

**BLAENAU GWENT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL LOCAL  
DEVELOPMENT PLAN EXAMINATION**

**SESSION 9: AGRICULTURE AND SIGNIFICANT LANDSCAPE AREAS  
DESIGNATIONS**

**THE COUNTRYSIDE COUNCIL FOR WALES' RESPONSE TO THE  
PRESENTATION OF A PAPER ON SIGNIFICANT LANDSCAPE AREA  
DESIGNATIONS (REF NO:10)**

The Countryside Council for Wales's (CCW) *Landmap Guidance Note 1: LANDMAP and Special Landscape Areas* (June 2008) provides guidance for local planning authorities when designating non-statutory local landscape designations. Section 7 of the guidance note sets out the four stages to be followed when identifying special landscape areas, which are intended to be an iterative process, and ensure the continued validity of the proposed SLA.