Maesygwartha	Level 4 Settlement
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Sustainability Index Score: 13

**Settlement Overview:** Maesygwartha is a modest linear settlement very close to the south-western tip of Gilwern. It follows the line of the A465 as it heads south-west to Brynmawr and is very well connected to Gilwern and Clydach.

## **Description of Current Housing Stock**

The settlement contains several listed buildings but modern development has followed 1960s housing along Maesygwartha Road running parallel to the north of Clydach Wood and the river.

## **Key Constraints**

SAM—Iron furnace

Ancient woodland

**Summary Assessments:** The settlement has had a number of recent developments including that of Beaconsfield (15 dwellings approx.) and two new dwellings opposite.

Anymore growth to the east would join Measygwartha to Gilwern, and development on open countryside to the west could have a detrimental visual impact on the settlement.

Code	Site Name	Suitable?	Reason	Page
DBR-MSY-A	Land West of Old Rectory Close	No	Visual impact/access.	3
DBR-MSY-B	Land West of Beaconsfield	No	Visual impact/access.	6
DBR-MSY-C	Land adjacent Old Rectory Close	N/A	Developed.	9
DBR-MSY-D	Land East of Old Rectory Close	Yes	Logical infill.	12
DBR-MSY-E	Land adjacent Holly Cottage	No	Flora and fauna.	15





## Landmap Summary

Cultural Landscape : Crickhowell is undergoing a process of change from sub-regional market town with a number of outstanding important historic structures to that of a dormitory and retirement area for wealthy people

Visual and Sensory: BRCKNVS622

The town is an attractive rural former market town on the edge of the River Usk commanding the valley on a slight rise. The core of the old town has some fine buildings and spaces, such as the Market Place, with a clear hierarchy. Buildings of note include the Bear Inn, the Castle and the church. There have been extensions to the town. Estates to the north and west and piecemeal development to the east spoil the junction with the surrounding landscape to a point. Some new development to the north east of the centre [the Televillage] has been positive, with clear structure, hierarchy and style which complements the character of the town