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- 1.1
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Q58e - km2 in brightness colour band 4-8

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Q58g - km2 in brightness colour band 16-32

- 0.0
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Q58h - km2 in brightness colour band >32

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- 3.10
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Q59g - % in visually tranquil category 7

- 50.55
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- 46.24
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Q59i - % in visually tranquil category 9

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- Joint Local Plan Policy AMG2 Anglesey & Gwynedd <https://www.anglesey.gov.uk/documents/Docs-en/Planning/Planning-policy/Local/Supporting/Review-of-Anglesey-Gwynedd-Special-Landscape-Areas-Executive-Summary.pdf> . The Special Landscape Areas GIS dataset is available from DataMapWales https://datamap.gov.wales/layers/geonode:nrw_special_landscape_area

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SURVEY DETAILS FOR YNSMNVS014 - 2024-04-25

Area Unique ID: YNSMNVS014

Aspect: Visual and Sensory

Area: Benllech hinterland

Region: Anglesey

Survey Date: 2007-01-25

- Level 1: Lowland
- Level 2: Rolling Lowland
- Level 3: Mosaic Rolling Lowland

Monitoring

Q1 - Date of monitoring?

- 2015-02-06

Q1a - Monitoring undertaken by

- Stages 1, 2 and 3 change detection, field verification and amendment completed by Bronwen Thomas, in conjunction with the planning authority. Quality Assurance completed by White Consultants.

Q1b - Has this record been updated following monitoring work?

- This record remains unchanged following monitoring work

Q1c - Change indicated by

- No Answer

Q1d - What has changed?

- No Answer

Q1e - Has the information ever been verified in the field?

- Yes
 - 1:25000

Q2 - Does this area have a special or functional link with an adjacent area?

- No

Q2a - During which season(s) was fieldwork carried out?

- No Answer

Description

Q3 - Summary Description

- This extends a few miles inland from the east coast north of Benllech. It has small fields, rocky limestone outcrops, gorse and stone walls, and much rough land. There are old quarries, numerous caravan/camping sites, a golf course and a marshy nature reserve. Altogether this has produced an attractively varied and intricate landscape in which the small tourist developments do not appear intrusive

Q4 - Physical Form And Elements: Topographic Form?

- Rolling/Undulating

Q5 - Physical Form And Elements: Landcover Pattern?

- Field Pattern/Mosaic

Q6 - Physical form and elements: Settlement pattern

- Scattered Rural/Farm

Q7 - Physical form and elements: Boundary type

- Mixture

Q8 - Aesthetic Qualities: Scale?

- Small

Q9 - Aesthetic Qualities: Sense of Enclosure?

- Open

Q10 - Aesthetic Qualities: Diversity?

- Diverse

Q11 - Aesthetic Qualities: Texture?

- Coarse

Q12 - Aesthetic Qualities: Lines?

- Angular

Q13 - Aesthetic Qualities: Colour?

- Muted

Q14 - Aesthetic Qualities: Balance?

- Balanced

Q15 - Aesthetic Qualities: Unity?

- Neutral

Q16 - Aesthetic Qualities: Pattern?

- Random

Q17 - Aesthetic Qualities: Seasonal Interest?

- Mixed

Q18 - Other Factors: Level of Human Access?

- Infrequent

Q19 - Other Factors: Night Time Light Pollution?

- Question 19 night time light pollution data has been moved to question 56. Additional dark skies data is available from questions 57 and 58.

Q20 - Other Factors: Use of Construction Materials?

- Generally Appropriate

Q21 - What materials? Give Details:

- mixture including local stone. Also carvans and associated structures - less appropriate.

Q22 - There are attractive views...

- ...both in and out
 - In from surrounding lower vales, and within area. Out to distant Snowdonia, and, in limited parts, to coast.

Q23 - There are detractive views...

- ...within
 - Disruption by small quarries, caravan parks

Q24 - Perceptual and Other Sensory Qualities

- Tranquil
- Attractive
- Settled
- Wild

Q25 - What is the sense of place/local distinctiveness

- Moderate
 - Rocky outcrops, marshy areas, small scale fields and variety of recreational uses gives intricate and settled feel.

Evaluation

Q26 - Value:

- Moderate
 - Generally attractive intricate rural landscape with more variety of craggy features than much of Anglesey, but marred a bit by proliferation of caravans and other recreation/holiday facilities

Q27 - Condition:

- Unassessed

Q28 - Trend:

- Constant

Recommendations

Q29 - Existing management

- Generally Appropriate

Q30 - Existing management remarks:

- Mainly pastoral farmland, with small quarries, caravan parks.

Q31 - Principal management recommendation:

- Continued farming use with limited additional recreational uses at small scale

Q32 - Guideline

- Long Term
 - Conserve small field, road, scattered settlement patterns.
- Long Term
 - Ensure coastal footpath management maintained
- Long Term
 - No expansion of small settlements, or scattered individual houses
- Long Term
 - Ensure than caravans and other holiday/recreational uses fit into small scale of landscape
- Long Term
 - Retain variety of vegetation/habitats including marshes, disused quarries, rocky outcrops, etc.

Q33 - Define the key qualities that should be conserved:

- quietness. Small, intricate scale of topography and land use patterns

Q34 - Define the key qualities that should be enhanced:

- -

Q35 - Define the key qualities that should be changed:

- -

Q36 - Define the key elements that should be conserved:

- Wetlands, hedges, copses, crags etc. Small lanes, stone walls. Ancient monuments. Small villages.

Q37 - Define the key elements that should be enhanced:

- Caravan parks, including entrances and access.

Q38 - Define the key elements that should be changed:

- -

Tolerance To Change

Q39 - Are there any significant threats to the current integrity and condition of the visual & sensory features of the area?

- Not known

Aspect Area Boundary

Q40 - To what level was this information site-surveyed?

- Level 3

Q41 - At 1:10,000, how much of the Aspect Area boundary is precise?

- All

Q42 - What baseline information source was used for Aspect Area boundary mapping?

- OS Raster

Q43 - If OS Data was used, what was the scale?

- 1:25,000

Q44 - What is the justification for the Aspect Area boundaries?

- Coast to north. Change to distinctly smoother and lower landforms to west and east. Edge of outskirts of Benllech

Evaluation Matrix

Q46 - Evaluation Criteria: Scenic quality

- High
 - Generally a lot of variety of rocks, gorse, marshes, small fields and no major detractors

Q47 - Evaluation Criteria: Integrity

- Moderate
 - Variety of small caravan parks, golf course, quarries, etc. reduce integrity of farmland patterns

Q48 - Evaluation Criteria: Character

- Moderate
 - Clear rocky areas and wet valleys gives intricate small scale character

Q49 - Evaluation Criteria: Rarity

- Moderate
 - Similar to some other parts of Anglesey, but more caravans, etc.

Q50 - Evaluation Criteria: Overall Evaluation

- Moderate
 - Generally attractive intricate rural landscape with more variety of craggy features than much of Anglesey, but marred a bit by proliferation of caravans and other recreation/holiday facilities

Q51 - Justification of overall evaluation

- Mainly moderate

Bibliography

Q45 - List the key sources used for this assessment

- "Mon Mam Cymru - The Guide to Anglesey" by P. Steele & R. Williams 2006

Assessment

Q52 - Additional Assessments

- -

Q53 - Additional Comments

- -

LMP 14 & 09

Q54 - LANDMAP derived landscape types (LMP14)

- Valleys and rolling lowland (mosaic 20-50% wooded, hedgerow character)

Q55 - LANDMAP derived landscape types (LMP09)

- Lowland mosaic >20% wooded

Dark Skies

Light Pollution Percentage

< 0.5	0.5 - 1	1 - 2	2 - 4	4 - 8	8 - 16	16 - 32	> 32
31.9	62.4	4.3	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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Light Pollution km²

< 0.5	0.5 - 1	1 - 2	2 - 4	4 - 8	8 - 16	16 - 32	> 32
5.2	10.2	0.7	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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Q56 - Night Time Light Pollution

- Slight
 - from scattered farms, caravans, etc. Consultant led night time light pollution assessment conducted at time of survey record or survey update

Q57a - % in brightness colour band <0.5

- 31.9
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Q57b - % in brightness colour band 0.5-1

- 62.4
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Q57c - % in brightness colour band 1-2

- 4.3
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Q57d - % in brightness colour band 2-4

- 1.3
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Q57e - % in brightness colour band 4-8

- 0.0
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Q57g - % in brightness colour band 16-32

- 0.0
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Q57h - % in brightness colour band >32

- 0.0
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Q58a - km2 in brightness colour band <0.5

- 5.2
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Q58b - km2 in brightness colour band 0.5-1

- 10.2
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- 0.7
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- 0.2
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