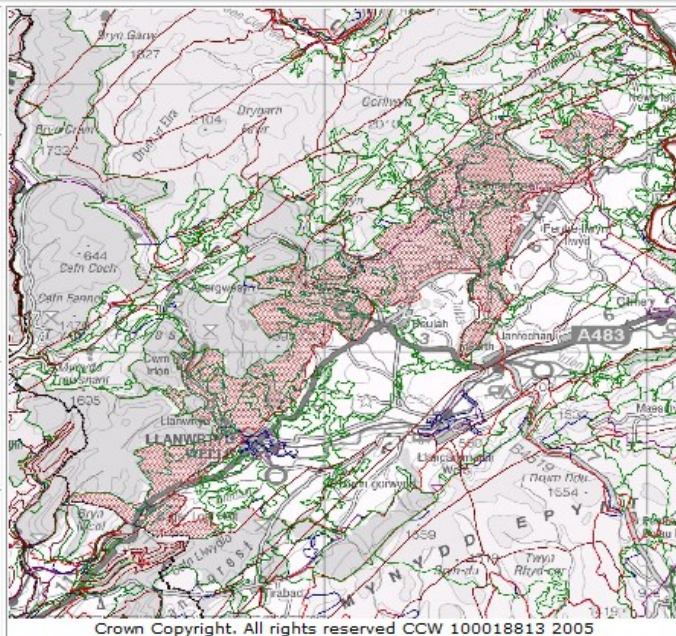


## Visual and Sensory

<b>Aspect Area Name</b>	Cambrian Mountains southern fringes
<b>Aspect Area Classification</b>	Upland/Upland Valleys/Open/Wooded Mosaic Upland Valleys (Level 3)
<b>Aspect Area Code</b>	BRCKNVS726
<b>Date Of Survey</b>	05/02/2003



## Description

<b>Physical Form And Elements: Topographic Form?</b>	Hills/Valleys
<b>Physical Form And Elements: Landcover Pattern?</b>	Field Pattern/Mosaic
<b>Aesthetic Qualities: Scale?</b>	Medium
<b>Aesthetic Qualities: Sense of Enclosure?</b>	Enclosed
<b>Aesthetic Qualities: Diversity?</b>	Diverse
<b>Aesthetic Qualities: Texture?</b>	Medium
<b>Aesthetic Qualities: Lines?</b>	Angular
<b>Aesthetic Qualities: Colour?</b>	Muted
<b>Aesthetic Qualities: Balance?</b>	Harmonious
<b>Aesthetic Qualities: Unity?</b>	Unity
<b>Aesthetic Qualities: Pattern?</b>	Organised
<b>Aesthetic Qualities: Seasonal Interest?</b>	Mixed
<b>Other Factors: Level of Human Access?</b>	Infrequent
<b>Other Factors: Night Time Light Pollution?</b>	Slight (minor roads)
<b>Other Factors: Use of Construction Materials?</b>	Generally Appropriate
<b>What materials? Give Details:</b>	stone
<b>There are attractive views...</b>	...both in and out (to and from Cambrians and valleys to south)
<b>There are detractive views...</b>	...neither in or out
<b>Perceptual and Other Sensory Qualities</b>	Attractive Tranquil Sheltered Exposed
<b>What is the sense of place/local distinctiveness</b>	Strong (Strong topography of steep, round topped hills and narrow valleys, with drama heightened by deciduous and coniferous trees and watercourses. An interesting and varied landscape with constantly changing vistas.)

## Evaluation

<b>Value:</b>	High
<b>Condition:</b>	Fair
<b>Trend:</b>	Declining

## Recommendations

<b>Define the key qualities that should be conserved:</b>	tranquillity, diversity
<b>Define the key qualities that should be enhanced:</b>	
<b>Define the key qualities that should be changed:</b>	
<b>Define the key elements that should be conserved:</b>	deciduous woodland, especially on steep slopes and trees on riparian corridors.
<b>Define the key elements that should be enhanced:</b>	conifer plantations in parts
<b>Define the key elements that should be changed:</b>	
<b>Principal management recommendation:</b>	manage wdeciduous woodlandand enhance conifer plantations

## Tolerance To Change

<b>Are there any significant threats to the current integrity and condition of the visual &amp; sensory features of the area?</b>	
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## Aspect Area Boundary

<b>To what level was this information site-surveyed?</b>	Level 3
<b>At 1:10,000, how much of the Aspect Area boundary is precise?</b>	Most
<b>What baseline information source was used for Aspect Area boundary mapping?</b>	OS Raster
<b>If OS Data was used, what was the scale?</b>	1:10,000 and 1:25,000
<b>What is the justification for the Aspect Area boundaries?</b>	

## Bibliography

<b>List the key sources used for this assessment</b>	
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## Assessment

<b>Additional Assessments</b>	
<b>Additional Comments</b>	

## Evaluation Matrix

<b>Evaluation Criteria: Overall Evaluation</b>	High
<b>Justification of overall evaluation</b>	The varied and interesting topography with steep sided hills and valleys is given added drama and texture by the woodland cover and watercourses in valley bottoms. Overall the area has a very high scenic quality and a strong sense of place. The area is unspoilt and is rare as a landscape type in the county.
<b>Evaluation Criteria: Scenic quality</b>	Outstanding
<b>Evaluation Criteria: Integrity</b>	Moderate
<b>Evaluation Criteria: Character</b>	High
<b>Evaluation Criteria: Rarity</b>	High

## Description

<b>Summary Description</b>	A varied, dissected landscape of steep sided round topped hills and narrow valleys running down from the Cambrian Mountains. Elevation ranges from 500mAOD to 200mAOD. Some hills, such as Garth Bank, are outliers of the upland massif and stand isolated in the Irfon Valley. Higher hills are open and clothed in moorland vegetation of rough grasses, bracken and encroaching scrub. Others are topped with enclosed pasture or woodland. The latter adds to the drama and height of the landform. Woodland is mixed with a high proportion coniferous on hillsides and most riparuan vegetation being deciduous. Hedgerows are a mixture of trimmed and outgrown. Valley bottom pasture is often marshy in flatter areas. Settlement is fairly sparse, consisting of scattered farmsteads on lower valley sides.
<b>Physical form and elements: Settlement pattern</b>	Scattered Rural/Farm
<b>Physical form and elements: Boundary type</b>	Managed Hedge

## Recommendations

<b>Guideline</b>	Medium Term (manage deciduous woodland for longevity) Medium Term (enhance coniferous plantations softening edges and genarl pattern with deciduous species and larch) Medium Term (control bracken)
<b>Existing management</b>	Generally Appropriate
<b>Existing management remarks:</b>	upland pastoral,declining in places and forestry

## Monitoring

<b>Has the information ever been verified in the field?</b>	Yes (1:10000)
<b>Does this area have a special or functional link with an adjacent area?</b>	Yes (uplands to north and valley (lower Irfon) to south)
<b>Date of monitoring?</b>	2015-02-06
<b>Monitoring undertaken by</b>	Stages 1, 2 and 3 change detection, field verification and amendment completed by White Consultants, in conjunction with the planning authority.Quality Assurance completed by Land Use Consultants.
<b>Has this record been updated following monitoring work?</b>	This record remains unchanged following monitoring work

## LMP 14 & 09

<b>LANDMAP derived landscape types (LMP14)</b>	Upland, exposed plateau, valleys, hillsides and scarp slopes (wooded 20-50%)
<b>LANDMAP derived landscape types (LMP09)</b>	