



Woodland
Management
Plan- Ynys Park,
Trefelin. SA12 7RE

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THE FOLLOWING IS SUBMITTED IN SUPPORT OF THE 3G PITCH PROPOSAL AT YNYS PARK, PORT TALBOT. IT FOLLOWS THE FORESTRY COMMISSION GUIDANCE AND TEMPLATE FOR WOODLAND MANAGEMENT PLANS (VERSION 2.2 ISSUED 05.10.2022)

THE WOODLAND UNDER CONSIDERATION IS TO THE NORTH EASTERN EXTREMITY OF THE NEW 3G PITCH.

1. LOCATION/ADDRESS – YNYS PARK, CWMAVON ROAD, PORT TALBOT SA12 7RE
2. GRID REF: W3W LOCATION – 51.608068, - 3.771363
'TOWERS.ECONOMIES.FORMER'
3. SITE PLAN INDICATING WOODLAND BOUNDARY, ATTACHED
4. TREE SPECIES – UPPER CANOPY. NATIVE DECIDUOUS. MATURE SYCAMORE (50%), BIRCH (20%), ALDER ON SIDE OF BROOK (20%), OCCASSIONAL HAZEL (5%), HOLLY AND PRUNUS.NO ANCIENT TREES OF SIGNIFICANT AGE, NO AESTHETIC OR BIOLOGICAL VALUE.
5. UNDER STOREY – MID TO LOWER CANOPY. SMALL TREES AND SHRUB. SELF SEEDED SYCAMORE, BEECH, HOLLY, PRIVET (LIGUSTRUM), OCCASSIONAL CRYPTOMERIA, CHAMAECYPARIS AND PICEA ABIES.
6. GROUND COVER – EXTENSIVE (70% COVERAGE) IVY INTERSPERSED WITH JAPANESE KNOTWEED (20%). LOW HERBACEOUS LAYER COMPRISING BRAMBLE, DRYOPTERIS FELIX MAS, HART'S TONGUE FERN AND LESSER CELANDINE.
7. CONDITION – TREES GENERALLY 30 – 40+ YEAR OLD.OCCASSIONAL VETERAN SYCAMORE AND BIRCH TREE OLDER. AFFECTED BY OVERBURDEN OF IVY (75% OF STANDING STOCK).5% STANDING DEAD TREE AS USEFUL HABITAT.NATURAL DECAY.10% OF MATURE TREES LOST TO RECENT STORMS NOW RESTING IN THE HERBACEOUS LAYER.NO PEST & DISEASE.NO ASH DIEBACK (HYMENOSCYPHUS FRAXINEUS) OR PHYTOPHTHORA RAMORUM.NATURAL REGENERATION ON FOREST FLOOR FROM VOLUNTEER SEEDLINGS.

8. FAUNA – NO BAT ROOSTS, BADGER SETS, ETC. ABUNDANT BIRD LIFE INCLUDING WOOD PIGEON, BLUE TIT, ROBIN, WAGTAILS, ETC. EVIDENCE OF MOLE ACTIVITY NEAR BROOK. NO EVIDENCE OF SQUIRREL OR DREYS.
9. CONSTRAINTS – ACCESS IS DIFFICULT ACROSS HUMMOCKY GROUND WITH OCCASIONAL SINKHOLE. ACCESS GENERALLY RESTRICTED BY INFESTATION OF FALLOPIA JAPONICA AND PREVAILING TOPOGRAPHY. SITE INACCESSIBLE FROM THE BROOK (NANT CWM CLAIS) TO THE WEST.
10. INVASIVE NON- NATIVE SPECIES (INNS) – THE AREA RUNNING PARALLEL WITH THE NANT CWM CLAIS BROOK IS INFESTED WITH JAPANESE KNOTWEED. THIS EXTENDS INTO THE SOIL BUND THAT HAS BEEN CREATED BEHIND THE 3G AND CONTINUES INTO THE WOODLAND UNDER REVIEW. FALLOPIA JAPONICA IS ALSO SEEN ON THE BANKS OF THE RIVER AFAN. THE AREA IS ON A HIGH RISK FLOOD PLAIN , BOUNDED BY A BROOK AND RIVER, SO CONDITIONS ARE IDEAL FOR THE KNOTWEED AND HIMALAYAN BALSM (IMPATIENS GLANDULIFERA) WHICH IS ALSO PRESENT TO A LESSER EXTENT. THERE IS OCCASIONAL RHODODENDRON.
11. STATUTORY DESIGNATIONS – THERE ARE NO TPOS, THIS IS NOT A CONSERVATION AREA OR A SITE OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST (SSI).
12. PUBLIC ACCESS – THERE ARE NO ACCESS AGREEMENTS ACROSS THE LAND IN QUESTION. THERE IS NO DESIGNATED RIGHT OF WAY BUT THE NATIONAL CYCLE ROUTE NO.887 RUNS PARALLEL WITH THE WOODLAND AND THE RIVER AFAN (SEE LOCATION MAP), AND IS REGULARLY USED BY CYCLISTS AND DOG WALKERS COMMUTING TO AND FROM THE YNYS WERN /CAE GLAS HOUSING ESTATE.
13. PLAN OF OPERATIONS- TO ENSURE THAT THE 3G PITCH DOES NOT GET CONTAMINATED BY JAPANESE KNOTWEED THE

TREFELIN B & GC WILL EMBARK UPON A 5 YEAR TREATMENT PROGRAMME TO ARREST THE SPREAD AND ULTIMATELY ELIMINATE THE THREAT OF THE INNS TO THE 3G. THIS INCLUDES INJECTION AND SPRAYING AND PREVENTING MOVEMENT OF NON- NATIVE SPECIES.

THE CLUB HAS NO INTENTION IN UPSETTING THE COURSE THAT NATURE WILL TAKE WITH THE WOODLAND AND, AS NOW, THERE WILL BE NO FELLING, THINNING, REPLANTING OR UPGRADING OR CONTRUCTION OF ACCESS TRACKS.

THE ADJACENT NANT CWM CLAIS STREAM WILL BE MAINTAINED AND IMPROVED BY THE AFAN ANGLING AND CONSERVATION CLUB. THEY ARE WORKING WITH WEST WALES RIVER TRUST, DWR CYMRU AND NRW TO AGAIN ARREST THE SPREAD OF JAPANESE KNOTWEED, TO IMPROVE DENUDED HABITAT AND TO DEVELOP SPAWNING GROUNDS FOR AQUATIC LIFE, TROUT AND SALMON BY REDUCING SEDIMENTATION AND SLOWING BANK EROSION WITH WILLOW BUNDLE REVETMENTS. THIS MIGHT INVOLVE SOME TREE THINNING ON LAND THAT IS NOT IN THE OWNERSHIP OF THE TREFELIN B & GC AS A MEANS OF OPENING UP THE CANOPY ALLOWING MORE DAPPLED LIGHT INTO THE STREAM, TO IMPROVE WATER QUALITY.

14. CONCLUSION – THE TREFELIN B & GC HAVE NO PLAN OF OPERATION FOR THE WOODLAND AS IT HAS REMAINED UNAFFECTED AND UNALTERED BY THE 3G DEVELOPMENT. IN THE INTERESTS OF THE 3G A 5 YEAR TREATMENT PROGRAMME FOR JAPANESE KNOTWEED WAS COMMENCED IN 2024.
NO TREES HAVE BEEN REMOVED IN THE DEVELOPMENT, NO HABITAT DISTURBED.
THE CLUB HAS BEEN SYMPATHETIC IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF ITS 3G FLOODLIGHTING SO AS TO KEEP DARK CORRIDORS OPEN SO THAT SOPRANO PIPISTRELLE AND DAUBENTON'S BATS (THAT ARE INDIGENOUS) CAN COMMUTE IN RELATIVE SAFETY (SEE GUIDANCE NOTE 08/23 FROM THE BAT CONSERVATION TUST – ARTIFICIAL LIGHTING AT NIGHT FOR BATS).
IT IS FELT THAT THE WOODLAND WILL PERFORM BEST IF LEFT TO NATURAL REGENERATION AND NATURE'S CYCLES OF PUTREFACTION.