

**Greater Bargoed Community Regeneration Scheme**

- Woolworth's have now written to WAG withdrawing their objection. WAG has commenced the process of confirming the Compulsory Purchase Orders and Side Roads Orders. It is anticipated this process will be completed to coincide with the letting of the contract.
- Capita Symonds is continuing with the detailed design and the preparation of the contract documentation.
- Tenders will be invited in early March. Wrekin have withdrawn from the tender process and have been replaced on the list by Mowlem who were next placed in the pre-qualification process.
- The Welsh Assembly Government has announced their commitment to fund the commencement of the scheme this year. Whilst the funding is slightly lower than anticipated this is unlikely to affect the commencement of the scheme.
- The award of the contract is still on target for July 2006.
- Pre-contract site clearance works by NCS have commenced in order that vegetation/knotweed clearance is undertaken prior to the letting of the main contract.