

CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA

CONSERVATION AREA	Horton
Date of Notification:-	1972
National Grid Reference:-	SS 4740085900
O.S. 1:10,000 Sheet No.:-	SS 48 NE
Conservation Area No.:-	CA:008

Notes:-

Horton lies on the south coast of the Gower Peninsular, overlooking Port Eynon Bay, and about 16 miles west of Swansea.

The village is situated at the eastern end of Port Eynon Bay in a shallow hollow on a hillside which rises fairly sharply from the shore to the enclosing 2000' plateau level. To the east development has been restricted by a steep cliff face; to the west, the slope recedes and the bay widens, revealing a larger expanse of dunes and relatively flat land. The variety of gradient and of vegetation stretching inland from the coastline, forms an attractive setting for the village.

The settlement originally a farming community, established on the upper slopes of the hillside, is now essentially residential in nature, with about 70 dwellings. Development has spread somewhat irregularly down the hillside along narrow winding lanes which forms a rectangular framework for the village. The variety of the houses – in age, design, materials and height and aspect, together with interspersed stone walls, and hedges complements the charm of the physical setting.

The Conservation Area is contiguous with that of Port Eynon. It includes the whole village but excludes that adjoining caravan park.