



City and County of Swansea

Notice of Meeting

You are invited to attend a Meeting of the

Gower AONB Partnership Steering Group

At: Small Hall, Pennard Parish Hall

On: Monday, 3 December 2018

Time: 7.00 pm

Chair: Councillor Paul Lloyd

Membership:

Councillors: M C Child, J P Curtice, P R Hood-Williams, L James and A H Stevens

Steering Group Members: R Button, R Cooper, S Crocker, S Heard, S Hill, G Howe, M Lewis, H Osborn, B Parry, D P Tucker and D Vine

Co-opted Member(s): K E Marsh

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Next Meeting: Monday, 25 March 2019 at 7.00 pm

Huw Evans

Huw Evans
Head of Democratic Services
26 November 2018

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City and County of Swansea

Minutes of the Gower AONB Partnership Steering Group

Barham Centre, Mount Pisgah Chapel, Parkmill, Swansea -
Barham Centre, Parkmill, Swansea

Monday, 24 September 2018 at 7.00 pm

Present: Councillor P Lloyd (Chair) Presided

Councillors

P R Hood-Williams

L James

A H Stevens

Steering Group Members

R Button

R Cooper

S Heard

S Hill

G Howe

M Lewis

B Parry

D P Tucker

Officer(s)

Paul Meller

Strategic Planning and Natural Environment Manager

Jeremy Parkhouse

Democratic Services Officer

Mike Scott

Gower AONB Officer

Apologies for Absence

Councillors: M C Child and J P Curtice

Steering Group Members: K Marsh, H Osborn and D Vine

9 Disclosures of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.

In accordance with the Code of Conduct adopted by the City and County of Swansea, no interests were declared.

10 Minutes.

Resolved that the Minutes of the Gower AONB Partnership Annual Meeting held on 25 June 2018, be accepted as a correct record, subject to the following amendment: -

Minute No.5 – Partner Bodies – Gower Society.

Amend Gower Society membership to 1,000 members.

11 Matters Arising from the Minutes.

There were none.

12 Landscapes For Life Conference Report.

The Chair provided a written report and feedback regarding the Landscapes for Life Conference, which he attended with the Gower AONB Officer.

The Conference was held in the University of Kent, Canterbury on 24 to 26 July 2018 and the theme was "Shaping the Long View". He added that both the UK and Welsh Governments had indicated their commitment to Protected Landscapes and with this in mind, the NAAONB proposed that demonstrating and measuring the benefits of landscape management would be of crucial importance in the years ahead.

The Conference looked at how the work of the AONB family network achieved clean air, clean & plentiful water, thriving plants and wildlife. It also looked at how to help to reduce the risk of harm to people, the environment and the economy by using natural resources in a more sustainable way. The ultimate aim was to ensure that the natural beauty of AONB's was valued and secured. The conference also sought to explore how connecting people with nature could enhance the beauty and heritage of the natural environment for future generations.

The Steering Group asked questions regarding the impact of Brexit discussions that took place and it was explained that speakers at the Conference had given their views on the possible outcomes. The Chair also indicated that food producers were preparing for the impact of Brexit and climate change, with some abandoning traditional crops in favour of vineyards / fruit.

Resolved that the contents of the report be noted.

13 Welsh Government Statement - Designated Landscapes - Valued & Resilient.

The Welsh Government Valued and Resilient report was provided which outlined the Government's priorities for Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB's) and National Parks.

The Gower AONB Officer highlighted the four goals for AONB's in Wales, namely, valued places; resilient environments; resilient communities; and resilient ways of working.

The Group highlighted the necessity of having good, clean and accessible facilities, particularly public toilets for tourists. It was commented that many tourist areas charged for toilet use in order to retain and keep facilities clean.

Resolved that the contents of the report be noted.

14 Letter from Welsh Government Minister to Gower AONB.

The letter of Hannah Blythyn AM, Welsh Government Minister for Environment, requesting views regarding establishing greater parity for AONB's and National Parks in Wales, was reported for information.

15 Gower Landscape Partnership Board Meeting - Draft Minutes - 9 August 2018.

The draft Minutes of the Gower Landscape Partnership (GLP) meeting held on 9 August 2018 were reported 'for information'.

The Gower AONB Officer informed the Steering Group that the final GLP meeting would be held once the evaluation report had been finalised. When Heritage Lottery Funding had signed off the report it would signify the end of their work. A 10-year Maintenance and Management Plan had also been agreed by GLP, under the terms of the HLF funding.

The Steering Group commented that GLP needed a legacy and the Maintenance and Management Plan should be enforceable upon partner organisations in respect of maintaining projects where funding was received.

Resolved that the contents of the update be noted.

16 Gower Dark Skies Community Project.

The Gower AONB Officer reported that the AONB Team had now put in place the start of a project to take forward the development work and formal application to the International DarkSky Association (IDA), for Gower AONB to become a 'Dark Sky Community'.

Grant funding had been secured through Natural Resources Wales and the Gower Society. This funding had enabled the Council to appoint Dark Sky Wales Training Services to deliver technical, advisory and business engagement support to the project. A copy of the grant application to the Gower Society was attached for information to give the Steering Group a summary and background to the project.

The Steering Group outlined its support for the application and some examples of poor lighting on Gower / near Gower were highlighted.

Resolved that the contents of the report be noted.

17 Sustainable Development Fund Report.

The Gower AONB Officer reported that the Welsh Government had confirmed the SDF budget for 2019/20 as £55,000. He added that there were currently 8 projects with SDF funding for 2018/19, with a further application being developed, and 4 more anticipated, which had heavily committed the funds for 2019/20.

The Committed Funds figure included the CCS Management Fee of £5,500 (10%).

Total Funds available	£ 55,000.00
Committed Funds	£ 41,390.00
Uncommitted Funds	£ 13,610.00

SDF budget for 2019/20 had been confirmed as £55,000, with an indication that the budget for 2020/21 would be the same. The fund was heavily committed for 2019/20, with £30,350 already committed, with another £25,310 anticipated, which would over commit the fund.

The Steering Group requested an annual list of where the funds had been allocated.

Resolved that: -

- 1) The contents of the report be noted;
- 2) An annual report be submitted to future Steering Group meetings.

18 AONB Management Plan - Start of Review Process.

The Gower AONB Officer informed the Steering Group that the next review of the Gower AONB Management Plan was due to commence shortly. He added that the overall visions remained the same but the objectives and plans may require amending. A report would be provided to the next Steering Group meeting in December 2018.

The Steering Group suggested topics which should be included in the Plan such as seascapes and the dark skies project.

Resolved that: -

- 1) The contents of the update be noted;
- 2) A further report be provided to the Steering Group meeting scheduled for 3 December 2018.

19 Port Eynon & Horton Feasibility Study.

Gordon Howe, Gower Society referred to a recent meeting held by consultants regarding a feasibility study of Port Eynon and Horton. He added that the Tourism Section, Swansea Council, had appointed the consultants.

The meeting discussed local facilities and services and examined ways of improving the community for residents and visitors.

The Gower AONB Officer stated that he was aware of the study and had spoken to the consultants in May 2018. The Strategic Planning and Natural Environment Manager stated that he had only just been informed of the study and would inform the appropriate people of his disappointment that neither he nor Planning Services had been consulted.

The Steering Group expressed concern that it had not been involved in the consultation process. It was added that the Gower AONB Team should also have been consulted far more than had occurred. The meeting also discussed the potential options put forward.

Resolved that: -

- 1) The content of the discussions be noted;
- 2) The consultants be requested to provide a presentation to the next Steering Group meeting on 3 December 2018.

The meeting ended at 8.20 pm

Chair

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Report of the Gower AONB Team Leader

Gower AONB Partnership Steering Group – 3 December 2018

AONB Management Plan

Introduction

The Gower AONB Officer informed the last Steering Group that the next review of the AONB Management Plan was due to commence.

This paper provides the Steering Group with an outline of the context, process and requirements of the review.

The Countryside and Rights of Way (CRoW) Act 2000 requires Swansea Council to prepare the Gower AONB Management Plan 'which formulates their policy for the management of the area...and for the carrying out of their functions in relation to it.' The CRoW Act also requires the management plan to be reviewed every 5 years.

The Council published the first CRoW Act statutory management plan in 2006. The last review concentrated on updating the:

- policy context;
- state of the AONB;
- objectives; and
- action plan

That review process finished with the adoption of the current plan as Council policy in March 2017. This current review process should therefore aim to be completed by March 2022.

The aims and objectives of the Gower AONB Partnership Steering Group include the preparation of the AONB Management Plan on behalf of the Swansea Council.

Review Process

There are statutory requirements for the Review process to consider, particularly:

- CRoW Act 2000
- Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)/Sustainability Appraisal
- Habitats Regulations Assessment

The Countryside Council for Wales (CCW) produced guidance on the review of AONB management plans in 2008. Although much of this guidance is still relevant, Natural Resources Wales are expecting to update the guidance at some point in this review period; this is expected to include guidance on how AONB plans should address and

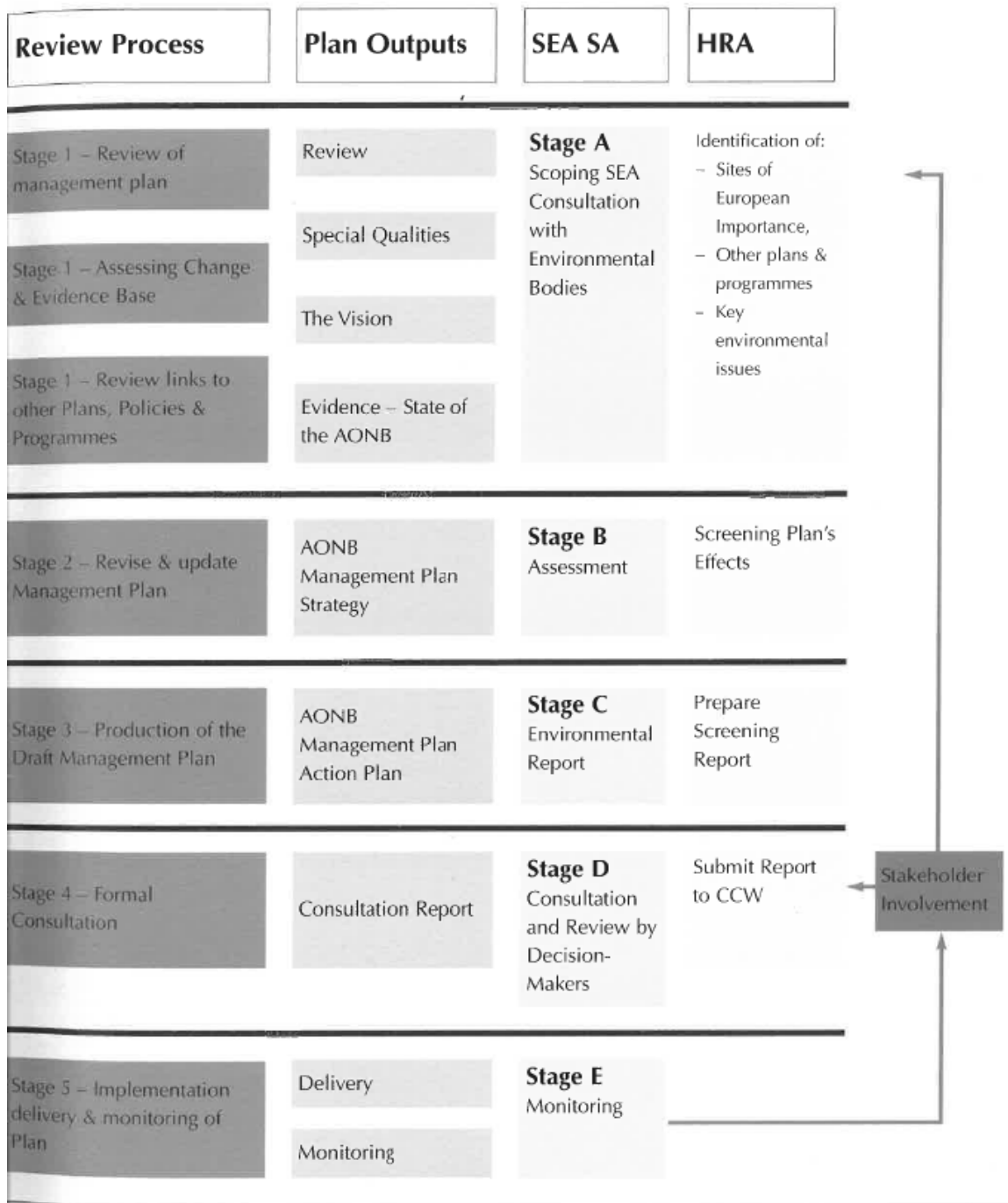
integrate: the Sustainable Management of Natural Resources; Area Statements; and other relevant policy context.

The attached figure (Box 5.1) from the CCW Guidance outlines the overall review process.

Recommended Review Priorities/Issues

The Action Plan in the current Management Plan covers a period up to 2018; an updated version for 2018-21 is agreed by Swansea Council with NRW as the delivery basis for its AONB Partnership grant-aid programme. As a first step, it is recommended that the Action Plan is reviewed to include an extension to cover the remainder of the existing plan period (up to 2022) and agreed through the Partnership.

It is also recommended that 'Management Plan Update' becomes a standing agenda item for the Steering Group.



Chris Lindley

Gower AONB Team Leader

23 November 2018

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Report of the Gower AONB Team Leader

Gower AONB Partnership Steering Group – 3 December 2018

Gower AONB Boundary Issues - Council Position

There has been recent debate regarding the position of the Gower AONB in the context of the Mumbles Pier development.

This report states the Council position on the matter. The report includes earlier correspondence – from both the Council and Natural Resources Wales – from 2015 regarding the same point.

This report provides the full context and explanation of why the Council considers that the ‘Order and Order Map’ is the legal boundary of Gower AONB. It is the Order that forms the statutory basis for the designation of Gower as an AONB; the Order Map is – and should be regarded as - an integral part of the Order.

‘Order and Order Map’ refers to the attached copy of the Order and Order Map - this was the map as shown to Swansea Council’s Planning Committee at its meeting on 6 November 2018.

To fully explain the position, this report refers to the statutory requirements regarding the designation of the Gower AONB – as set out under the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949 (‘the 1949 Act’).

The designation of the Gower AONB was made under Section 87 of the 1949 Act; Section 87 (1) states that:

‘The [National Parks] Commission may by order made as respects any area in England or Wales.....designate the area for the purposes of this Act as an area of outstanding natural beauty; and references in this Act to such an area shall be construed as references to an area designated under this section.’

In this context - The Order and Order Map are cited as ‘The Gower Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (Designation) Order, 1956 and are dated 9 May 1956.

However, the Order could not come into effect on this date, because of Section 87 (3) of the 1949 Act, which states that:

‘An order.....shall not come into operation unless and until submitted to and confirmed by the Minister, and in submitting any such order to the Minister the Commission shall forward to him any observations made by a local authority consulted

That consultation was made under the requirements of Section 87 (2) of the 1949 Act.

So, Swansea Council believes that the Order - although it was made 9 May 1956 - did not come into effect at that time. From the recorded correspondence, it is clear that the Commission and relevant local authorities had discussions regarding the final boundary and that those consultations were forwarded to the Minister.

Section 87 (4) of the 1949 Act states that:

‘The Minister may confirm an order submitted to him under this section either as submitted or with such modifications as he thinks expedient’

In this context – the Order and Order Map are confirmed by the signature and seal of the relevant Minister and dated 10 December 1956 – with the modifications shown in red ink on the Order and the excluded areas shown cross-hatched black on the Order Map. The Council therefore believe that the Order came into effect on this date, and that consequently the Order and Order Map show the definitive boundary of the Gower AONB.

With a final reference to the 1949 Act, Section 87 (8) states that:

‘It shall be the duty of the Commission to secure that copies of any order such as is mentioned in this section shall be available , at the office of the Commission, at the offices of each local authority whose area includes any part of the area to which the order relates.....for inspection by the public at all reasonable times.’

In this context – the Commission wrote to the Gower Rural District Council on 1 February 1957 with a copy of the Order and Order Map. The Commission has stamped these copies as being ‘Certified True Copy’ and these copies also included the hand drawn modifications – just like the Order as it was confirmed by the Minister.

Swansea Council understands that the Commission subsequently wrote to the Ordnance survey on 4 February 1957. Their letter requests a supply of 200 copies of the map as amended. It is an assumption – although a very reasonable one - that the Commission supplied the Ordnance Survey with their own ‘Certified True Copy’ of the Order Map to fulfil that request. However, those copies must only be regarded as that – copies – and therefore they are not the Order and Order Map as confirmed by the Minister.

Swansea Council and Natural Resources Wales (NRW) met with an Assembly Member (AM) and her constituent on 2 October 2015 to discuss the same matter and how the boundary of the Gower AONB has been portrayed on maps and planning documents since its designation.

Letters to the AM following that meeting are included with this report and confirm the position of both organisations.

The original Order (and Order Map) is held by NRW in their Bangor office; the Council’s Certified True Copy - referred to above – is now available to the public at the West Glamorgan Archives in Swansea Civic Centre.

In summary, Swansea Council consider that the Order and Order Map are the definitive AONB boundary. Any other map produced subsequently should only be regarded as interpretations of the boundary and so are not definitive; this includes the 1957 copies produced by the Ordnance Survey.

Background Papers: None.

Appendices:

Appendix 1 – Gower AONB Designation Order

Appendix 2 – Map of Gower AONB as per Order

Appendix 3 - Letters

Chris Lindley

Gower AONB Team Leader

21 November 2018

NATIONAL PARKS AND ACCESS TO THE COUNTRYSIDE ACT, 1949

THE GOWER AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY

(DESIGNATION) ORDER, 1956

IN pursuance of Section 87 of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act, 1949, and all other powers enabling them in that behalf, the National Parks Commission hereby designate as an area of outstanding natural beauty for the purposes of the said Act, all that area of land comprising approximately 73 square miles situated in the County of Glamorgan and the County Borough of Swansea and shown bounded by a dark green line edged internally by a broad light green band on the map annexed hereto.

[but excluding the area of land comprising approximately 1/2 square mile cross-hatched black]

This Order may be cited as the Gower Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (Designation) Order, 1956.

G I V E N under the Common Seal of the National Parks Commission this ninth day of May, One thousand, nine hundred and fifty-six.



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Chairman of the National Parks Commission

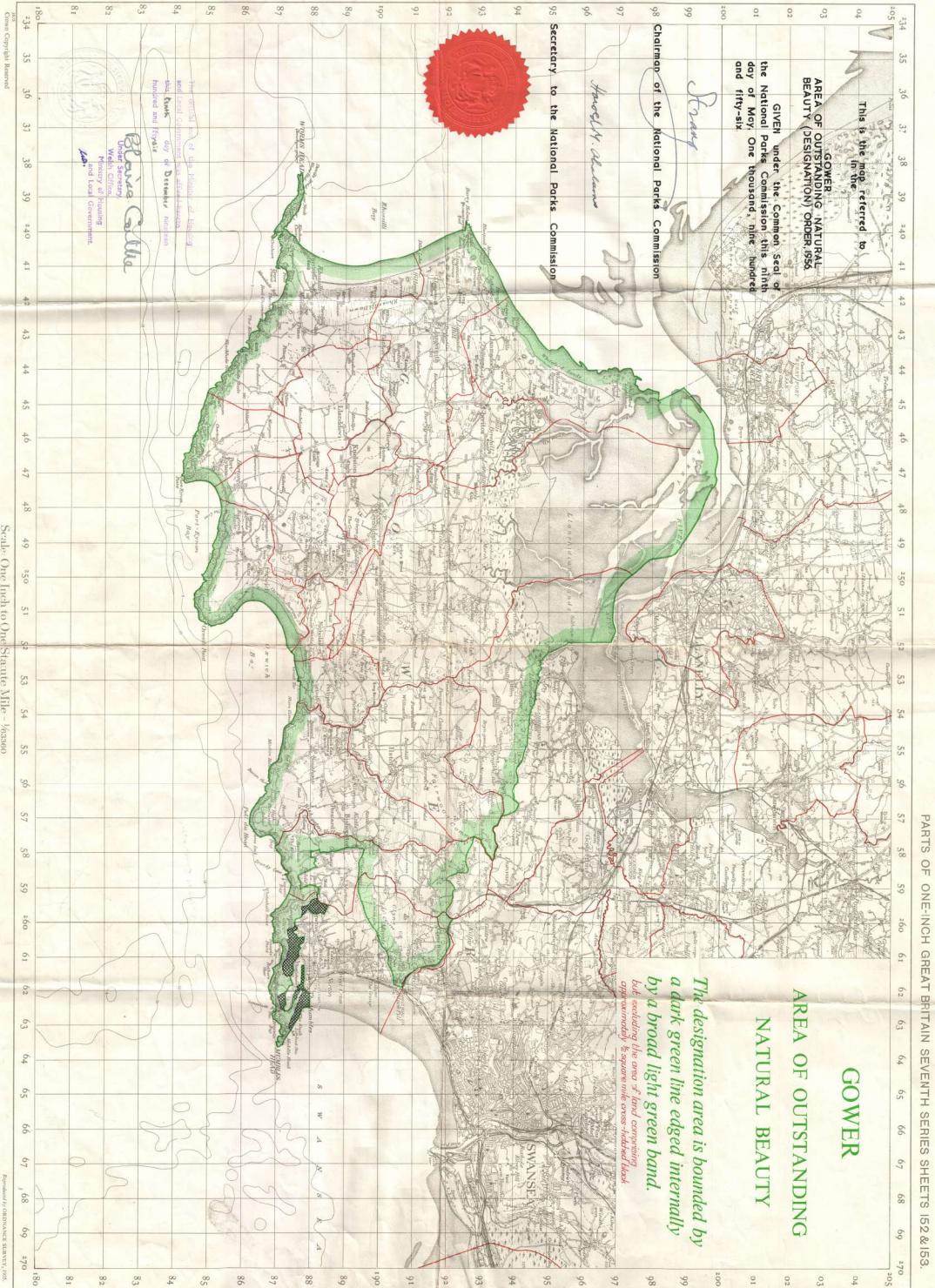
Harold M. Abalans
Secretary to the National Parks Commission

The Minister hereby confirms the foregoing order subject to the modifications shown in red ink thereon.

Given under the official seal of the Minister of Housing and Local Government this ~~tenth~~ day of ~~December~~ nineteen hundred and fifty-six



Blaise Cullis
Under Secretary
Welsh Office
Ministry of Housing
& Local Government
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Appendix 3
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04 December 2015

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for taking the time to meet with officers from Natural Resources Wales and Swansea City and County Council in October regarding your constituent, Mr [REDACTED] queries in relation to the Gower Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) boundary. Natural Resources Wales is Welsh Governments statutory adviser on landscape in Wales and has legal responsibility for designating new National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) and powers to vary their boundaries subject to confirmation by Welsh Ministers.

We understand that Swansea C&CC will respond to you separately with regard to the queries relating to the Gower AONB boundary and the various local plans.

We have now carefully examined the issues raised in more detail and set out below is our response to the action points allocated to us following our discussion:

Confirmation that the boundary mapping exercise was a technical mapping exercise

Programme of transferring Protected Area Boundary Mapping onto digital media

During the early 2000s our predecessor organisation, the Countryside Council for Wales (CCW) embarked on a programme of transferring all Protected Areas boundaries onto Geographical Information Systems (GIS) digital media. This programme of work included all of the Protected Areas such as Sites of Special Scientific Interest, National Nature Reserves, National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONBs).

The original boundaries for AONBs were on paper Ordnance Survey (OS) maps scaled at 1:63360 (1" to mile). This scale is much coarser than Ordnance Survey digital MasterMap system. There are inherent limitations of transposing a map drawn at 1:63 360 (1" to 1 mile) to the sophisticated level detail of OS MasterMap at 1:2500 (25.344 inches to the mile). Features and symbols are less detailed and necessarily generalised at the small scale mapping used for the original Designation Order Map and the level of accuracy is far less than expected with modern mapping techniques.

The map published with the Designation Order is the formal legal boundary. Updating our mapping media from paper to digital or updating of digital boundaries to new basemaps does not represent a legal change as no boundary variations have been made, it is merely the transfer of data from paper to digital media.

Interpreting Original Designation map for GIS

As part of this programme the original digital data for Gower AONB was captured at 1:50,000. Then in 2010 the boundary was interpreted to the more and accurate OS basemap product OS MasterMap at 1:2500 scale.

The interpretation of boundaries to the new detailed GIS maps was carried out by CCW's GIS Cartographic Team in consultation with relevant CCW staff (Protected Landscapes teams and Regional representatives) and colleagues in relevant external authorities such as National Park Authorities and AONB Local Authorities.

When undertaking the transfer of the boundary onto GIS we were mindful to consider that:

- as this was the first AONB to be designated in the England and Wales, there was a lack of precedence for boundary setting conventions for AONBs at the time;
- there was no accompanying Boundary Description Statement such as those which accompany National Park designations;
- the proximity of certain sections of the boundary to urban development means that certain areas have undergone significant change since the original map for the Gower AONB was drawn fifty-nine years ago making it in some instances difficult to relate the boundary to current features on the ground.

Given these considerations and the process set out above, this piece of work of transposing the map boundary onto GIS resulted in the agreed interpretation that is now available from 'Lle – A Geo-Portal for Wales' GIS downloads.

Any change to the existing boundary would require a boundary Variation Order to be submitted by NRW or a predecessor organisation under s82 Part IV Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 to the relevant Welsh Government Minister. No such boundary Variation Orders have been submitted, the original boundary remains unchanged since the Designation Order was confirmed on 10th December 1956

Background from the Designation History Series on the exclusion of the foreshore area from the final boundary in 1956

Careful examination of the information held by NRW has yielded a key source of information, which is an unpublished report commissioned by the Countryside Agency titled the 'Designation History Series Gower AONB', Ray Woolmore, May 2005.

Due to the time elapsed we have been unable to establish the exact reason from the Minister for Local Government and Housing's decision to exclude the foreshore area but the attached copies of the relevant folios from the Designation History Series Report

provide an insight into the detailed survey and consultation with the relevant local authorities by the then National Parks Commission between 1955 and 1956. Unfortunately some of the copies of the documents are quite faint due to faded nature of the originals from the 1950s.

Blackpill Site of Special Scientific Interest designation and boundary

Regarding the query on the designation process for Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and the boundary for Blackpill SSSI as referred to in the meeting.

In summary, the SSSI designation process involves the selection of sites after detailed survey and evaluation against published criteria for features of flora, fauna, geology or geomorphology. The boundaries are drawn to include the area of land with this interest, shown on the map provided as part of the SSSI's notification along with a description (citation) of the site's special interest, a list of operations requiring consultation with NRW and a Site Management Statement.

We have provided the links from our web site's "designated sites search" showing the boundary and citation for Blackpill SSSI (which was notified in 1984). For this SSSI the qualifying bird species features are the sanderling and ringed plover.

https://naturalresources.wales/media/659835/SSSI_1120_Map001368d.pdf

https://naturalresources.wales/media/659830/SSSI_1120_Citation_EN001ddfb.pdf

Further information on SSSIs, the designated sites search and an outline of the process of notification is contained within the "Protected areas of land and seas" section of our web site: <https://naturalresources.wales/conservation-biodiversity-and-wildlife/find-protected-areas-of-land-and-seas/sites-of-special-scientific-interest-sssis/?lang=en>

A request was also made at the meeting in relation to Mr [REDACTED] being provided with a chronology of the relevant Local Authority Planning maps. We understand that City and County of Swansea will respond separately on this matter.

We hope that this letter and attached documentation provides a full response to Mr [REDACTED] queries and I apologise it has taken longer than anticipated to provide you with all the information to address the queries discussed at our meeting. Should you or Mr [REDACTED] require any further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Operations Manager West

CC: [REDACTED] – Planning Policy Team Leader, Swansea C&CC



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Dyddiad: [REDACTED] 8 December 2015

Dear [REDACTED]

Gower Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)

I write to complement the contents of [REDACTED] letter (Natural Resources Wales), dated 4 December 2015.

The remaining action arising from our meeting on 2 October is to provide a chronology of the relevant local planning authority development policy maps showing the Gower AONB boundary.

The Council affirms the position outlined by Natural Resources Wales - that the map published with the AONB Designation Order is the formal legal boundary, and that this remains unchanged since its confirmation on 10th December 1956.

The boundary of the AONB as depicted in the various versions of the development plan is only the Council's interpretation of its alignment. The alignment has always been intended to follow the original order and if there are any areas of dispute these may be corrected at any time and do not require amendment through the development plan preparation process. Welsh Government guidance on LDP preparation explicitly states that statutory designations such as the AONB are matters of fact which should not be shown on the LDP Proposals Map, but on an accompanying Constraints Map. This Constraints Map was published in April 2012.

In this context, please see the attached Annex; this provides images of the relevant local planning authority development policy maps for the Mumbles Hill area, with an associated commentary on how the AONB is depicted in each.

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I hope that this information now completes the response to Mr [REDACTED] queries. However, please do not hesitate to contact me if any further clarification is required.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Gower AONB Team Leader

cc. [REDACTED] Operations Manager West, Natural Resources Wales

MUMBLES HILL & PIER
A CHRONOLOGY OF DEVELOPMENT PLAN MAPPING
BY THE LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY
(1955 - 2015)

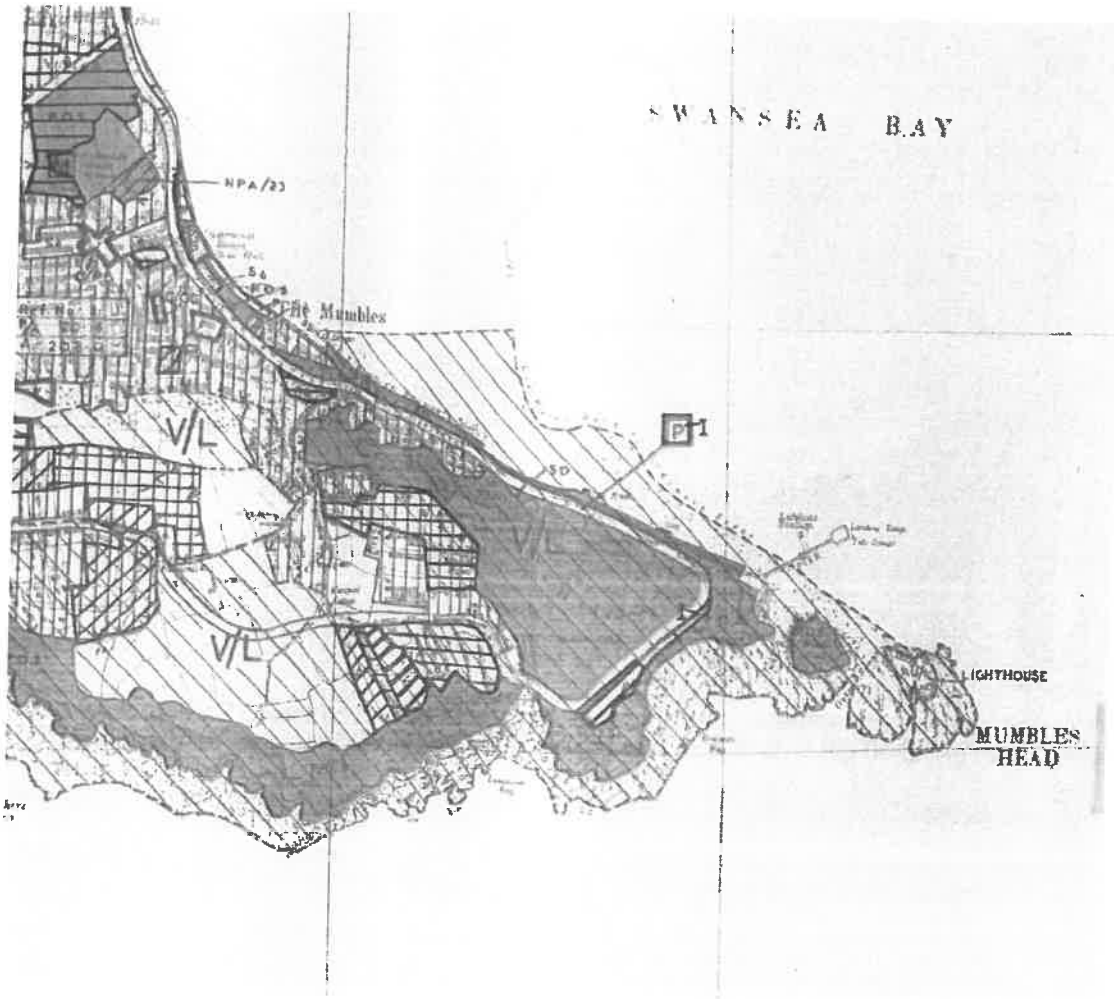
Date	Plan	Commentary
Feb 1955	County Borough of Swansea Town Map Programme Map	<p>This Map predates the designation of the AONB. Mumbles Hill is identified as an 'Area of Great Landscape Value' (shown hatched and annotated V/L). This designation extends out into the Bay to the Low Water Mark and returns to shore along Grid Ref line 88 rather than any natural feature.</p> <p>The additional green-shaded Public Open Space (POS) excludes the Thistleboon Caravan Park site and whilst it lies within the wider V/L designation the site specific allocation is O/A 'Non-Statutory Allotment'. The Pier and Hotel are excluded from the POS designation but within the V/L area.</p>
Dec 1959	County Borough of Swansea Town Map Programme Map Reprinted Version	<p>The V/L - Area of Great Landscape Value (thicker dashed line) has been revised and no longer extends out into the Bay. It also includes within it NPA/87 – 'Gower Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Order' (thinner dashed line). Thistleboon Caravan Park is shown as within the V/L area but outside the AONB and is now designated HC 'Area where facilities are to be provided or maintained for holiday camping'.</p> <p>The AONB boundary continues to the rear of the properties at Southend along the Cliffside of Mumbles Rd; before cutting down to the foreshore at the pier, excluding the Mumbles railway terminus but including the pier hotel.</p>
Dec 1989	Swansea City Council Local Plan Proposals Map: Urban Area Sheet 1	<p>This is the first development plan to have been adopted and published by the Council for 30 years.</p> <p>The AONB boundary (depicted by a dashed and double-dotted line) is superimposed on a rudimentary base map, but is shown to exclude the whole of the Thistleboon Caravan Park site and the properties at Southend. It also shows the AONB boundary following the cliff side of Mumbles Rd, not the pier road, before dropping down to the pier at the exit road just before the Big Apple. It includes the hotel at the pier. i.e. no change since 1959 Town Map</p>

Date	Plan	Commentary
		<p>The proposals map boundary was published on line and although it is accessed through the Council's website it is actually externally hosted by Blue Fox Technology an interactive mapping company. The interpretation of the AONB boundary has not been amended since.</p> <p>http://swansea.devplan.org.uk/map.aspx?map=41&layers=all</p>
April 2012	City and County of Swansea Environmental Constraints Map to support the Local Development Plan	<p>No change of position of LDP boundary</p> <p>http://www.swansea.gov.uk/article/10246/Constraints-map</p> <p>Also shown in Oystermouth Ward Profile (May 2013)</p> <p>http://www.swansea.gov.uk/ldpwardprofiles</p>

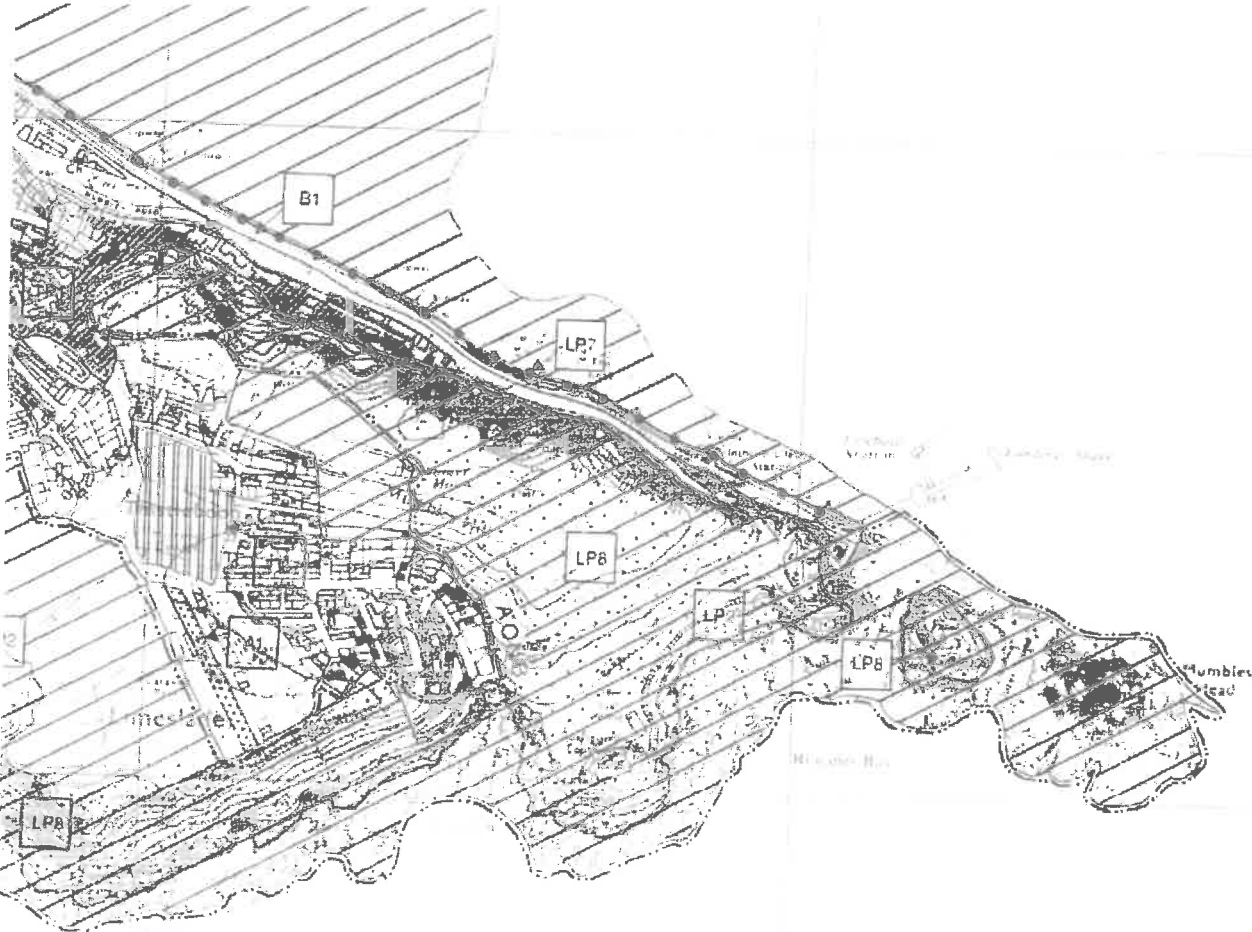
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Any other versions of the above plans have no status and no weight may be attributed to them. Any plans within supplementary planning guidance documents that do not accord with the adopted plan that they support also carry no weight.

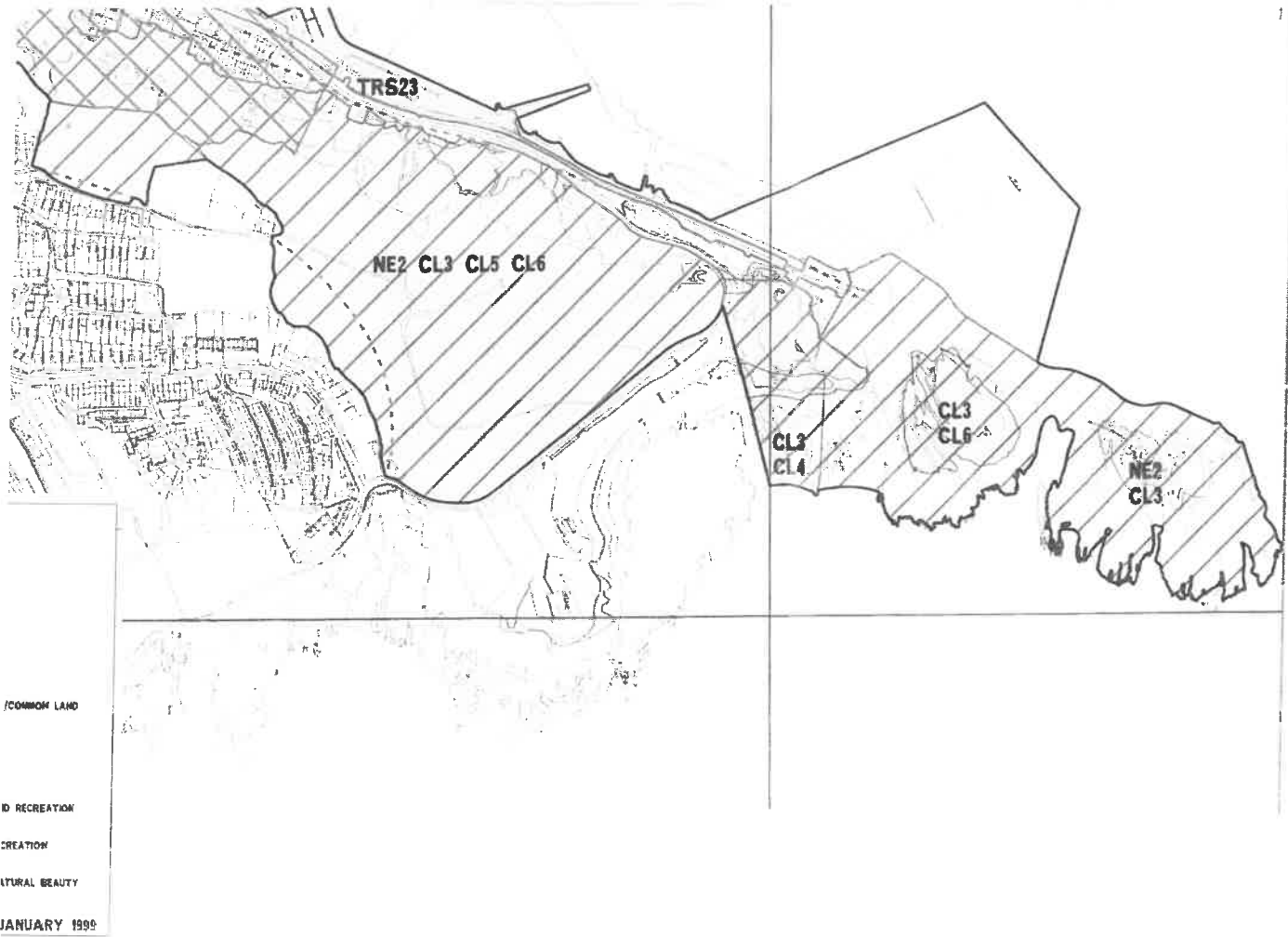
City of Swansea —Development Plan—Town Map (1955)



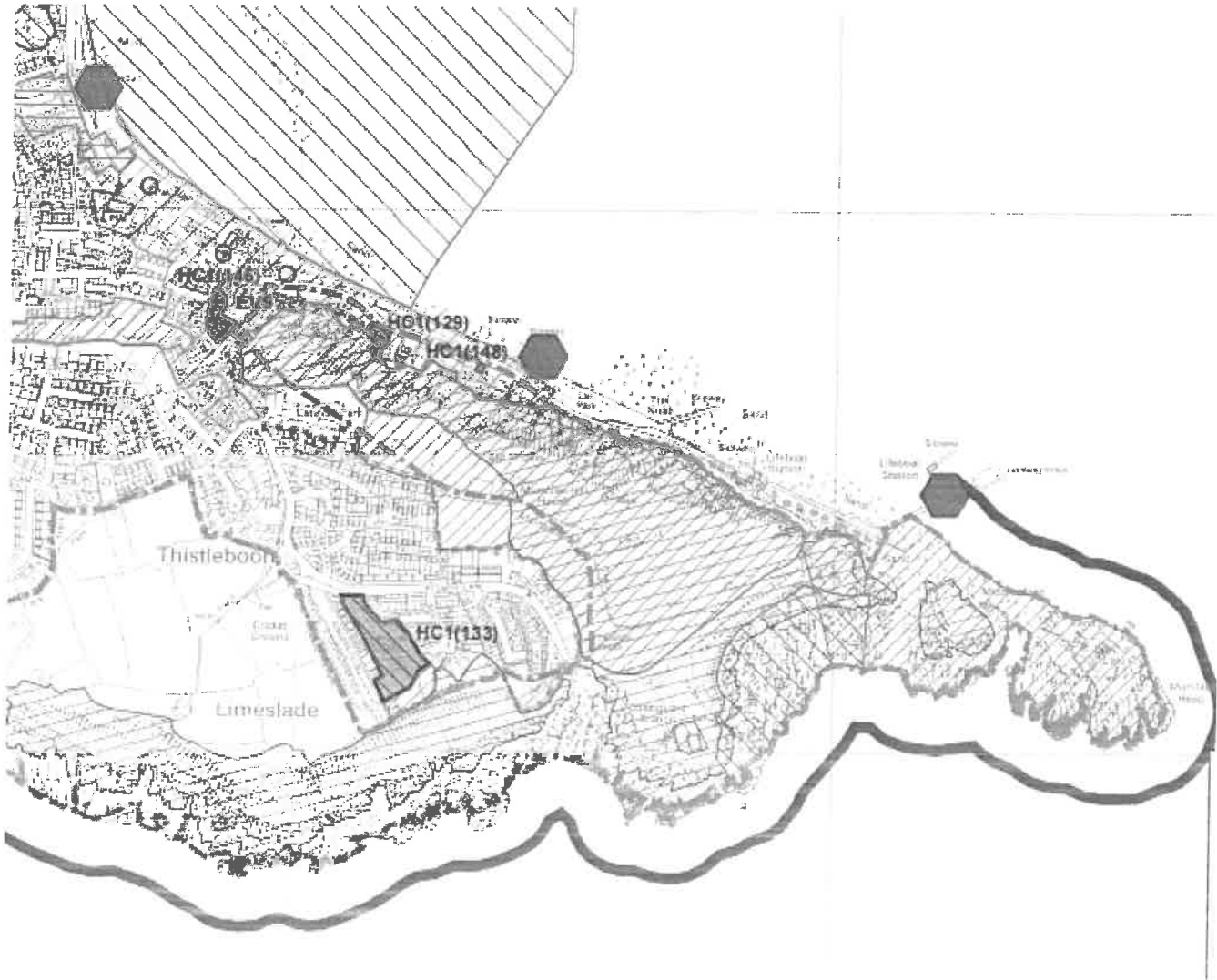
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City of Swansea—Local Plan Review No.1 (Mumbles Inset)



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Mansea—Environmental Constraints (Oystermouth Ward Profile)



Agenda Item 9



Report of the Gower AONB Officer

Gower AONB Partnership Steering Group – 3 December 2018

Sustainable Development Fund – Financial Summary

Welsh Government have confirmed the SDF budget for 2018/19 as £55,000, with the same for 2019/20.

There are currently 10 projects approved with SDF funding for 2018/19, with a further 3 applications under consideration, and 3 further applications anticipated.

The Committed Funds figure includes the CCS Management Fee of £5,500 (10%).

The fund is heavily committed, both for 2019/20 and 2020/21.

Total Funds available	£ 55,000.00
Committed Funds	£ 41,200
Uncommitted Funds	£ 13,300
Applications under consideration by the panel	£ 10,500

Mike Scott,
16th November 2018