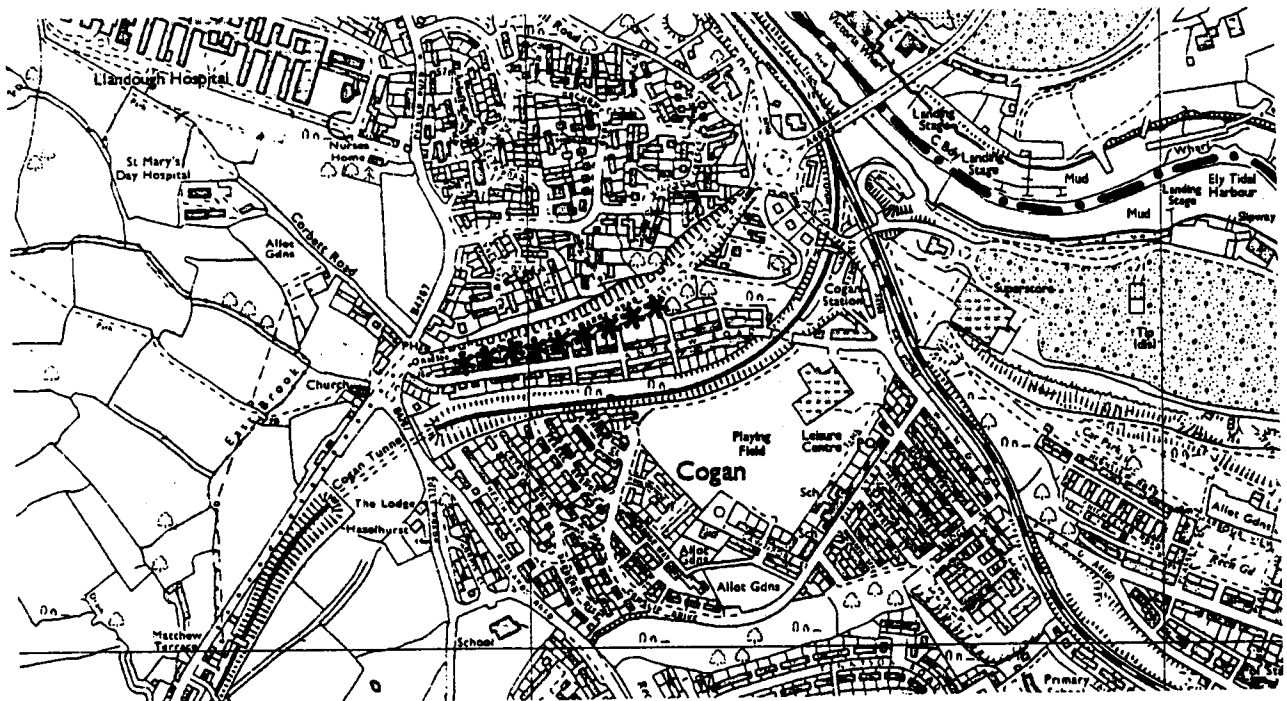
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Vale of Glamorgan Council**

CAPITAL COSTS: £30,000

**MAINTENANCE IMPLICATION:
minimum**

EASE OF ACHIEVEMENT: 1

PRIORITY: A



SITE APPRAISAL

On busy commuter rail line linking Barry to Cardiff, station alongside main road.

Long length of old metal boundary railing, battered and unpainted, stretching from railway/road bridge, to beyond station entrance. There is no layby for dropping off on the busy, rather narrow road.

PROPOSALS

- Railing replaced with traditional type, similar to existing. Open view to platform from road retained.
- If feasible in safety/highway terms, small layby built for dropping-off. Pavement and fence alignment adjusted accordingly.

SITE LOCATION: A4055
Dinas Powis station boundary

SITE NO. 10

GRID REFERENCE: ST 153 709

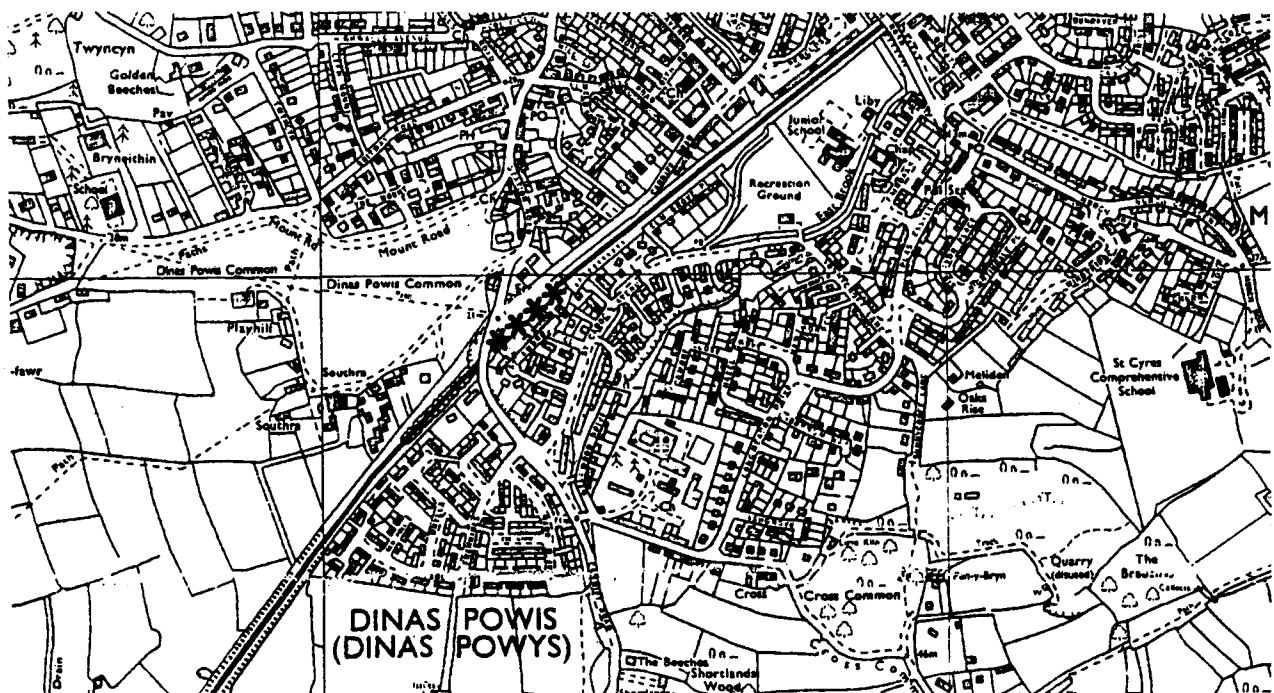
LAND OWNERSHIP:
Vale of Glamorgan Council
Railtrack

CAPITAL COSTS: £8,000

MAINTENANCE IMPLICATION:
no increase

EASE OF ACHIEVEMENT: 2

PRIORITY: B



10

SITE APPRAISAL

Busy main route into Barry. Identified in Barry Development Guidelines as a key corridor. Mixed development on either side, including older housing, triangle of open space, small businesses and major Dow Corning entrance and frontage. Various untidy frontages and boundary treatments, and views through to unsightly areas. Generally un-coordinated with run-down parts.

PROPOSALS

- Scheme developed with participation from adjacent landowners
- Co-ordinated design of boundaries, verges, planting, paving, etc.
- Fencing, gates, etc replaced with variations on single design, appropriate for differing requirements.
- Planting in verges and behind fences, including screening, entrance planting, avenue, central reservation.
- Up-grading of public open space, including improved footpaths.

SITE LOCATION: **A4055**
Cardiff Road, Barry

SITE NO. **11**

GRID REFERENCE: **ST 142 690**

LAND OWNERSHIP:
Vale of Glamorgan Council
Private

CAPITAL COSTS: **£180,000**

MAINTENANCE IMPLICATION:
Medium

EASE OF ACHIEVEMENT: **3**

PRIORITY: **A**



11

SITE APPRAISAL

On B4267 between roundabouts. Identified in Barry Development Guidelines as a key corridor. There is a variety of industry on the eastern side of the road, with further expansion expected. Un-coordinated variety of boundary and verge treatments, with unsightly premises exposed in places. Some parts with trees in verge.

PROPOSALS

- Scheme developed with participation from adjacent landowners
- Rationalisation and improvement of entrances including surfaces, edges, sight-lines, turning circles.
- New boundaries using coordinated materials in partnership with property owners.
- Planned entrances and boundaries for future growth of industrial area.
- Good grass verge all along, if possible, with shrubs screen planting and avenue of trees.

**SITE LOCATION: B4267
Sully Moors Road roadside**

SITE NO. 12

**GRID REFERENCE: ST 145 683
- 148 683**

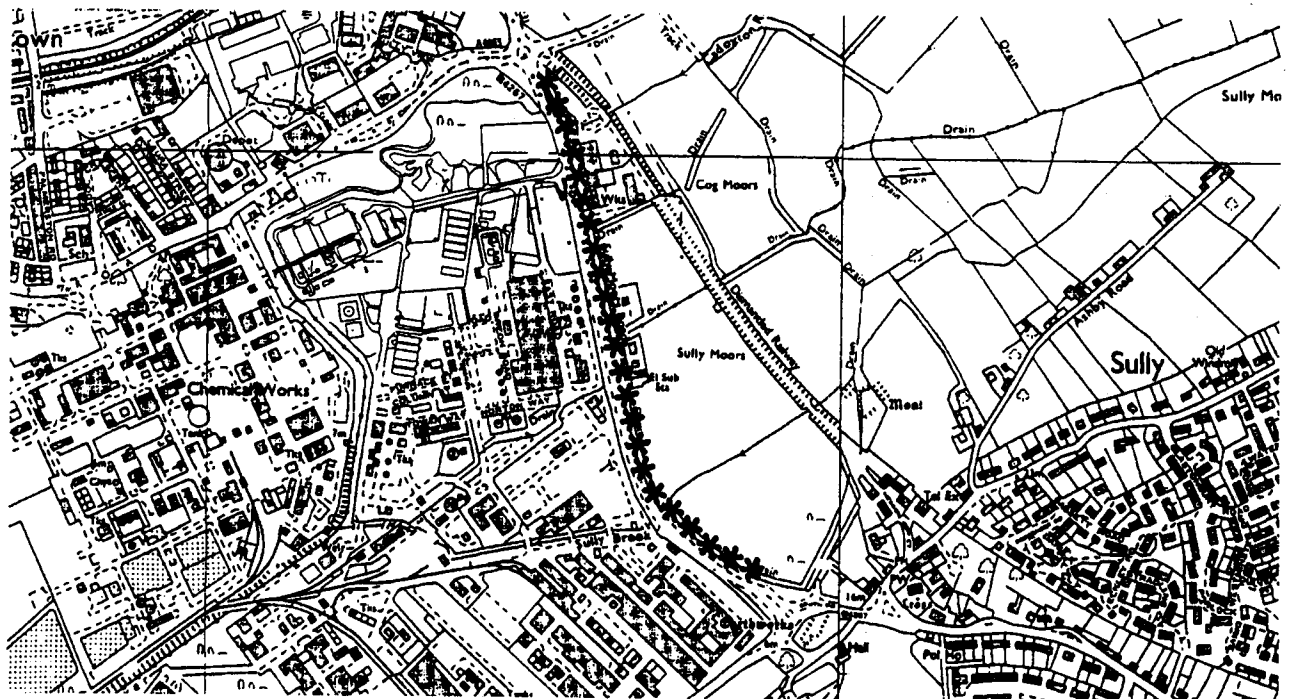
**LAND OWNERSHIP:
Vale of Glamorgan Council
Private properties**

CAPITAL COSTS: £96,000

**MAINTENANCE IMPLICATION:
medium**

EASE OF ACHIEVEMENT: 2

PRIORITY: A



SITE APPRAISAL

Between Barry and the airport the road runs along the high ground and traffic on it is conspicuous on the skyline in places from the countryside to the north. This extends the impression of urban fringe beyond the built-up area and linking with the activity around the airport. Identified in Barry Development Guidelines as a key corridor. With further development planned around the airport, there will be an increase in traffic levels using the A4226.

PROPOSALS

- Tree planting along the verges and boundaries of the main road to give a fully-wooded skyline and screen to traffic and development.

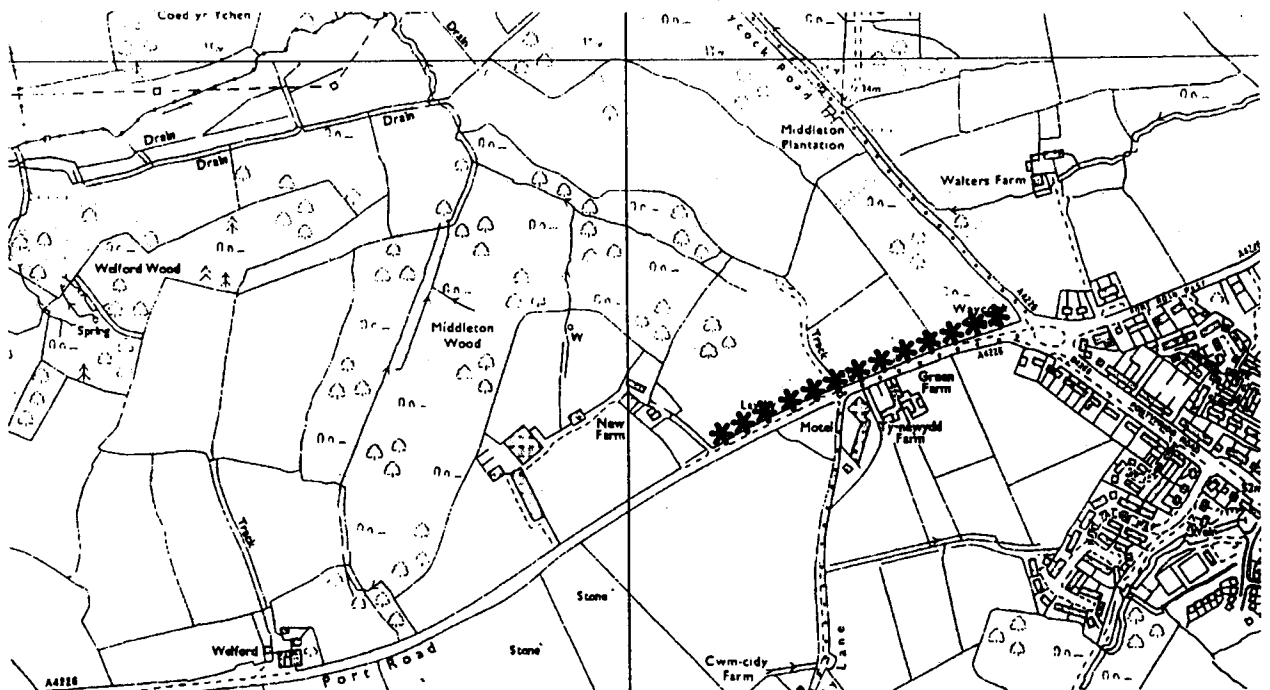
SITE LOCATION: A4226
Barry - Rhoose roadside

SITE NO. 13
GRID REFERENCE: ST 095 685

LAND OWNERSHIP:
Vale of Glamorgan Council

CAPITAL COSTS: £45,000
MAINTENANCE IMPLICATION:
minimum

EASE OF ACHIEVEMENT: 1
PRIORITY: B



13

SITE APPRAISAL

A large layby directly adjacent to the south side of the main road near the airport roundabout. On stretch of road identified as a key corridor in the Barry Development Guidelines and in Airport Approaches Report. Conspicuous with rough surfacing, litter and small island of uncut grass. Generally unsightly and giving a poor impression to airport traffic.

PROPOSALS

- General tidy-up.
- Resurface and new edging to prevent over-running of island.
- Island paved to reduce scruffy appearance.
- Tourist information point.
- Additional litter collection

SITE LOCATION: A4226
Rhoose layby

SITE NO. 14

GRID REFERENCE: ST 088 682

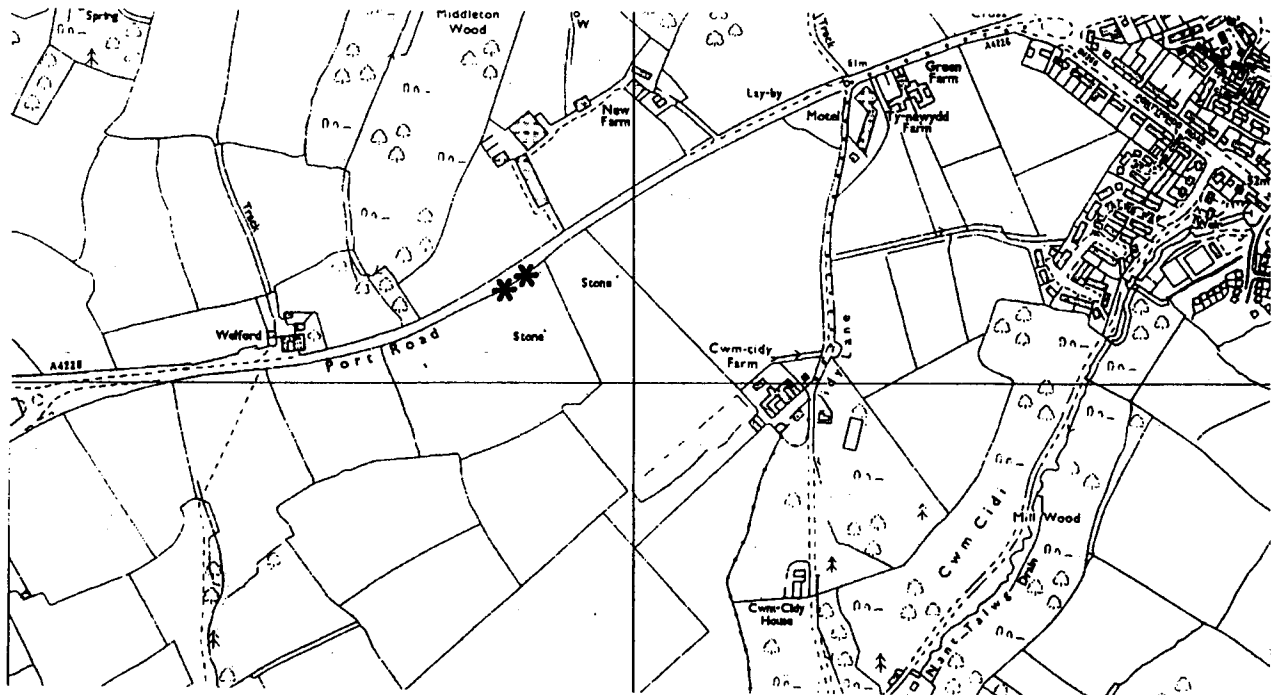
LAND OWNERSHIP:
Vale of Glamorgan Council

CAPITAL COSTS: £27,000

MAINTENANCE IMPLICATION:
low

EASE OF ACHIEVEMENT: 2

PRIORITY: B



SITE APPRAISAL

Main road partially on embankments as it passes near airport. Prominent from north and adjacent to business development site on south side.

PROPOSALS

- Assess potential for additional screen planting on verges and embankments
- Ensure adjacent development includes adequate and appropriate planting
- Verge planting of trees and shrubs

**SITE LOCATION: A4226/B4265
Cardiff Wales Airport
roadside**

SITE NO. 15

**GRID REFERENCE: ST 080 680
to 055 683**

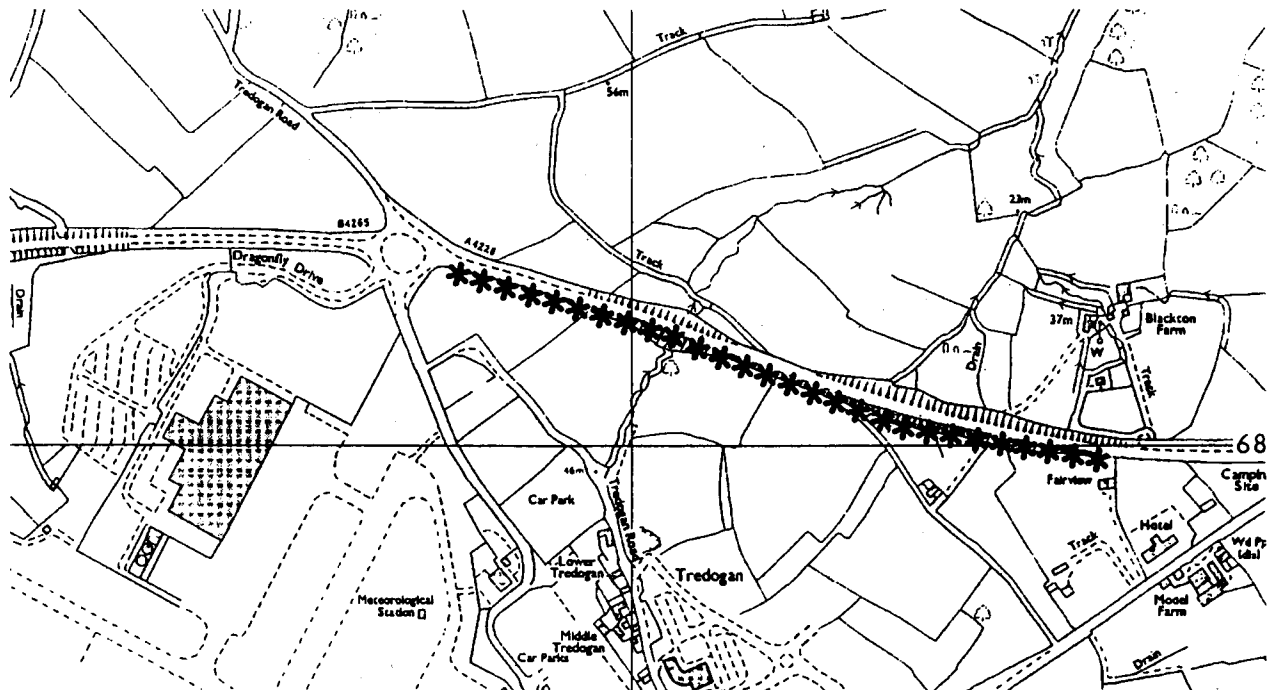
**LAND OWNERSHIP:
Vale of Glamorgan Council
and private**

CAPITAL COSTS: £166,000

**MAINTENANCE IMPLICATION:
minimum**

EASE OF ACHIEVEMENT: 1-2

PRIORITY: B



SITE APPRAISAL

Heavily used road passing along higher land of the plateau. Sparse planting and low trimmed hedges generally means that the road is highly visible from the coast and from St. Athan. Narrow belt of land between road and railway. RAF runway close to road. Some tree planting carried out but making little impact.

PROPOSALS

- Assessment of existing tree planting
- Additional tree and shrub planting to partially screen road and to frame views to coast.
- Planting needs to avoid restricting visibility for aircraft.
- Additional planting to supplement hedges
- Viewing laybys for plane-spotters, with seats, litter bins, information.

SITE LOCATION: B4265
Aberthaw to Llantwit planting

SITE NO. 16

GRID REFERENCE: ST 023 675
to SS 988 683

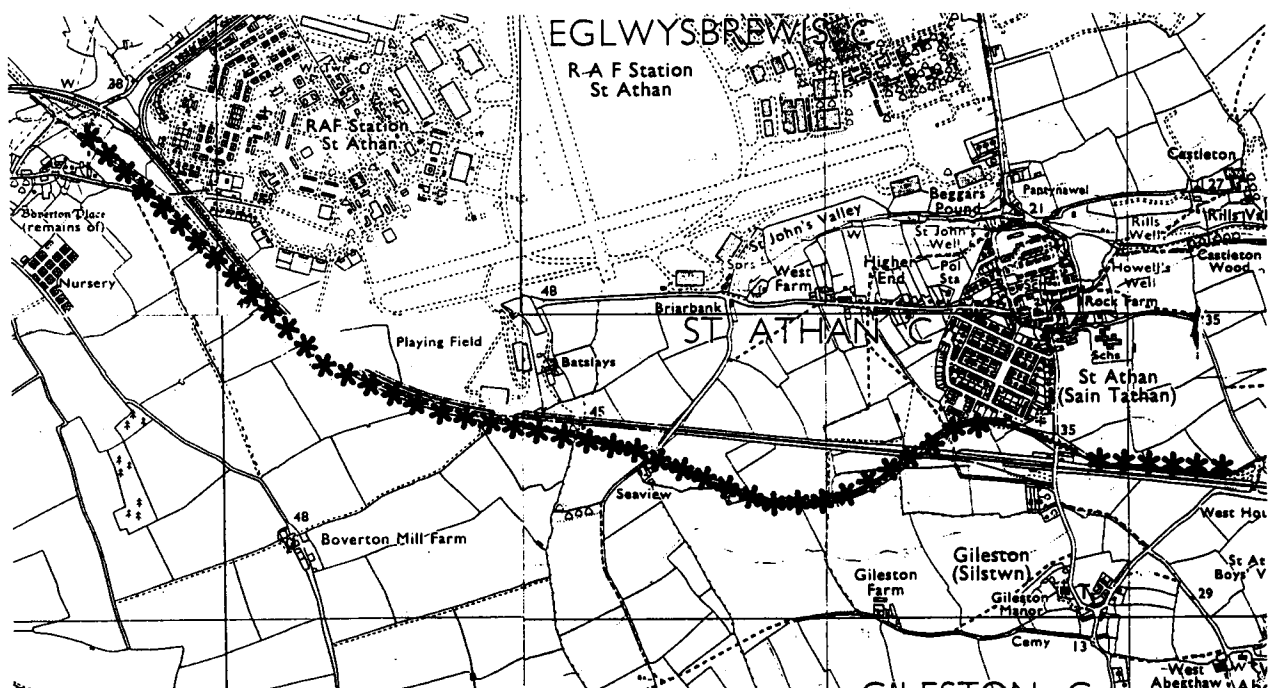
LAND OWNERSHIP:
Vale of Glamorgan Council

CAPITAL COSTS: £105,000

MAINTENANCE IMPLICATION:
minimum

EASE OF ACHIEVEMENT: 1

PRIORITY: B



16

SITE APPRAISAL

Main road junction at important entrance to village. Dominated by traffic lights, signs and mown grass. War memorial in prominent position but unattractive surrounds. Bus stops.

PROPOSALS

Redesign of area, including -

- Planting to screen main road from housing
- Attractive surrounds to War Memorial, including seating and planting
- Improvements to laybys and bus stop/shelters and adjacent area
- Village entrance feature

SITE LOCATION: B4265
St Athan junction

SITE NO. 17

GRID REFERENCE: ST 018 676

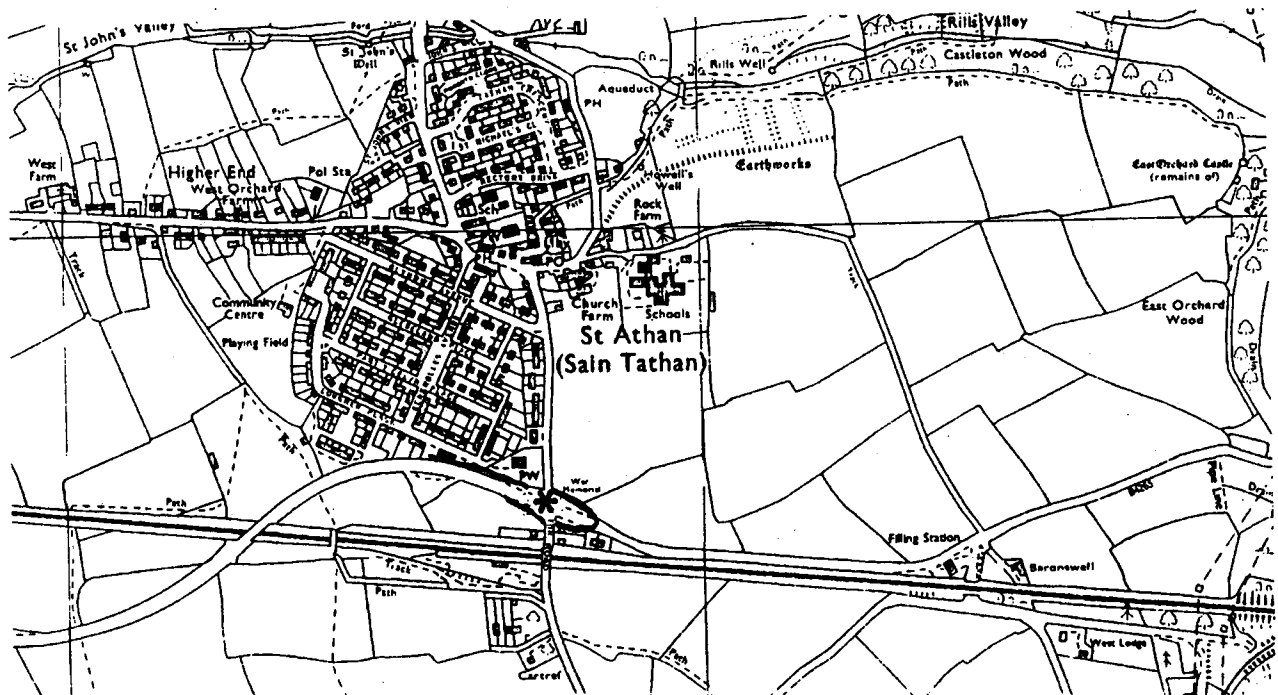
LAND OWNERSHIP:
Vale of Glamorgan Council

CAPITAL COSTS: £45,000

MAINTENANCE IMPLICATION:
medium

EASE OF ACHIEVEMENT: 2

PRIORITY: C



SITE APPRAISAL

At the Llanmaes junction the road and roundabout are visible from Llanmaes and surrounding countryside, reducing rural atmosphere of village and extending the urban influence of Llantwit Major beyond its boundaries. Elsewhere along the bypass the road is screened from the countryside by cuttings or existing mature hedges. Recent planting will help screen the road from new housing estates, and visa versa.

PROPOSALS

- Additional native tree and shrub planting to continue alignments of roadside hedges.
- Groups of trees at junction.

SITE LOCATION: B4265
Llantwit Major bypass

SITE NO. 18
GRID REFERENCE: SS 977 683

LAND OWNERSHIP:
Vale of Glamorgan Council

CAPITAL COSTS: £11,000

MAINTENANCE IMPLICATION:
minimum

EASE OF ACHIEVEMENT: 1

PRIORITY: B



SITE APPRAISAL

Edge-of-settlement roundabouts at strategically important places and entrances to the Vale, approached from both the suburbs and countryside. Currently they have a variety of treatments including over-elaborate 'themes', arboretums, Cotoneaster, paved. These are either inappropriate for their semi-rural settings, require high maintenance or will need re-planting within the foreseeable future. There is no distinct 'Vale' style or continuity of design of roundabouts.

Locations:	Culverhouse Cross	ST 118 748
		ST 116 747
		ST 118 745
	Wenvoe	ST 121 739
		ST 122 735
		ST 123 730
		ST 123 725
		ST 122 721
	Cogan	ST 175 728
	Biglis	ST 144 692
	Sully	ST 149 683

PROPOSALS

Phased re-design using variations on simple theme with native trees, shrubs and wild flowers and local stone where size permits.

SITE LOCATION: Roundabouts

SITE NO. 19

GRID REFERENCE: Various
(see opposite)

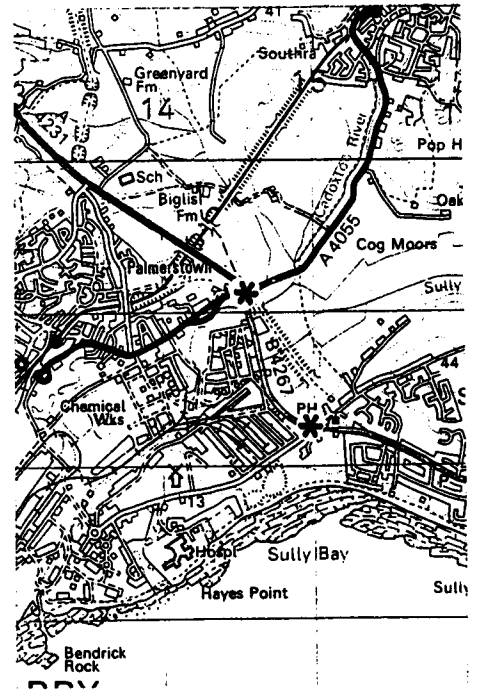
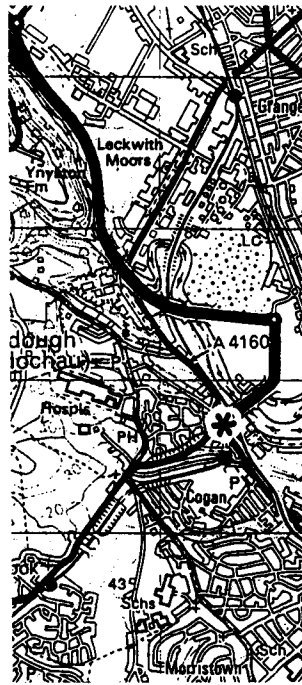
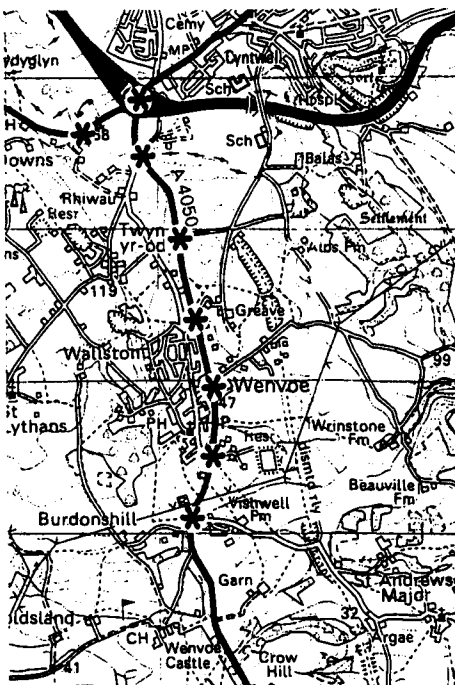
LAND OWNERSHIP:
Vale of Glamorgan Council

CAPITAL COSTS: £264,000

MAINTENANCE IMPLICATION:
low to reduction

EASE OF ACHIEVEMENT: 2

PRIORITY: B



SITE APPRAISAL

Mini roundabout at busy junction on outskirts of Barry. Currently well enclosed with mature woodland surrounding. Major development proposals on adjacent land will increase traffic and expose road and roundabout to view from distance, especially north and east. Proposed Airport Access Road will alter road and roundabout alignment.

PROPOSALS

- Ensure development proposals include adequate and appropriate screen planting.
- Substantial additional woodland planting in advance of, and in conjunction with development on council-owned land to east of roundabout.

SITE LOCATION: Pencoedre roundabout

SITE NO. 20

GRID REFERENCE: ST 125 707

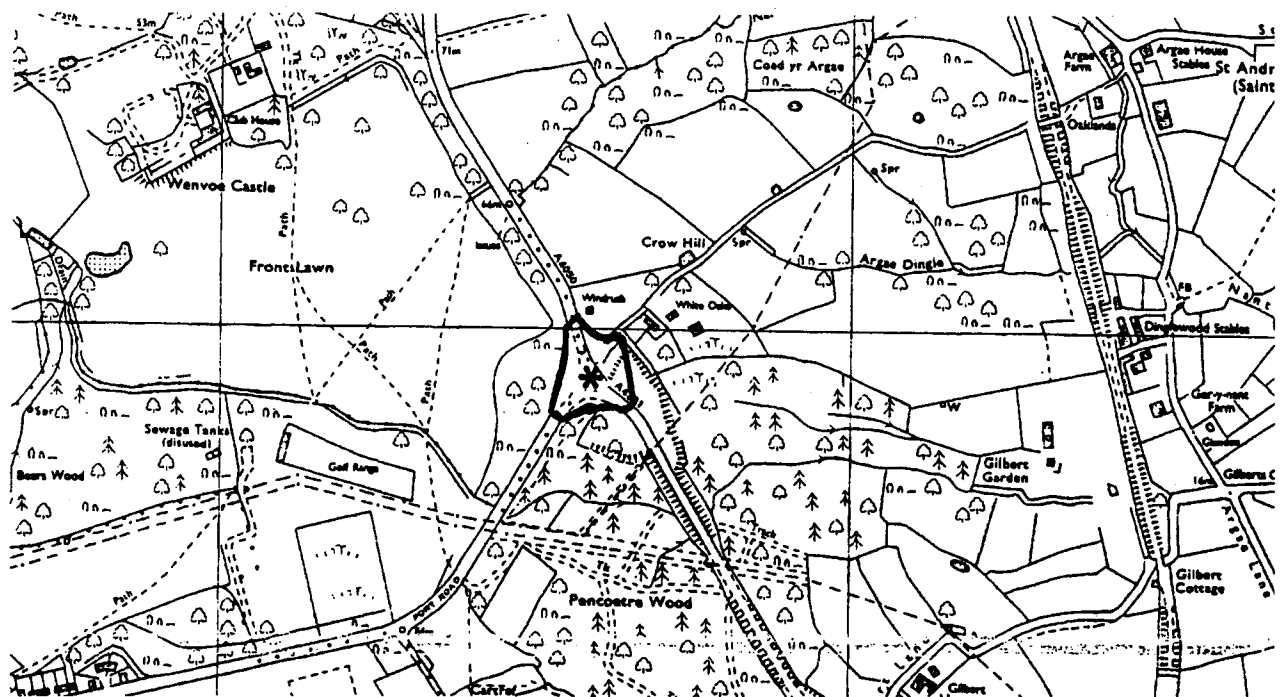
LAND OWNERSHIP:
Vale of Glamorgan Council

CAPITAL COSTS: £48,000

MAINTENANCE IMPLICATION:
minimum

EASE OF ACHIEVEMENT: 2

PRIORITY: B

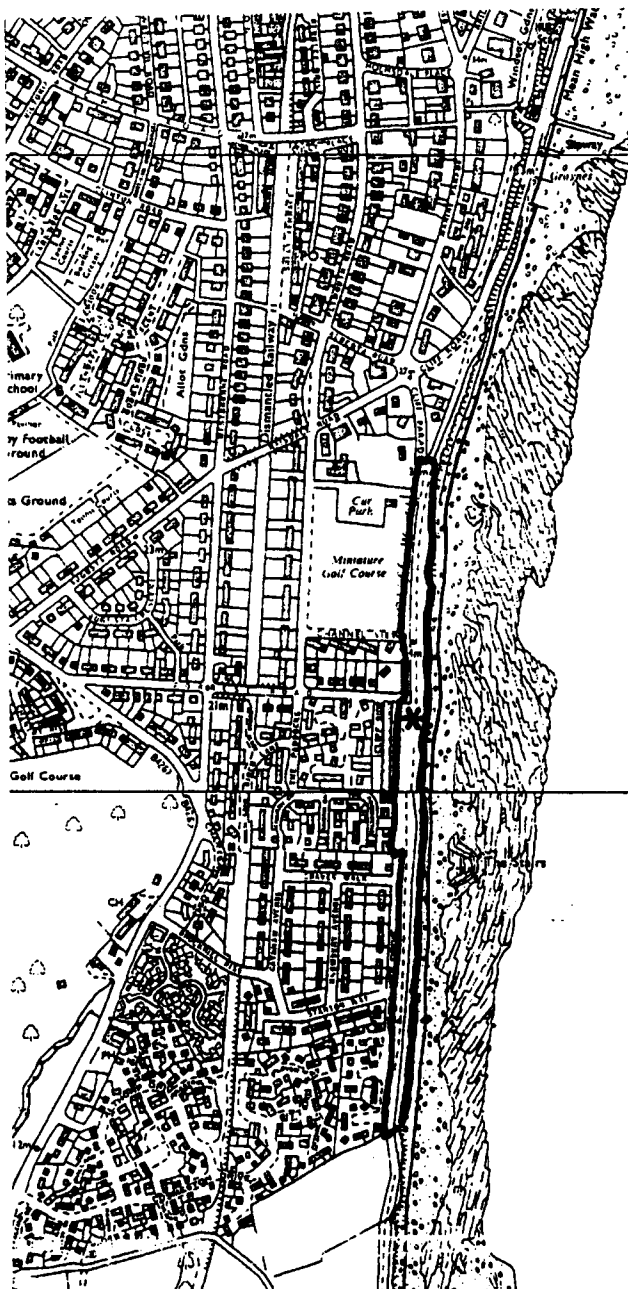


SITE APPRAISAL

Maintained grass strip along suburban cliff-top with single straight tarmac footpath linking to the rural coastal footpath. Popular for 'constitutionals' and dog-walking. Fine views out over the Bristol Channel but otherwise uninteresting and not capitalising on dramatic position.

PROPOSALS

- Introduce 'nodes' or interest points along the re-aligned main route with seating, look-out places with views down to the shore.
- Groups of mainly native or local trees/shrubs to break up linearity, to screen boundary walls and to reflect wind-pruned character of cliff scrub.
- Minor path added alongside cliff edge boundary fence.



SITE LOCATION: Penarth
Cliff Walk

SITE NO. 21

GRID REFERENCE: ST 186 696
to 187 707

LAND OWNERSHIP:
Vale of Glamorgan Council

CAPITAL COSTS: £60,000

MAINTENANCE IMPLICATION:
low

EASE OF ACHIEVEMENT: 2

PRIORITY: C

SITE APPRAISAL

Existing coastal footpath link from Penarth Cliff Walk, via Lavernock Point, Swanbridge and Sully to Atlantic Trading Estate.

Lavernock - No clear signing of path in either direction from car park.

Swanbridge - crude construction of sea wall, with parking adjacent to foreshore, large-scale debris on foreshore, poor signing, potential conflict between traffic and pedestrians.

Sully - poor access points to coastal path, with some inappropriate street furniture.

PROPOSALS

- Negotiate with adjacent landowners to join missing links
- Review of foot path signs throughout to clarify directions, distances, etc.
- Improved stiles, simple seats (driftwood or boulders).
- Swanbridge in partnership with Crown Estates (foreshore) and private owners - clearance of debris, re-design of parking to allow coastal strip for seating walking, shingle vegetation, etc. and to improve safety.

SITE LOCATION: Penarth to Barry coastal footpath

SITE NO. 22

GRID REFERENCE: ST 187 707 to 139 672

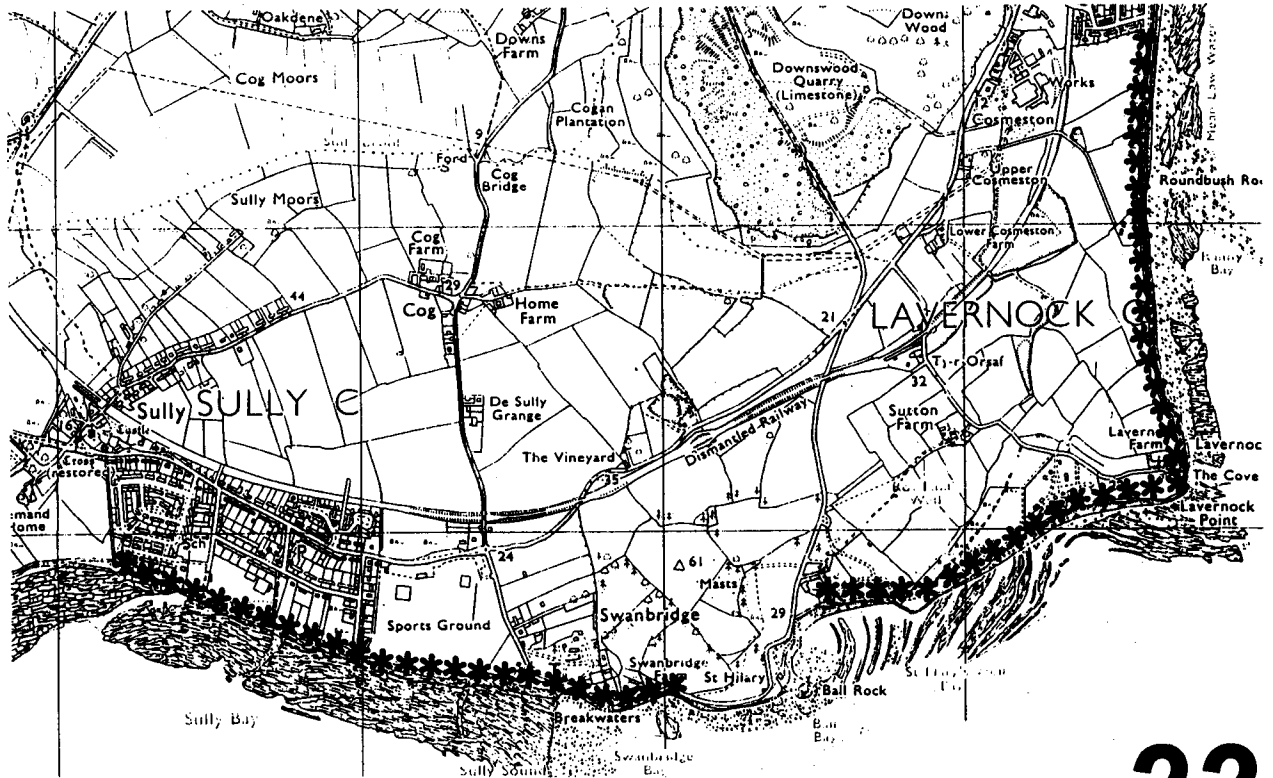
**LAND OWNERSHIP: Vale of Glamorgan Council
Crown Estates (foreshore)
Private**

CAPITAL COSTS: £36,000

MAINTENANCE IMPLICATION: minimum

EASE OF ACHIEVEMENT: 3

PRIORITY: B



22

SITE APPRAISAL

Several small fields with large hedges, grazed by horses, between B4267 and the coast. Comprising the only rural land between Sully and Barry, it plays an important role in keeping the settlements separate.

PROPOSALS

- Potential development of formal recreational and sporting facilities as Vale of Glamorgan design proposals. These require further design refinements regarding layout of facilities, pedestrian access, screening and shelter, etc.
- Development subject to SPORTSLOT funding.

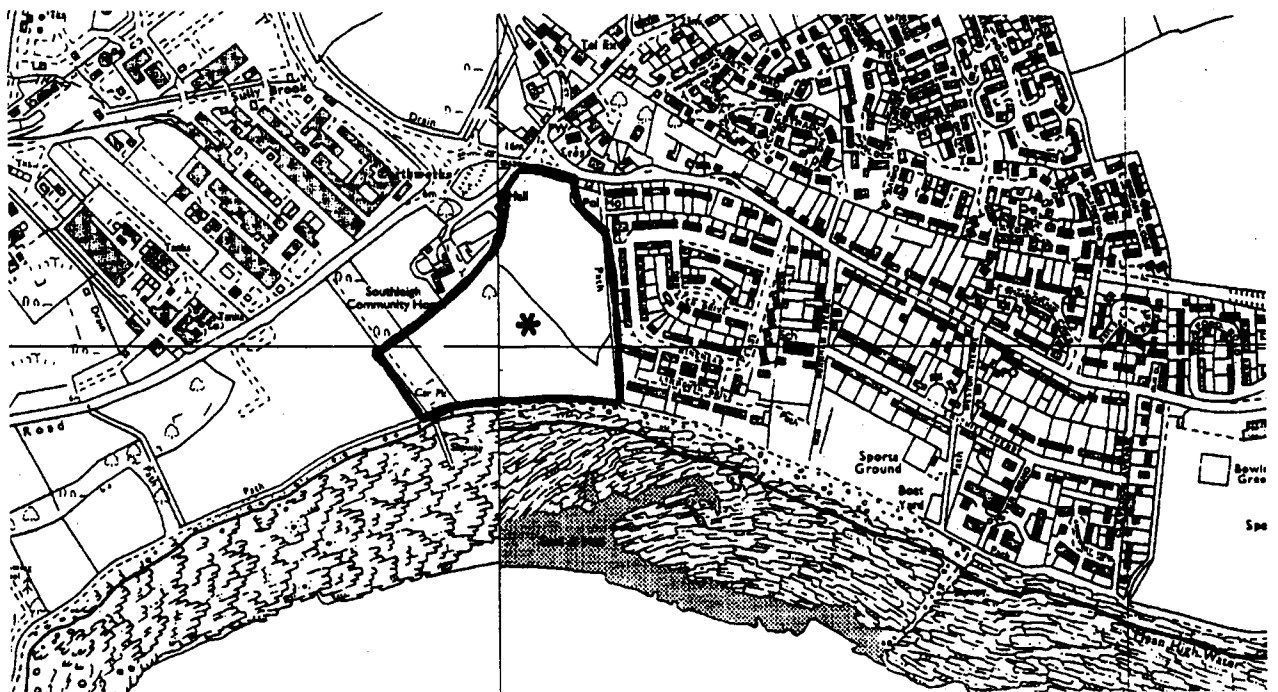
SITE LOCATION: Sully Glebe Fields

SITE NO. 23
GRID REFERENCE: ST 151 682

LAND OWNERSHIP: Church in Wales

CAPITAL COSTS: N/A
MAINTENANCE IMPLICATION: High

EASE OF ACHIEVEMENT: 3
PRIORITY: C



SITE APPRAISAL

Narrow belt of land with access from Hayes Road to Civic Amenities site and to public slipway. Adjacent to Glebe Fields. Rough grass and area of pot-holed parking near shore. Straight hard-surfaced access road through site. Some fly-tipping related to Civic Amenities site. Generally neglected and unsightly. Will be included in Glebe Fields if proposal goes ahead.

PROPOSALS

If Glebe Fields not implemented -

- General tidy-up.
- Re-surfacing of access road and hard-standing for parking and boat launching area.
- Tree and shrub planting to separate Civic Amenities site from remainder of area and to give shelter.
- Improved signs and access to coastal footpath.
- Protection and reinforcement of coastal vegetation strip.

SITE LOCATION: Hayes Road
Civic Amenities site & slipway

SITE NO. 24

GRID REFERENCE: ST 148 680

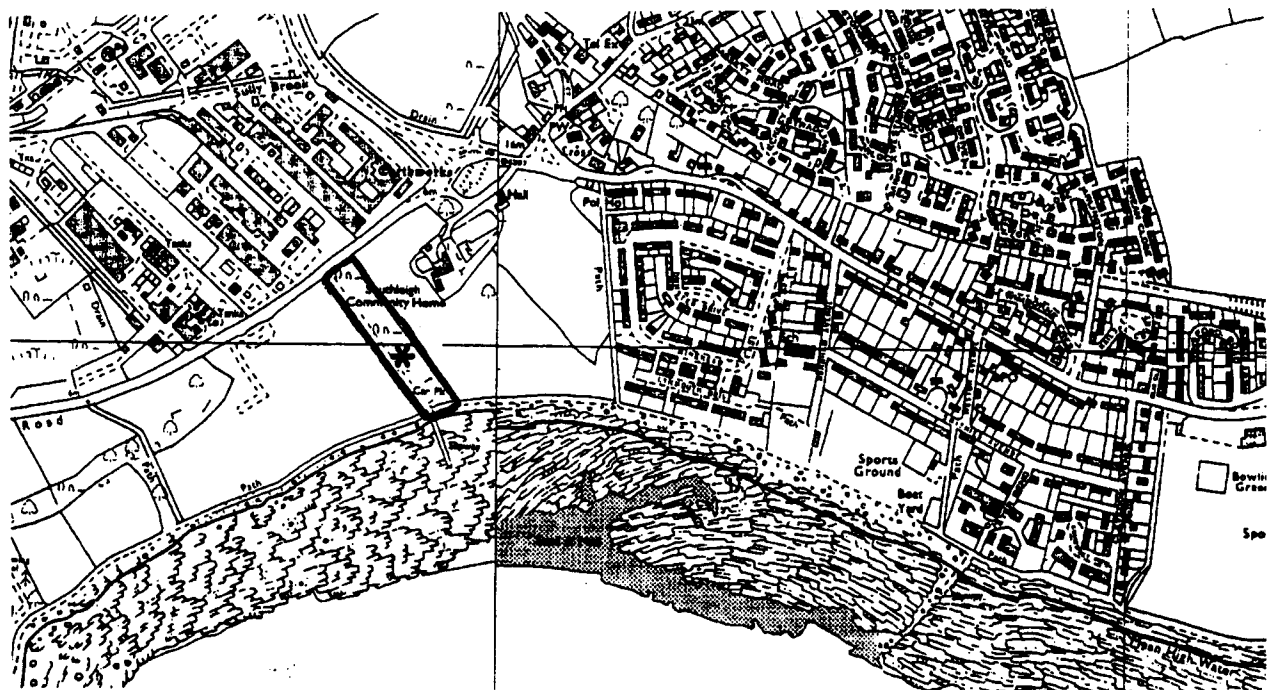
LAND OWNERSHIP:
Vale of Glamorgan Council

CAPITAL COSTS: £72,000

MAINTENANCE IMPLICATION:
low

EASE OF ACHIEVEMENT: 2

PRIORITY: B



24

SITE APPRAISAL

Trading Estate boundary fence hard against the high sea wall leaving little space for footpath. No access through from Trading Estate or links to coast. Trading Estate due for re-development

PROPOSALS

As Atlantic Trading Estate: Coastal Frontage Design Guideline and as Atlantic Trading Estate Development Plan.

To include -

- Green space and planting along coast.
- Footpath improvements and links through estate
- Small area for public parking
- Interpretation of site.

SITE LOCATION:

**Atlantic Trading Estate
coastal path**

SITE NO.

25

GRID REFERENCE:

ST 135 672

LAND OWNERSHIP:

**Vale of Glamorgan Council
and private**

CAPITAL COSTS:

£46,000

MAINTENANCE IMPLICATION:

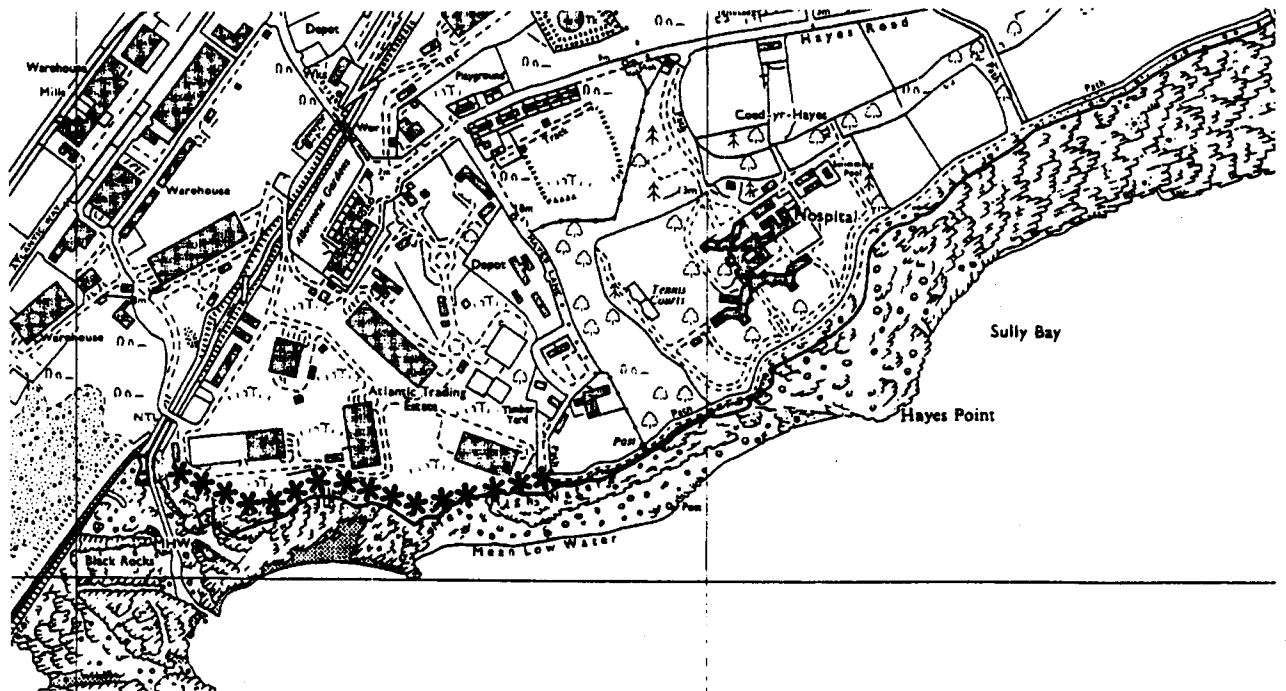
minimum

EASE OF ACHIEVEMENT:

2

PRIORITY:

A



25

SITE APPRAISAL

Former holiday camp now demolished. Access around Nell's Point therefore extended to include coast path and headland. Important geological features (SSSI), archaeological feature (St Baruch's chapel), and fine views.

PROPOSALS

- Ensure that redevelopment plans conform to Nell's Point Open Space Strategy (1998) i.e. -
- Maintain and enhance broad public open space around coast;
- Create links to adjacent areas, eg. Jacksons Bay, Whitmore Bay and promenade
- Conservation and appropriate management of geological SSSI and archaeological resources.

SITE LOCATION:

Barry Island coastal path

SITE NO.

26

GRID REFERENCE:

ST 120 662

LAND OWNERSHIP:

Vale of Glamorgan Council and private

CAPITAL COSTS:

N/A

(to be agreed)

MAINTENANCE IMPLICATION:

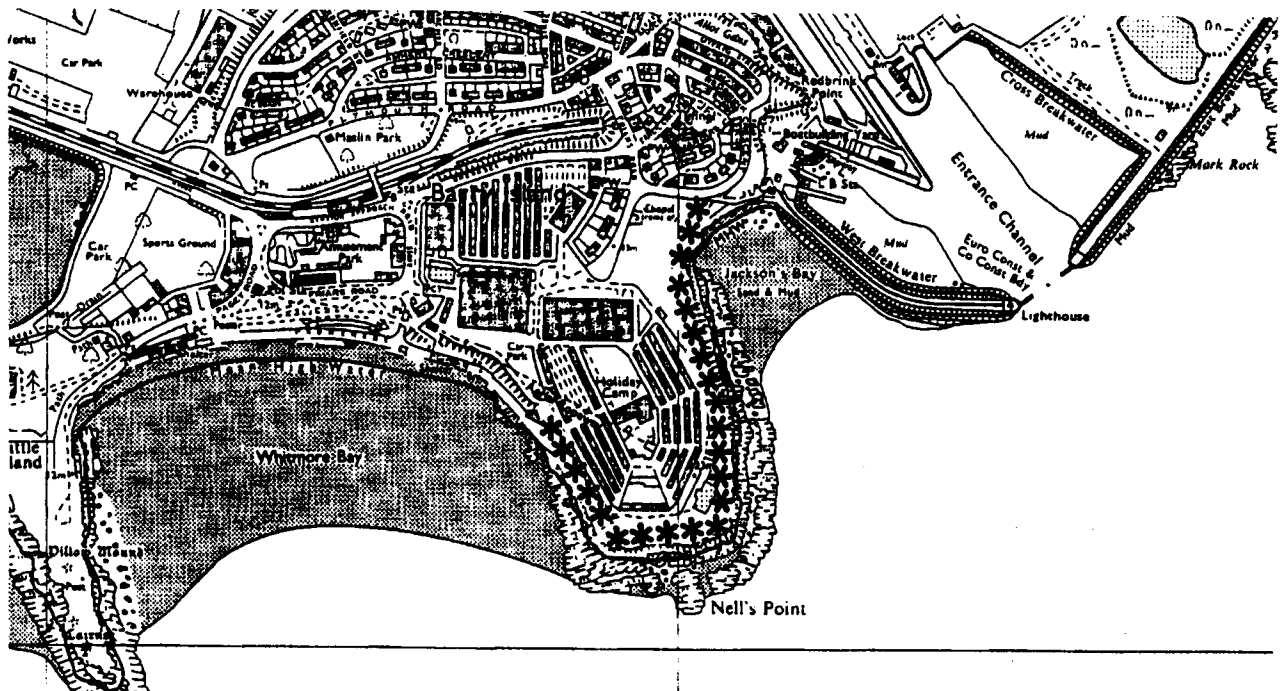
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EASE OF ACHIEVEMENT:

2-3

PRIORITY:

A-B



SITE APPRAISAL

Cliff-top and steep hillside between Marine Drive and The Knap. Open mown grassland with a few seats scattered around. Fine views from upper part both east across Barry and west along coast. Also open to backs of housing along lower boundary. Conspicuous from Barry Island and lower parts of the town. Footpath links from the Knap and Romilly Park along cliff top to Porthkerry Country Park. Little used and, apart from views, uninteresting. Under-used area of open space.

PROPOSALS

- Native tree and shrub planting on lower slopes to screen housing backs and link in with natural cliff vegetation.
- No trees or shrubs on upper slopes or cliff top to retain open views.
- Simple network of surfaced footpaths to provide better links between Marine Drive area and the Knap and Romilly Park and coastal path.
- Introduction of wild flowers and varying maintenance regimes to grassland to develop more natural and interesting vegetation

**SITE LOCATION: Barry
The Knap/Bull Cliff**

**SITE NO. 27
GRID REFERENCE: ST 097 666**

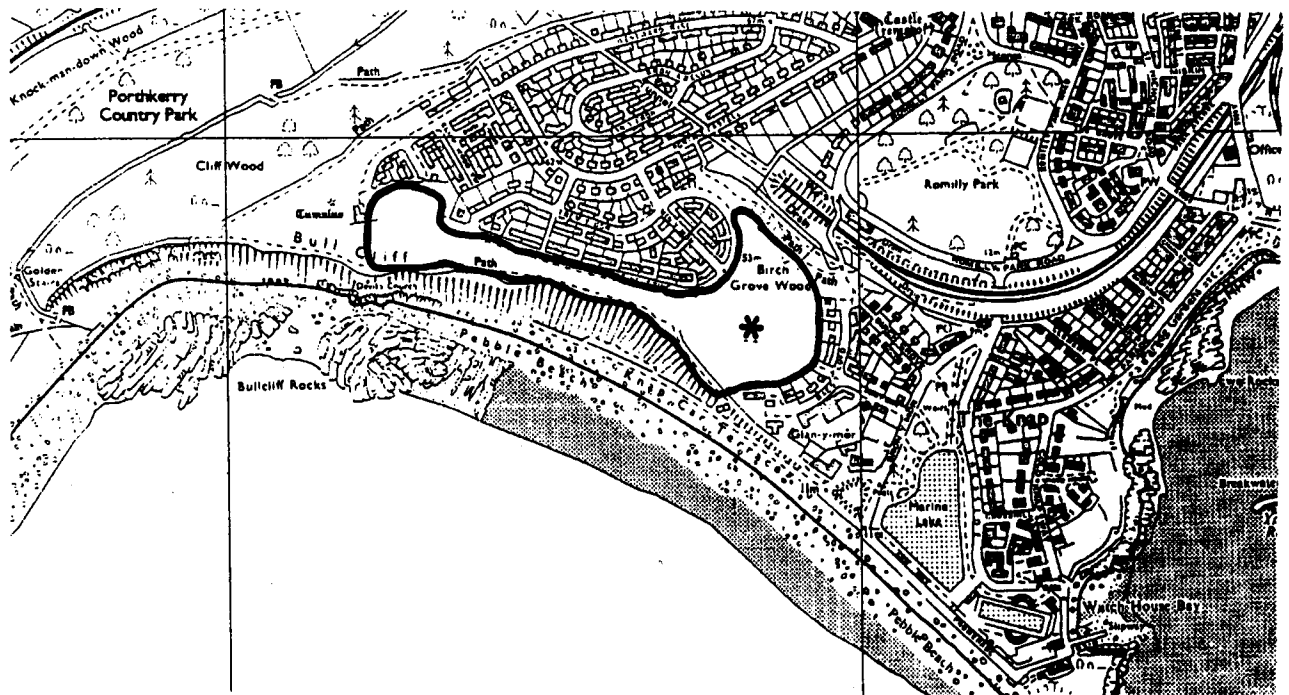
**LAND OWNERSHIP:
Vale of Glamorgan Council**

CAPITAL COSTS: £84,000

**MAINTENANCE IMPLICATION:
low**

EASE OF ACHIEVEMENT: 1

PRIORITY: C



SITE APPRAISAL

Public footpath along cliff top with linking paths from Rhoose. Where it passes through caravan parks it is ill-defined. Current restoration of former quarry workings immediately behind cliff with no coastal access. No signposting of paths.

PROPOSALS

- Sign-posting of paths, especially through caravan parks. If possible, draw caravans back from cliff-top boundary.
- Improved stiles and gates in places.
- Broad belt of land set aside for public access along coast included in development plans for restored quarry, with screen planting etc.

SITE LOCATION:

Porthkerry to Rhoose coastal path

SITE NO. 28

GRID REFERENCE: ST 084 663 to 043 660

LAND OWNERSHIP:

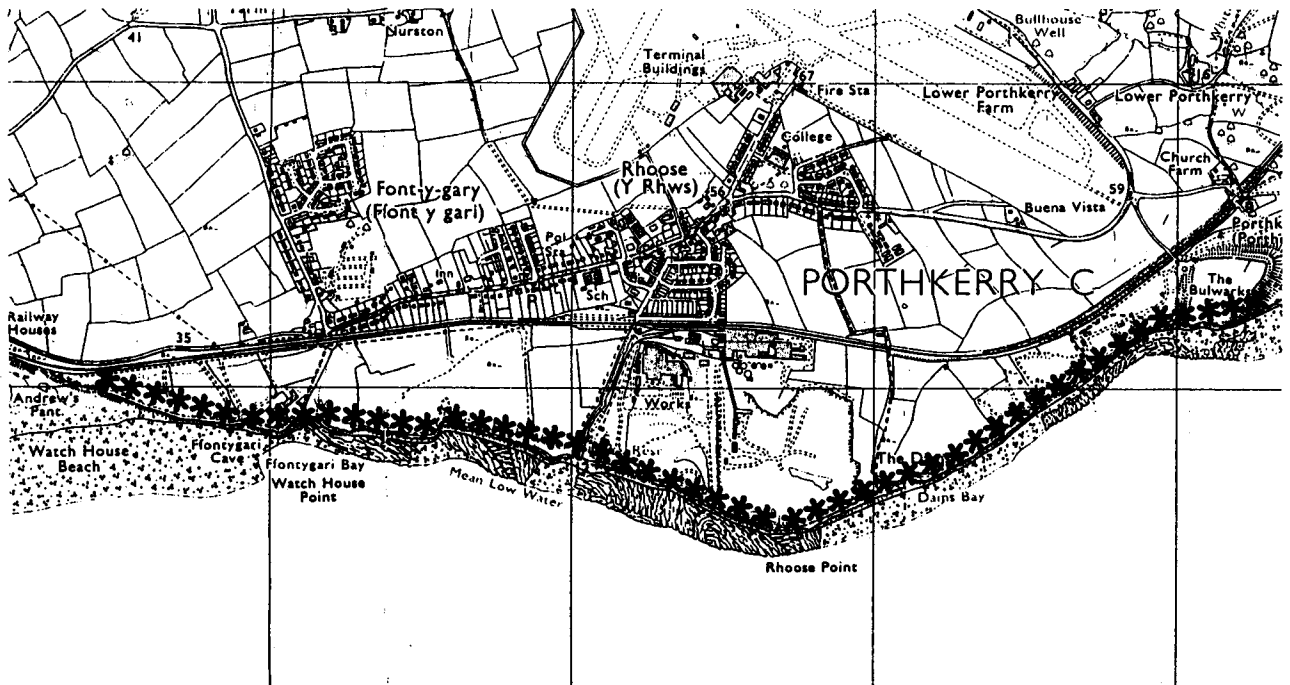
Private

CAPITAL COSTS: £72,000

MAINTENANCE IMPLICATION: minimum

EASE OF ACHIEVEMENT: 2

PRIORITY: C



SITE APPRAISAL

From Limpert to river mouth there is a footpath (not public right of way) along the sea wall linking to small bridge across river mouth. Unpleasantly dog-fouled and restricted by chainlink fence. East of river mouth there is no footpath, but difficult access along foreshore. Old power station demolished. Generally pedestrian access is difficult and restricted

PROPOSALS

- Negotiate permissive path along entire length
- Boundary fences set back from coast to allow more space for path.
- Signing and improved stiles, gates, surfaces as required.
- Interpretation of power station activities.

SITE LOCATION: Breaksea Point coastal link

SITE NO. 29

GRID REFERENCE: ST 020 663 to 043 661

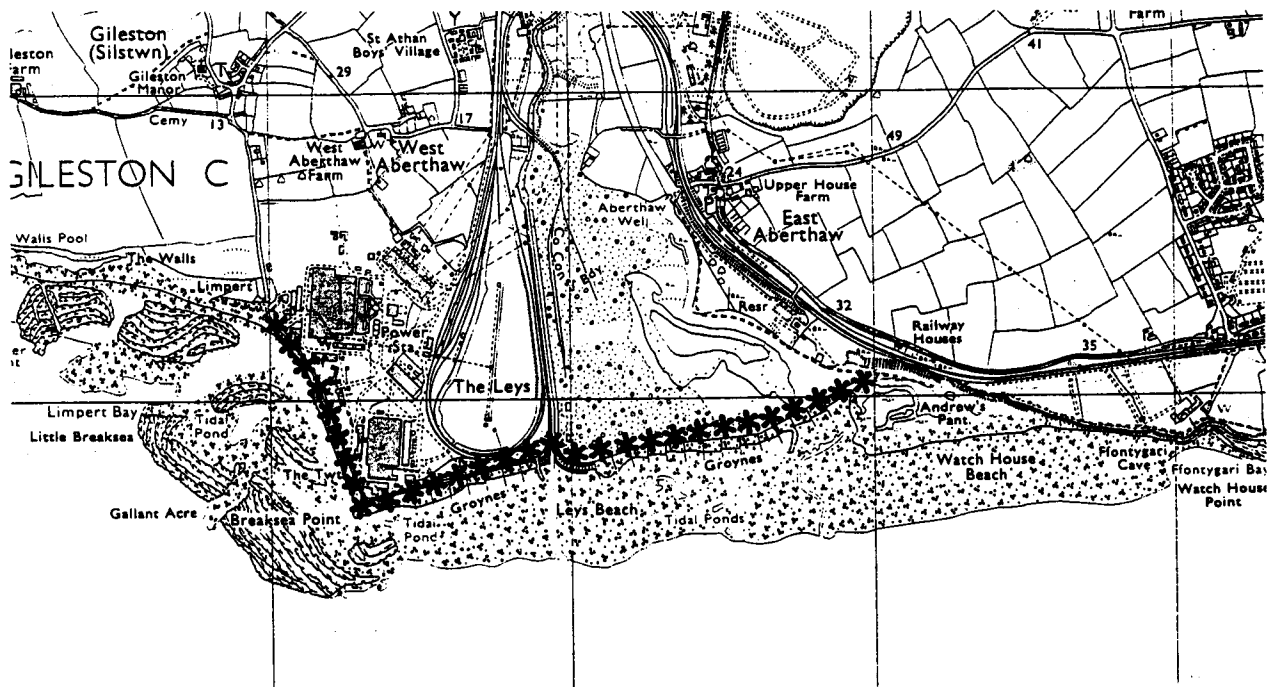
LAND OWNERSHIP: Private - power station Crown Estates - foreshore

CAPITAL COSTS: £35,000

MAINTENANCE IMPLICATION: minimum

EASE OF ACHIEVEMENT: 2

PRIORITY: C



SITE APPRAISAL

Eastern limit of Heritage Coast adjacent to major detractor of power station. Existing council car parking well hidden and little used, back from coast. More popular informal parking on shingle. Air of dereliction with ruin of stone building, old concrete cube sea defences, unused field behind, poor signs and seats.

PROPOSALS

- Parking kept informal.
- General tidy-up including removal of seats and demolition or re-use of building.
- Shingle graded against cubes to disguise and allow path along tops.
- Field managed for coastal wildlife, pic-nics, etc.
- Good information about Heritage Coast and signing, including Breaksea Point coastal link.

**SITE LOCATION: Heritage Coast
Limpert car park**

SITE NO. 30

GRID REFERENCE: ST 019 663

**LAND OWNERSHIP:
Vale of Glamorgan Council
Private**

CAPITAL COSTS: £30,000

**MAINTENANCE IMPLICATION:
low**

EASE OF ACHIEVEMENT: 2

PRIORITY: B



SITE APPRAISAL

Only stretch of Heritage Coast cliff-top with no public or permissive path. Arable fields right up to cliff edge.

PROPOSALS

- Negotiate permissive path with landowner.
- Negotiate cliff-top belt of land to come out of agricultural usage, with fence to define area. Wide enough to allow for natural coastal erosion.
- Stiles, steps, signs, etc. as on other parts of coastal path

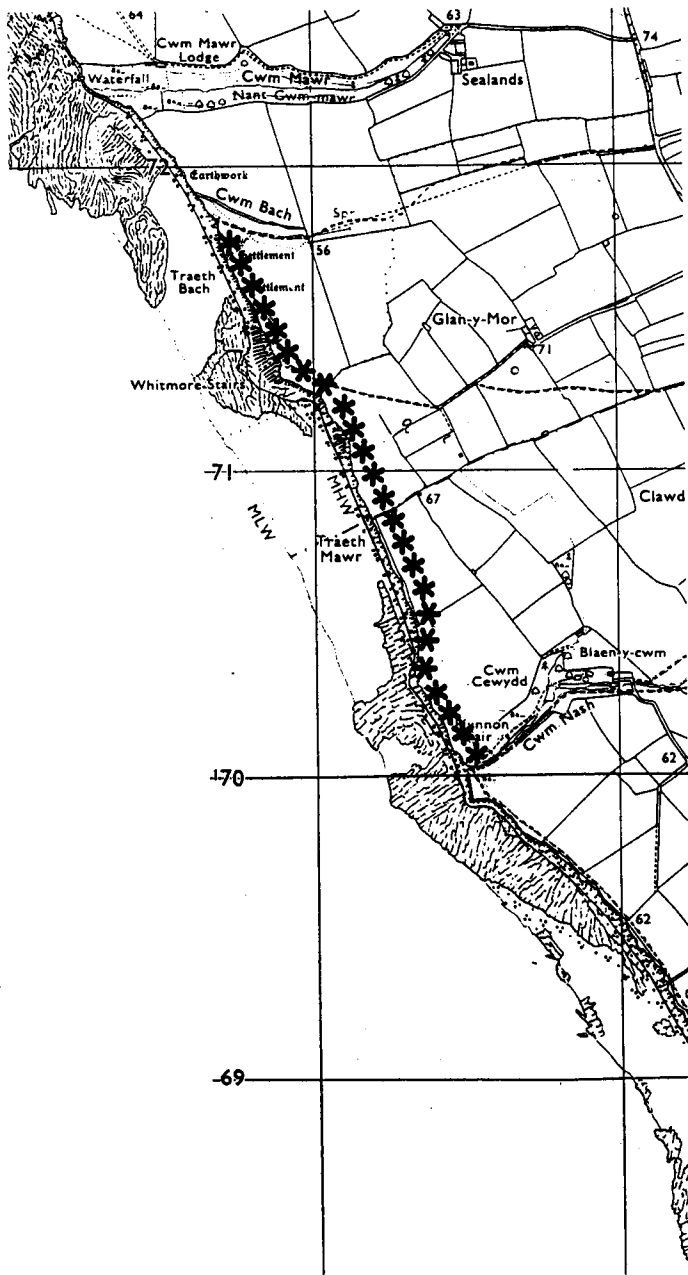
**SITE LOCATION: Heritage Coast
Cwm Nash to Cwm Bach link**

SITE NO. 31
**GRID REFERENCE: SS 904 701
to 896 718**

LAND OWNERSHIP: Private

CAPITAL COSTS: £20,000
MAINTENANCE IMPLICATION: minimum

EASE OF ACHIEVEMENT: 2
PRIORITY: C



SITE APPRAISAL

Informal cliff-top parking at top of road down to Dunraven. Pot-holed compacted hardcore leading to rutted tracks across grass. Bund and stockproof fence with galvanised kissing gates to cliff top common-land grazing. Unwelcoming signs. Remainder of area is grass with silted-up pond near road.

PROPOSALS

- Seek approval from common owner/commoners
- Parking kept informal.
- Main parking area resurfaced with tarmac at entrance to take wear.
- Clear tracks laid out and defined with hardcore to maximise parking capacity.
- Gate replaced with simple timber stile. New timber kissing gate at wall end of fence where not visually intrusive.
- Positive, welcoming information.
- Pond reinstated.
- Grassland managed to improve ecological value.

**SITE LOCATION: Heritage Coast
Southerndown car park**

SITE NO. 32

GRID REFERENCE: SS 881 735

LAND OWNERSHIP:

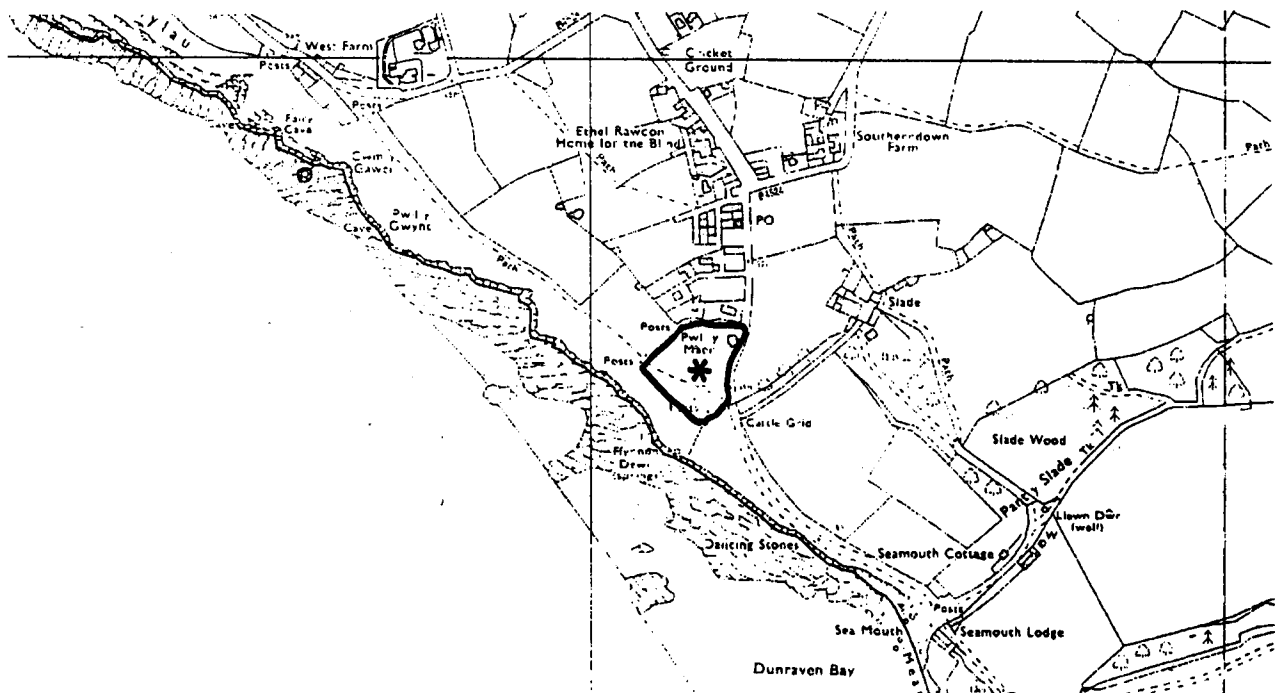
**Vale of Glamorgan Council
Private (common)**

CAPITAL COSTS: £22,000

**MAINTENANCE IMPLICATION:
no increase**

EASE OF ACHIEVEMENT: 2

PRIORITY: B



32

SITE APPRAISAL

Prominent site at the mouth of the Ogmore river. The existing car park is informally tiered down to the beach. The layout is poor, sprawled and confusing, comprising a series of small parking areas linked by numerous narrow lanes. The toilet facilities and life guards buildings are unsightly.

Conflict of management and use is key issue. Sheep grazing to land between lanes is often problematical with dog control and traffic particularly at high summer when the car park is reaching full capacity. Signage from B4524 is poor.

PROPOSALS

- Rationalisation of site layout is required.
- Consolidation of parking centred around new toilet/visitor facility.
- Restrict internal lanes to minimum and provide clearly marked one-way circulation.
- Provision of improved pedestrian access to beach and erosion control of banks.
- Provide controlled pedestrian access to grass banks around car park.
- Continue sheep grazing on adjacent land and establish grass on eroded areas. Restrict sheep grazing in parking zone during summer.
- Improved signs on approach roads

**SITE LOCATION: Heritage Coast
Ogmore-by-Sea car park**

SITE NO. 33

GRID REFERENCE: SS 862 755

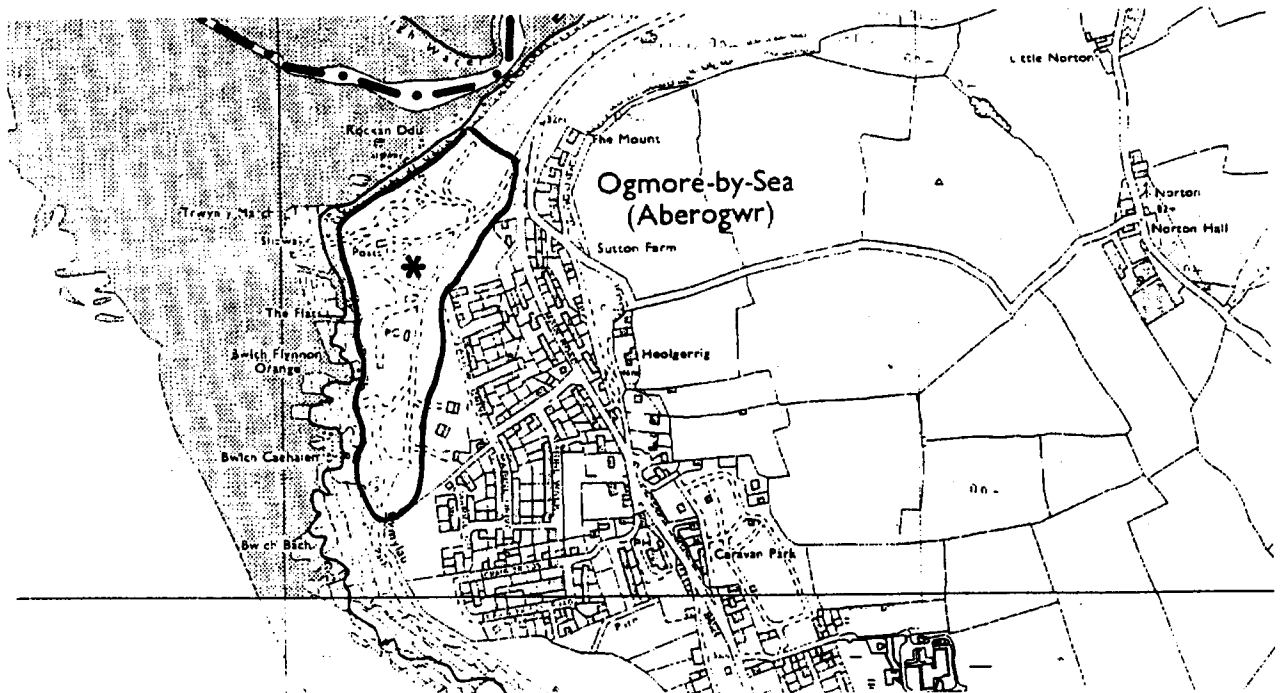
**LAND OWNERSHIP:
Vale of Glamorgan Council
and private (common)**

CAPITAL COSTS: £190,000

**MAINTENANCE IMPLICATION:
no increase**

EASE OF ACHIEVEMENT: 2

PRIORITY: B



SITE APPRAISAL

Junction leading to Llandow Trading Estate. Wide verges and vision splays of rough grass, backed by fences. Poor directional signs to Llandow Trading Estate. Lack of hedges at vision splays give views to lorry park, and race track. General run down image. Recent Llandow Trading Estate sign.

PROPOSALS

- Clearance of rough vegetation and rubbish.
- Hedge planting along boundaries and preferably additional tree belt where screening required.
- New directional signs.
- Re-alignment of kerbs to reduce over-running.

SITE LOCATION: Llandow
B4370 junction

SITE NO. 34

GRID REFERENCE: SS 959 718

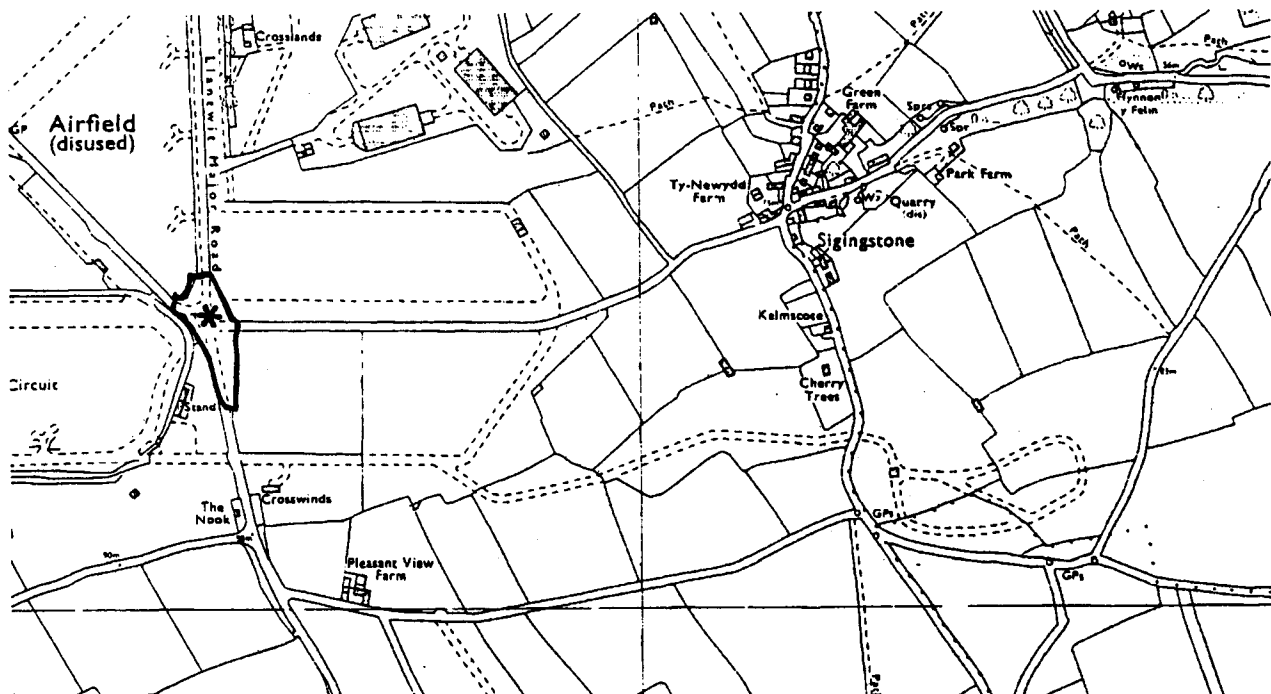
LAND OWNERSHIP:
Vale of Glamorgan Council
and private (unregistered)

CAPITAL COSTS: £10,000

MAINTENANCE IMPLICATIONS:
no increase

EASE OF ACHIEVEMENT: 1

PRIORITY: A



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SITE APPRAISAL

Wide verges and vision splays of rough grass, backed by fences. No directional signs to Llandow Trading Estate. Rough layby, over-running of kerbs all reduce quality of setting for estates. Lack of hedges in places give views to cluttered industry. General run down image.

PROPOSALS

- Clearance of rough vegetation, rubbish and old signs.
- Hedge planting across gaps and preferably additional tree belt where screening required.
- New directional signs.
- Re-alignment of kerbs to reduce over-running.
- Kerbs and resurfacing for layby.

**SITE LOCATION: Llandow
Minor road junction**

SITE NO. 35

GRID REFERENCE: SS 963 714

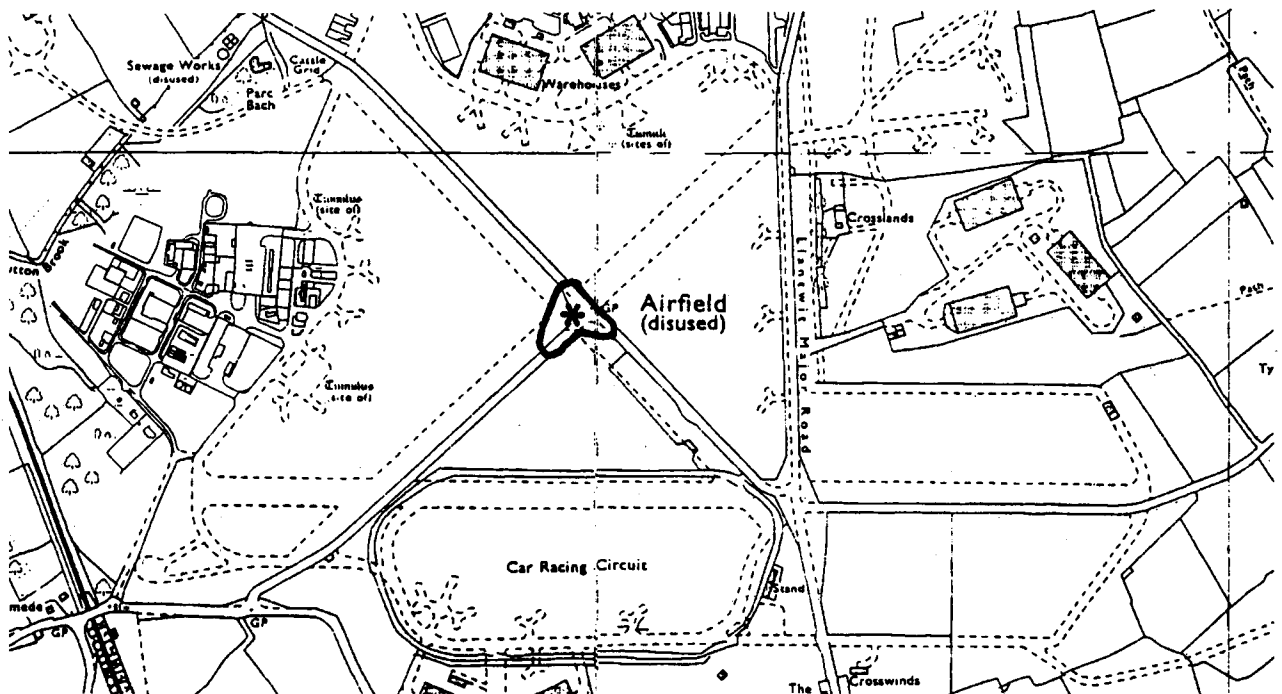
**LAND OWNERSHIP:
Vale of Glamorgan Council**

CAPITAL COSTS: £12,800

**MAINTENANCE IMPLICATIONS:
minimum**

EASE OF ACHIEVEMENT: 1

PRIORITY: A



SITE APPRAISAL

Broad entranceway giving full view into Trading Estate from road over railway. Entrance unused with fly-tipping and old business signs. Poor fence and gates. General impression of dereliction

PROPOSALS

- Replace boundary fence with timber post and rail, re-set gates.
- New hedge and tree belt as continuation of existing, to reduce gap.
- All signs and rubbish cleared.

If entrance no longer required -

- Gate removed and fenceline brought forward.
- Bund and planting.
- Entrance pull-in reduced to layby size.

SITE LOCATION: Llandow
Former entrance to Trading Estate

SITE NO. 36

GRID REFERENCE: SS 952 713

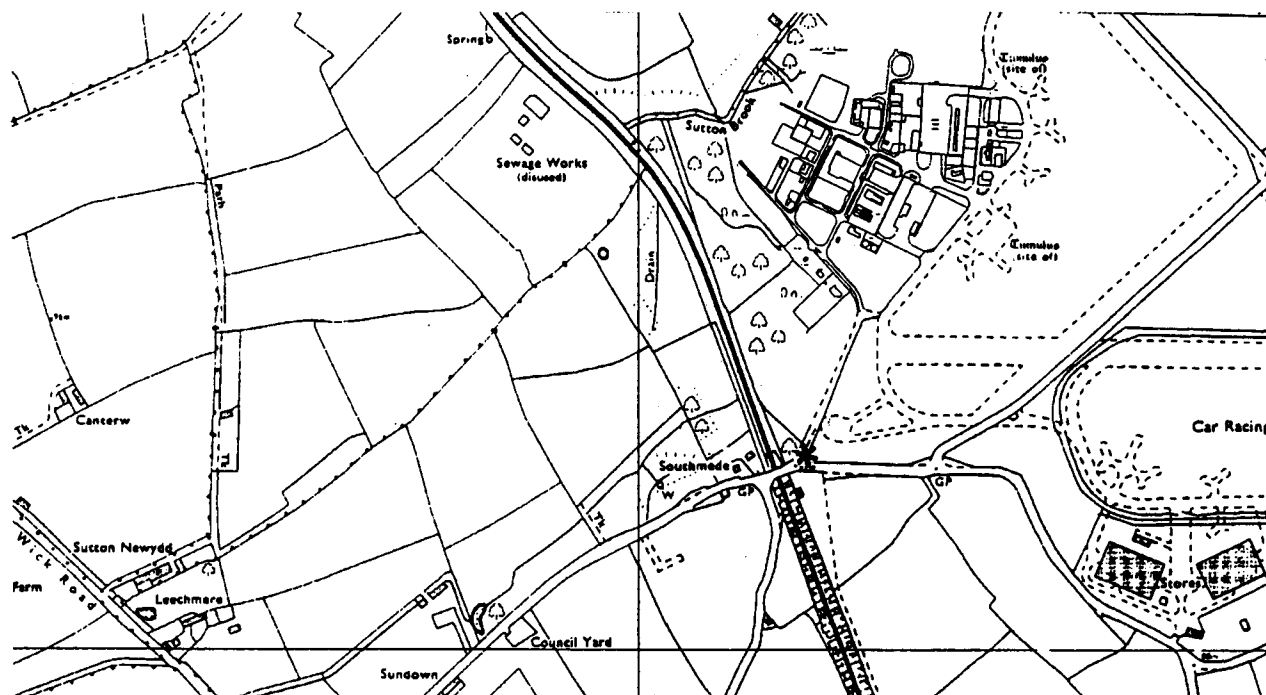
LAND OWNERSHIP:
Vale of Glamorgan Council
Llandow Trading Estate

CAPITAL COSTS: £6,000

MAINTENANCE IMPLICATIONS:
minimum

EASE OF ACHIEVEMENT: 2

PRIORITY: B



SITE APPRAISAL

Little-used fields on either side of Ogney Brook within Conservation Area and adjacent to old village centre. No public access. Neglected with rubbish in brook.

PROPOSALS

- Footpath and bridge giving link from church area to Cwm Col-huw.
- Fields brought back into management for wildlife and traditional uses.
- See Llantwit Major Town Study by WS Atkins

**SITE LOCATION: Llantwit Major
Ogney Brook park**

SITE NO. 37

GRID REFERENCE: SS 967 685

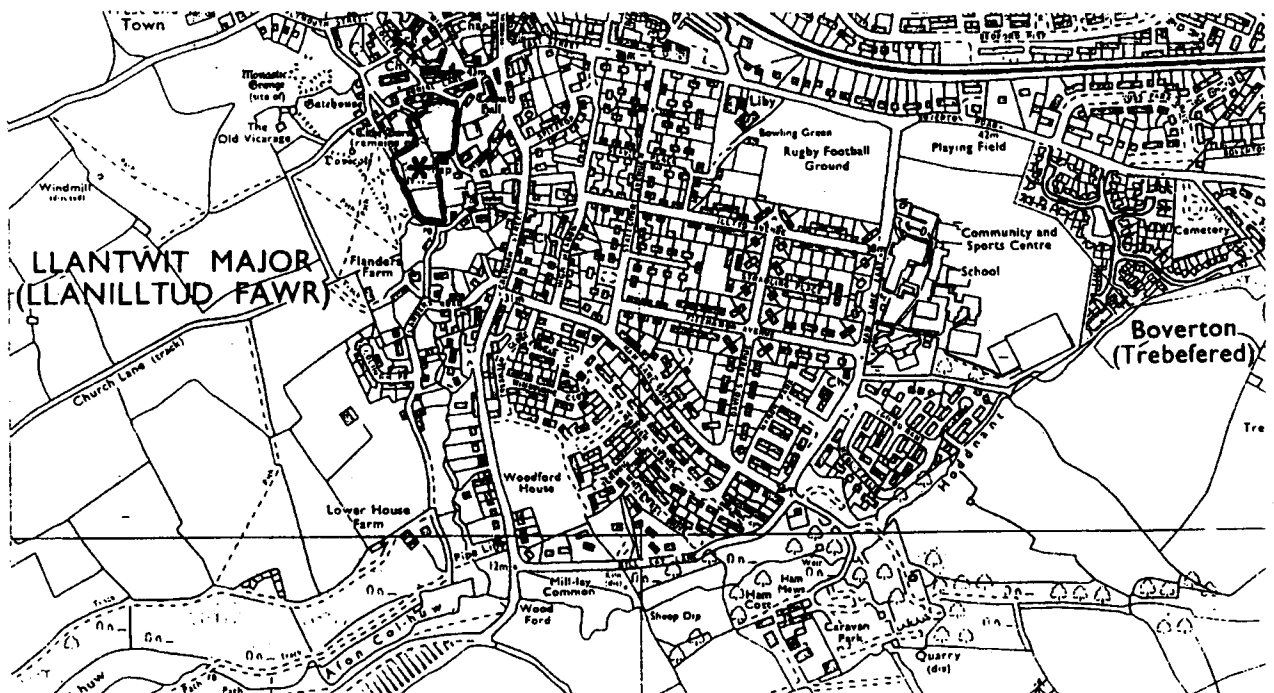
LAND OWNERSHIP: Private

CAPITAL COSTS: £79,000

MAINTENANCE IMPLICATIONS: High

EASE OF ACHIEVEMENT: 3

PRIORITY: B



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SITE APPRAISAL

Unused field behind Leisure Centre and adjacent to bypass. Within Conservation Area and one of few undeveloped fields remaining to north of old Cowbridge. Low-lying with drainage ditches to either side, nearby ancient "Silver Well" and recent duck ponds. Currently no public access.

PROPOSALS

- Manage for wildlife and as educational resource.
- Access via Leisure Centre land
- Excavate ponds, marshy areas, linked to existing drainage ditches.
- Introduce native wetland planting
- Boardwalks, viewing areas, bird hides, etc.

SITE LOCATION: Cowbridge
Leisure centre field

SITE NO. 38

GRID REFERENCE: SS 995 748

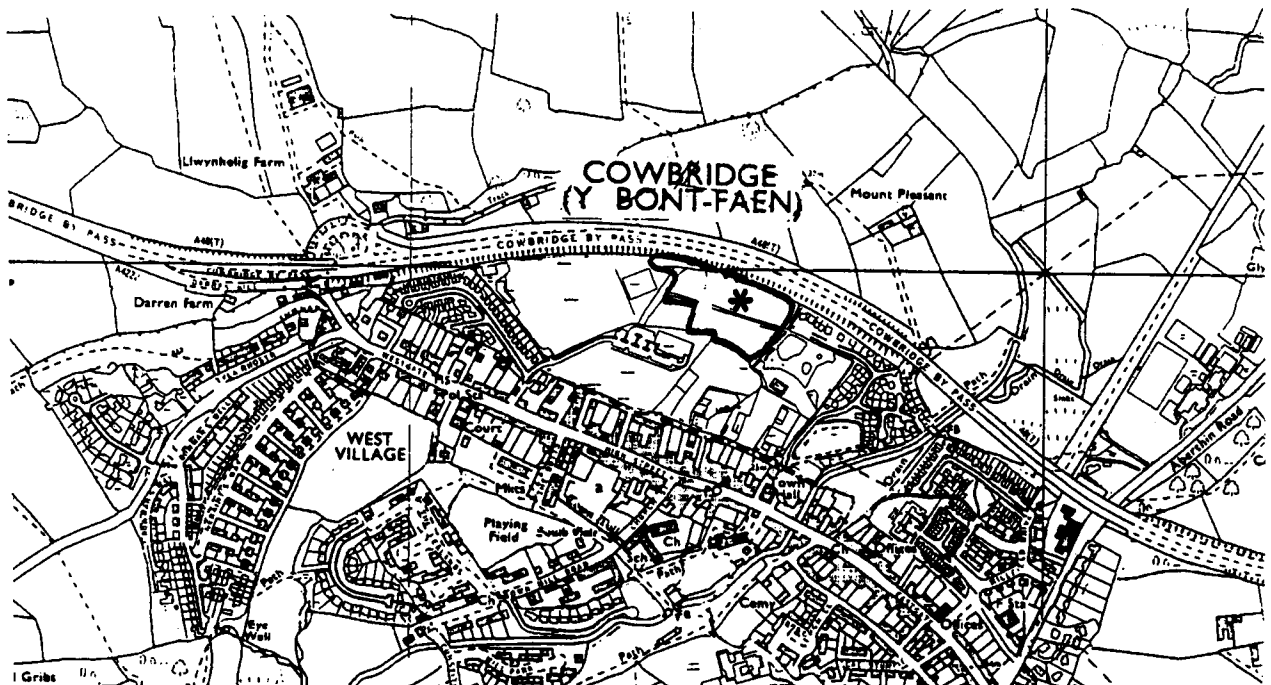
LAND OWNERSHIP:
Vale of Glamorgan Council

CAPITAL COSTS: £54,000

MAINTENANCE IMPLICATIONS:
High

EASE OF ACHIEVEMENT: 2

PRIORITY: C



SITE APPRAISAL

Road through conservation area, well-used as tourist/visitor access to Vale and coast. Intrusive overhead cables, inappropriate lamp standards, poor roadside railings along edge of pond. Detract from otherwise very attractive village green and pond area.

PROPOSALS

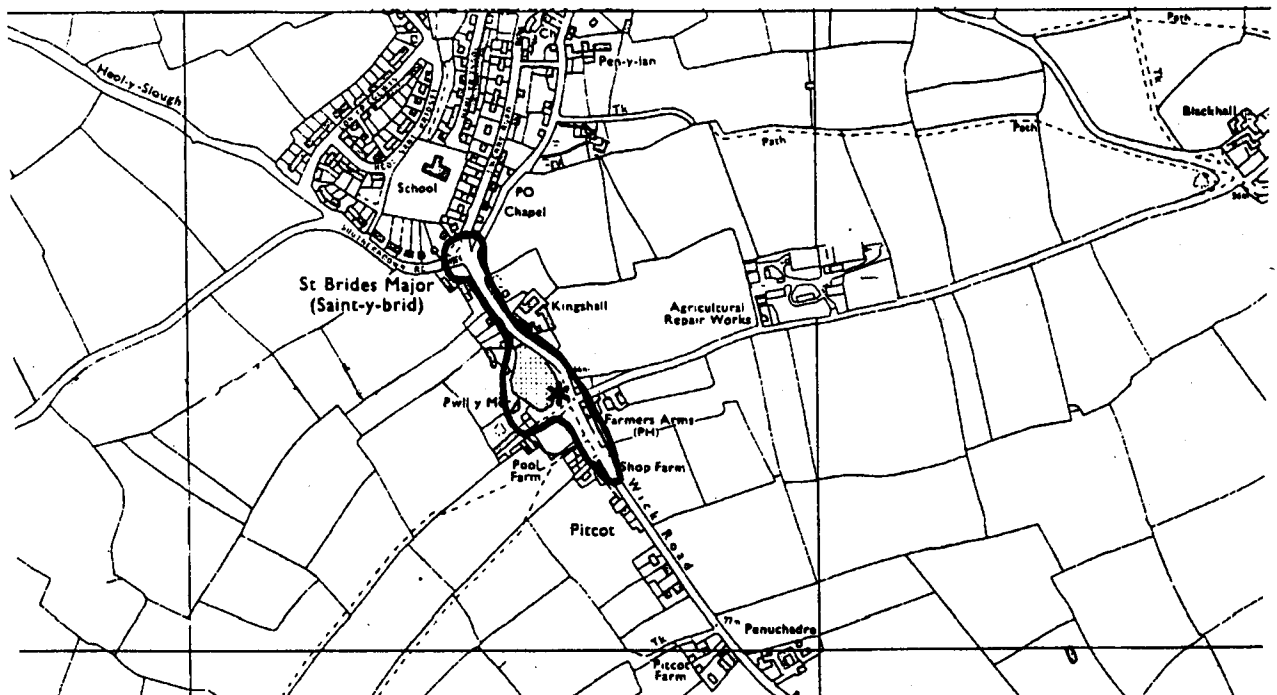
- All overhead cables put underground.
- Lighting and signing improvements.
- Ponds side railings replaced/improved
- Assess requirements for traffic calming.

SITE LOCATION:

**St. Brides Major
B4265 roadside**

SITE NO.**39****GRID REFERENCE:****SS 896 744****LAND OWNERSHIP:**

Vale of Glamorgan Council

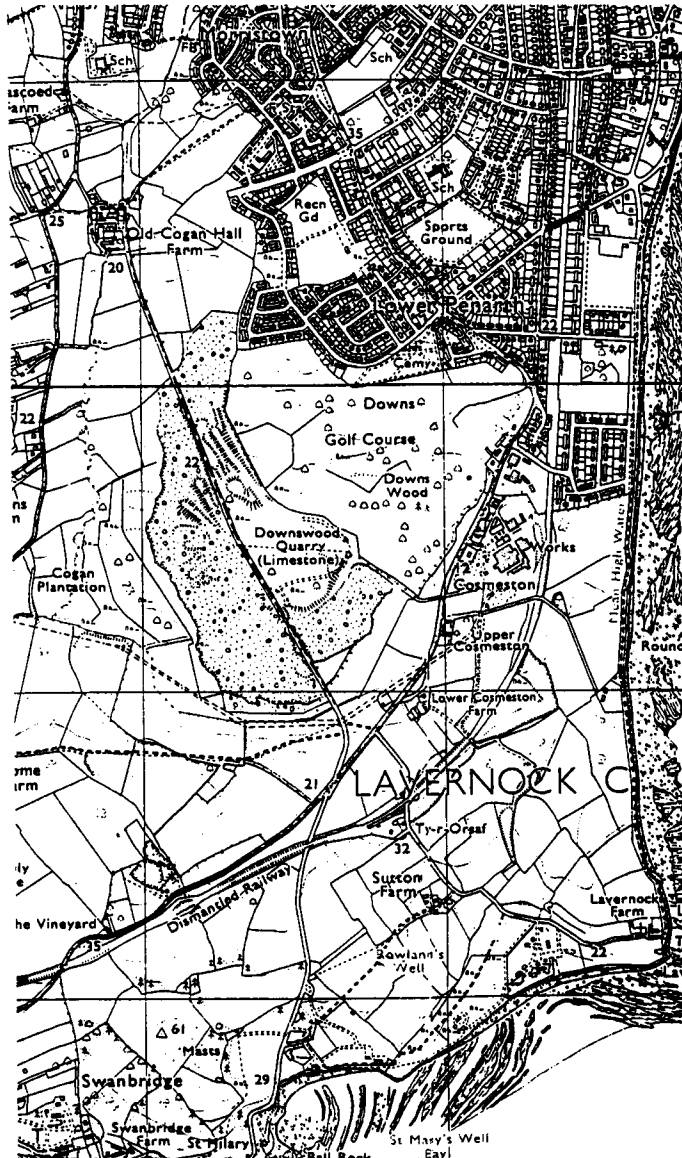
CAPITAL COSTS:**£120,000****MAINTENANCE IMPLICATIONS:****no increase****EASE OF ACHIEVEMENT:****3****PRIORITY:****B****39**

INITIATIVE REQUIREMENT

The existing Country Park consists of lakes, woodlands and grassland, with the reconstructed medieval village. Very popular and accessible with main usage occurring around eastern lake. Inevitable problems of vandalism and unauthorised access. Due to be considerably expanded when land from Old Cogan Farm taken into park

INITIATIVE PROPOSALS

- Assessment of existing management structure
- Assessment of existing ecological, landscape and cultural value and potential for enhancement.
- Assessment of Old Cogan Farm area in terms of existing and potential value - ecological, cultural, landscape and recreational.
- Proposed management changes, capital projects, long-term developments etc.
- Management/improvement Plan produced by Council officers and independent experts jointly to cover all aspects.



INITIATIVE LOCATION:

**Cosmeston Country Park
management/improvement
Plan**

INITIATIVE NO. 40

GRID REFERENCE: ST 177 692

CAPITAL COSTS: N/A

**MAINTENANCE/MANAGEMENT
IMPLICATIONS: High**

EASE OF ACHIEVEMENT: 2

PRIORITY: A

INITIATIVE REQUIREMENT

The existing Country Park consists of wooded valley sides and grassland of valley floor, with an length of shore . Very popular and accessible with main usage occurring on valley floor. Inevitable problems of vandalism and unauthorised access. Woodlands of ecological value, but not grassland.

INITIATIVE PROPOSALS

- Assessment of existing management structure
- Assessment of existing ecological, landscape and cultural value and potential for enhancement, especially grassland.
- Proposed management changes, capital projects, long-term developments etc.
- Management/improvement plan produced by Council officers and independent experts jointly to cover all aspects.

INITIATIVE LOCATION:

**Porthkerry Country Park
management/improvement
Plan**

INITIATIVE NO. 41

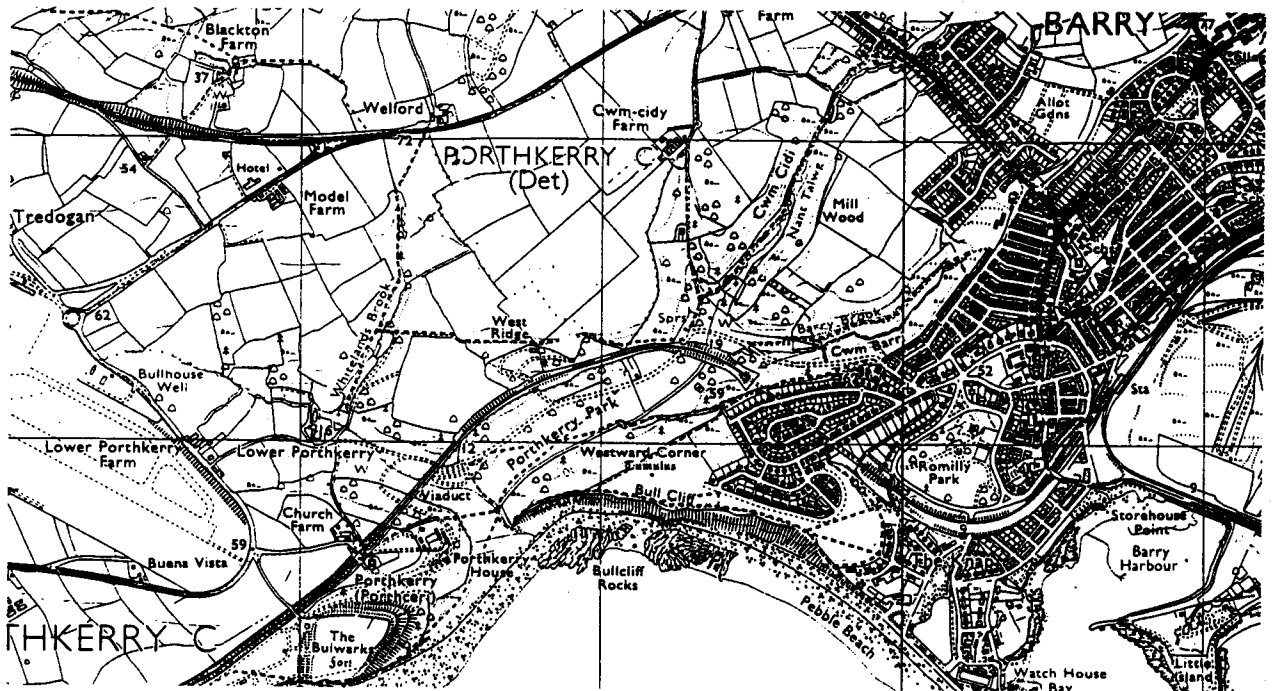
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CAPITAL COSTS: N/A

**MAINTENANCE/MANAGEMENT
IMPLICATIONS:
medium**

EASE OF ACHIEVEMENT: 1

PRIORITY: A



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INITIATIVE REQUIREMENT

Narrow valley linking Llantwit Major to the coast. Very popular beach, with very constricted vehicle access through centre of village. Recent storm damage to car parking area. Water treatment works currently being improved. Major conflict of interests rapidly leading to extreme degradation of one of most important of Heritage Coast site

INITIATIVE PROPOSALS

- Multi-disciplinary assessment of current situation, including geological/coastal erosion, archaeological, ecological, recreation, hydrology, etc.
- Aim to be long-term conservation, possibly at expense of public access and facilities.
- Management/improvement plan produced by Council officers and independent experts jointly to cover all aspects, with full involvement of landowners, utilities, tenants, etc.

INITIATIVE LOCATION:

**Cwm Col-huw
management/improvement
Plan**

INITIATIVE NO. 42

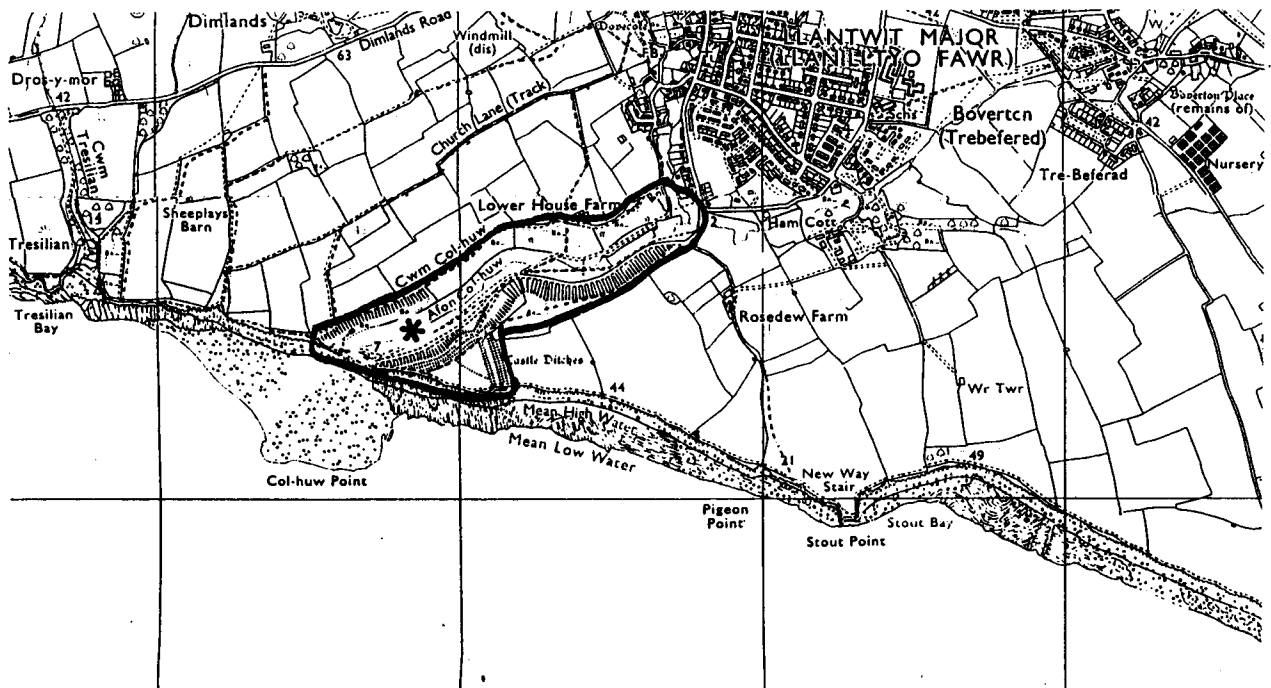
GRID REFERENCE: SS 960 675

CAPITAL COSTS: N/A

**MAINTENANCE/MANAGEMENT
IMPLICATIONS: Medium**

EASE OF ACHIEVEMENT: 2

PRIORITY: A



INITIATIVE REQUIREMENT

Supplementary Planning Guidance has been prepared for some aspects of design, including the Barry Development Guidelines and the Conservation Areas in Rural Areas. There has been a wide variety of reports prepared over the past few years relating to other specific developments and urban areas. Many aspects of landscape and urban design are not yet covered by SPGs, especially those relating to rural areas.

INITIATIVE PROPOSALS

Preparation of the following SPGs -

- Design
- Landscape design and management
- Access for pedestrians/equestrians/cyclists
- Development in the countryside

INITIATIVE LOCATION:

**S. P. G.s for landscape and
urban design**

INITIATIVE NO. 43-A

GRID REFERENCE: NA

CAPITAL COSTS: NA

**MAINTENANCE/MANAGEMENT
IMPLICATIONS: no increase**

EASE OF ACHIEVEMENT: 2

PRIORITY: A

43-A

INITIATIVE REQUIREMENT

The roads in the Vale contribute greatly to the rural character and local distinctiveness, especially the many minor roads. Many of the boundaries and verges, as well as the roads themselves, are the responsibility of the Council. Piecemeal changes and additions and the use of standard engineering, often unnecessarily heavy, erode the special character of the area as a whole

INITIATIVE PROPOSALS

Review of -

- All signage along main and secondary roads.
- All road lighting requirement and replacement
- Ecological value of verges and hedgerows.
- Historic features, eg. old alignments, mile stones, wells and streams, old boundaries and entrances.
- Verges management including grass mowing, hedgerows and walls, trees and natural regeneration.

Detailed guidance for -

- Design of lighting, signs, traffic calming, laybys and passing places, walls, entrances and access, planting, etc.
- Maintenance/management of verges, hedges and other vegetation, litter collection etc.
- Revised schedules and practices for roadside management
- Recommendations for staff training

INITIATIVE LOCATION:
Roadside Management Review

INITIATIVE NO. 43-B

GRID REFERENCE: N/A

CAPITAL COSTS: N/A

MAINTENANCE/MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS: Low or potential decrease

EASE OF ACHIEVEMENT: 1

PRIORITY: A

43-B

INITIATIVE REQUIREMENT

Throughout all the Vale the pattern of boundaries and hedges contribute greatly to the character and appeal of the landscape. It is known that there is a long history of settlement and use, and many ancient estates. It is apparent that hedges and walls are the major historic landscape features which should be conserved. There has been some hedgerow removal but not on an extensive scale.

The Hedgerow Regulations (1997) make it illegal to remove or destroy specifically-defined "important" hedges including those of particular historic value. These regulations are under review at present, possibly to identify criteria for additional inclusion e.g. visual contribution to the landscape.

INITIATIVE PROPOSALS

To inform the application of the Hedgerow Regulations and requirements for hedgerow replacement planting.

- Review of Tithe Maps, estate plans, etc. for all the Vale.
- Identification and mapping of former and extant "important" hedgerows and walls, including -
 - pre-1600 estate and manor boundaries
 - pre-1850 parish boundaries
 - pre-Inclosure Acts field systems
 - boundaries relating to SAMs and in SMR
- Identification and mapping of other associated historic landscape features such as earthworks, water resources, tracks.
- Identify "important" historic hedges at risk of destruction from neglect, abuse, development, etc.
- Identify hedgerows which make a particular contribution to the landscape or are particularly visually significant or prominent.

INITIATIVE LOCATION:

Historic landscape & hedgerow survey

INITIATIVE NO. 43-C

GRID REFERENCE: N/A

CAPITAL COSTS: N/A

MAINTENANCE/MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS: no increase

EASE OF ACHIEVEMENT: 1

PRIORITY: A

43-C

INITIATIVE REQUIREMENT

The Community Action Self Help (C.A.S.H.) grant scheme allows for landscape improvements to be carried out in villages and other settlements throughout the Vale. Currently there are short guidance notes to accompany the application form and planning and design advice is available from the Council Conservation and Landscape Officers.

INITIATIVE PROPOSALS

- Attractive, well-illustrated leaflet or booklet for public use to advise on planning and design of appropriate C.A.S.H. schemes. To include -
- Key contacts and agencies
- How to assess opportunities
- How to develop strategies for phased improvements.
- Design guidance for restoration of locally distinct features, appropriate construction details, etc.
- Planting design

INITIATIVE LOCATION:
CASH design guidance

INITIATIVE NO. 43-D

GRID REFERENCE: N/A

CAPITAL COSTS: N/A

**MAINTENANCE/MANAGEMENT
IMPLICATIONS:** no increase

EASE OF ACHIEVEMENT: 1

PRIORITY: A

43-D