

CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA

CONSERVATION AREA	Port Eynon
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Notes:-

Port Eynon is a village of approximately 65 dwellings on the south coast of the Gower Peninsular which is designated an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. It lies some 17 miles west of Swansea.

The land to the north of the village rises to a height of 200 feet (60,900 metres) overlooking Port Eynon Bay.

The greater part of the village which lies at the foot of the hillside follows a random pattern of development with the Parish Church of St. Cattwg as the nucleus. Scatter development continues for some 400 yards up the hillside at right angles to the sea.

The village, originally a small fishing port, still retains much of its past atmosphere. This is in no small measure due to the quality of the buildings in the older part of the village. Port Eynon probably contains some of the finest examples of the simple vernacular architecture in the Peninsula. The dwellings with low headrooms, colour-washed walls and slate roofs, laid out to no defined building line, create a village of unique quality. The character of the village is not only attributable to the use of these simple materials, but also to the narrow access roads and high stone walls which link the individual units. While some Victorian accretions have occurred and new development has been permitted, this generally has been well integrated into the village.