

COSMESTON COUNTRY PARK

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE GLAMORGAN NATURALISTS TRUST

(a) The Western Lake

The design layout and management of the western lake as an area where the conservation of nature is a primary consideration.

Detailed matters for consideration.

- (i) The layout of footpaths around the lake.
- (ii) The landscaping of the environs of the lake.
- (iii) The creation of suitable breeding environments around the lake and their safeguarding from unauthorised access.
- (iv) The creation of wildlife observation points around the lake.
- (v) The interpretation of the natural environment to the public.
- (vi) The monitoring of the natural environment.
- (vii) The ongoing management of the lake and its environment, including the role of wardens.
- (viii) The short-term use of Job Creation Programme labour on sites.

✓(b) The Cogan Plantation *This is not marked on either map. Presumably it is the area of existing woodland in the west.*

The opening up of the woodland to the public for the purposes of walking, picnicking and the observation of nature.

Detailed matters for consideration.

- ✓(i) The surveying and analysis of the woodland to assist the vulnerability of the area to public pressure.
- ✓(ii) The location of footpaths.
- ✓(iii) The location of picnic sites.
- ✓(iv) The location of nature trails.
- ✓(v) The establishment of other means of interpreting the natural features of the woodland to the public.
- ✓(vi) The establishment of policies for the management of the woodland.

(c) The Undisturbed Area

*I can't locate this. There is no reference to it on either map. Map 2 shows all except lakes & wood as "Spoil", Quarry or tip*

An apparently undisturbed area that should be left for the interest of its vegetation cover.

Detailed points for consideration.

- (i) The survey of the area and the recognition of its ecological significance.
- (ii) The identification of measures to secure the protection of the area.
- (iii) The interpretation of the area to the public.
- (iv) The ongoing management of the area.

(d) The Spoil Tip and the Dry Quarry

An area of derelict land with scant vegetation cover that forms the greater part of the site.

Detailed points for consideration.

- (i) The recognition of the ecological significance of the existing vegetation cover.
- (ii) The ecological enhancement of the area in the post-reclamation period.
- (iii) The interpretation of the reclamation process to the general public.
- (iv) The likely ecological effect of refuse disposal in the northern dry quarry (N.B. a short-term priority).

(e) Other Matters

1. In due course it may be appropriate to create an interpretative centre at Cosmeston.
2. The country park can, in the short-term, be considered in isolation, but eventually it is hoped to relate it to the countryside setting.