

## BARGOED TOWN CENTRE AUDIT – MAY 2013

DATE	ISSUE	DEPARTMENT	PROGRESS UPDATE
23/01/08	<p><b><u>Morrisons Store Construction Bargoed</u></b> The construction of a new retail site as part of the Greater Bargoed Regeneration Scheme will allow a new food store to locate in the town.</p>	<p><b>Urban Renewal</b> <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p>	<p><b>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</b></p> <p>14/1 Scheme is on schedule, but the fit out contract has yet to be awarded. A late 2013 opening is still aimed for and an update will be provided to the next TCMG. 6/2 Update provided to TCMG. 18/3 A December opening is anticipated, depending on the progress of the fit out. The steel structure of the store is ahead of schedule at present.</p>
5/03/12	<p><b><u>Cinema Development Bargoed</u></b> The scheme will include a cinema and new retail units.</p>	<p><b>Urban Renewal</b> <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p>	<p><b>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</b></p> <p>14/1 ODEON has been announced as the preferred cinema operator. 2014 is still being aimed for as an opening date, but planning has been delayed due to required redesigns. 6/2 Update provided to TCMG 18/3 Planning application for the cinema has been submitted ref: 13/0135/LA.</p>

14/10/09	<p><b><u>Office Quarter</u></b>  <b><u>High Street</u></b>          Within the Town Centre Action Plan an area at the northern end of the town has been identified for creation of a new business quarter.</p>	<p><b>Urban Renewal</b>  <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p>	<p><b>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</b></p> <p>14/1 The planning application is due to be submitted during week commencing 14<sup>th</sup> January 2013. Designs have been finalised and will be going out to tender shortly.          18/3 The project is anticipated to start in late April and finish in late August.</p>
26/05/11	<p><b><u>Repainting of Post Box</u></b>  <b><u>OS Post Office, Under Cardiff Road</u></b>          The Post Box paintwork has worn and damaged paintwork, which requires attention.</p>	<p><b>Town Centre Management</b>  <i>Andrew Highway</i></p>	<p><b>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</b></p> <p>14/1 Work is still scheduled with Royal Mail, but Members expressed concern over time taken. Comments will be relayed to Royal Mail.          6/3 Work has been completed.  <b>Issue Closed 18/3</b></p>
28/06/11	<p><b><u>Steps</u></b>  <b><u>Hanbury Road</u></b>          A complaint has been received regarding the condition of the repairs on Hanbury Road steps.</p>	<p><b>Highways</b>  <i>Marcus Lloyd</i></p> <p><b>Urban Renewal</b>  <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p>	<p><b>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</b></p> <p>12/11 With Urban Regeneration. Officers will bring a report to the next meeting.          14/1 This work will be looked at following the completion of Phase 3 public realm works.          6/2 Concern was again expressed by members of TCMG.          18/3 Will be looked at following completion of phase 3 works.</p>

21/02/12	<p><b><u>Phase 3 Works</u></b>  <b><u>Hanbury Road/High Street</u></b>  The third phase of the new public realm works will involve the laying of new pavements, drainage channels and road surface.</p>	<p><b>Urban Renewal</b>  <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p>	<p><b>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</b></p> <p>14/1 Works are currently to programme, but delays are anticipated due to problems sourcing materials.  6/2 Update provided to TCMG  18/3 Programme planned for completion in August.</p>
08/03/12	<p><b><u>Railway Station Fencing</u></b>  <b><u>Station Road</u></b>  Concern was raised by Cllrs at the TCMG about the condition of the chain-link fencing surround Bargoed Railway Station.</p>	<p><b>Transportation</b>  <i>Clive Campbell</i></p>	<p><b>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</b></p> <p>6/2 Update provided to TCMG.  18/3 Has been taken forward as a reserve project for 2013/14 as SEWTA funding needs to be secured.  13/5 SEWTA funding information still awaited.</p>
08/03/12	<p><b><u>Street Market</u></b>  <b><u>Town Centre</u></b>  Following an approach by a Market Operator, the feasibility of a Street Market operating in the Town Centre is being investigated.</p>	<p><b>Town Centre Management</b>  <i>Andrew Highway</i></p> <p><b>Urban Renewal</b>  <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p> <p><b>Highways</b>  <i>Clive Campbell</i></p> <p><b>Legal Services</b>  <i>John Rogers</i></p>	<p><b>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</b></p> <p>12/11 Has been agreed by CMT. Meeting to discuss Terms &amp; Conditions with market operator due to take place shortly.  14/1 A six-month trial has been agreed and is likely to commence in early March.  6/2 Update provided to TCMG.  18/3 Legal process has been agreed. First market will be held on 4<sup>th</sup> April.</p>

26/03/12	<p><b><u>Repainting</u></b> <b><u>Town Centre</u></b></p> <p>Following completion of the Phase 2 public realm works, several areas are to be repainted. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fence at edge of Hanbury Road Car Park;</li> <li>• Parking dividers in Hanbury Road Car Park;</li> <li>• Litter bins in Hanbury Road Car Park;</li> <li>• St. Gwladys Gardens fence and litterbins.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Highways</b> <i>Marcus Lloyd</i></p>	<p><b>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</b></p> <p>12/11 Will be complete prior to Christmas. 14/1 Weather conditions have delayed works. Will be prioritised on schedule of works. 6/2 Update provided to TCMG. 18/3 All work has been completed. <b>Issue Closed 18/3</b></p>
25/04/12	<p><b><u>Illegal Parking</u></b> <b><u>Town Centre</u></b></p> <p>A complaint was received from the Chamber of Trade regarding illegal parking in the Town Centre, which is causing problems for retailer deliveries and public transport.</p>	<p><b>Police</b> Ins Greening</p> <p><b>Urban Renewal</b> <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p>	<p><b>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</b></p> <p>6/2 Concern was again expressed about this issue by members of TCMG. 18/3 Ongoing problem. Defensive street furniture will be utilised and double-yellow lines installed in due course to make enforcement by Police easier.</p>
17/05/12	<p><b><u>Bins on Highway</u></b> <b><u>Town Centre</u></b></p> <p>A complaint has been received from the Chamber of Trade in relation to bins being left of the Highway by residents of flats above shops in the town centre. The bins are being knocked over/set alight during the night.</p>	<p><b>Cleansing</b> <i>Tony White</i></p>	<p><b>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</b></p> <p>12/11 No space for storage units. A site visit to be arranged between Cleansing Officers and Councillors to look at options. 14/1 Officers are recommending a zero-tolerance approach to bins on the Highway. 18/3 Officers will continue to monitor. <b>Issue Closed 18/3</b></p>

05/10/12	<p><b><u>Parking Issues</u></b>  <b><u>Lower High Street</u></b>  There is a consistent problem of motorists parking on the pavement opposite the Original Factory Shop.</p>	<p><b>Police</b>  <i>Ins Greening</i></p> <p><b>Urban Renewal</b>  <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p>	<p><b>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</b></p> <p>26/10 This remains a PACT priority for the Police.  12/11 Police continue to enforce traffic regulations.  18/3 Defensive street furniture is in place and double yellow lines will be installed within the next few weeks.</p>
12/11/12	<p><b><u>Disabled bay</u></b>  <b><u>O/S Rowlands Opticians, Hanbury Road</u></b>  A business within the town centre has asked if a disabled bay could be located near their shop during the regeneration works to facilitate access to the practice by their less-able clients.</p>	<p><b>Transportation</b>  <i>Clive Campbell</i></p>	<p>12/11 Being considered.  14/1 Officers will meet with the business concerned and discuss the matter.  18/3 The issue has been resolved due to the location of the new bus stops.  <b>Issue Closed 18/3</b></p>
17/12/12	<p><b><u>Retail Burglaries</u></b>  <b><u>Town Centre</u></b>  During week commencing 10<sup>th</sup> December, two businesses were broken into, with a large amount of stock being stolen.</p>	<p><b>Police</b>  <i>Ins Greening</i></p>	<p>14/1 Information was sent to retailers via e-mail marketing system and will be in January's Town Centre News. Local Police Officers are offering advice to retailers.  <b>Issue Closed 18/3</b></p>
14/01/13	<p><b><u>Damage to Trees</u></b>  <b><u>Hanbury Road Car Park</u></b>  At the TCIG, Members reported that the trees in Hanbury Road are severely leaning and appear to be falling over – either through vandalism or high winds.</p>	<p><b>Transportation</b>  <i>Clive Campbell</i></p> <p><b>Urban Renewal</b>  <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p>	<p>18/3 A new Tree Officer is now in post, with whom this matter will be discussed.</p>

24/01/13	<p><b><u>Condition of Car Parks</u></b> <b><u>Town Centre</u></b></p> <p>A complaint was received from a retailer relating to the condition of the car parks within Bargoed Town Centre following the recent snowfall and icy conditions.</p>	<p><b>Highways</b> <i>Marcus Lloyd</i></p>	<p>25/1 The retailer contacted CCBC to thank them for the car parks being cleared. Highways Operatives cleared the car parks as soon as possible, but this was initially hindered by cars parked in the car park. 18/3 Issue resolved. <b>Issue Closed 18/3</b></p>
01/02/13	<p><b><u>St. David's Day Event</u></b> <b><u>Emporium Car Park</u></b></p> <p>A lunchtime concert is planned to celebrate St. David's Day within the Town Centre. The event will consist of local schools and groups performing for the public from 12:00 onwards.</p>	<p><b>Business Enterprise Support Team</b> <i>Paul Hudson</i></p>	<p>18/3 Event was well-received. Congratulations were given to the Events Team. <b>Issue Closed 18/3</b></p>
05/02/13	<p><b><u>Partial Closure of Emporium Car Park</u></b> <b><u>Upper High Street</u></b></p> <p>Due to health and safety concerns for the Snooker Club's building structure, the area of Emporium Car Park above the Snooker Club is to be cordoned off indefinitely.</p>	<p><b>Transportation</b> <i>Clive Campbell</i></p>	<p>6/2 Update provided to TCMG. 18/3 Due to structural issues, the car park will be closed indefinitely. <b>Issue Closed 18/3</b></p>
06/02/13	<p><b><u>New Bus Stop Traffic Flow Issues</u></b> <b><u>O/S Spar, Royal Square</u></b></p> <p>Concern was expressed by Members and Police Officers at the TCMG about the issues on traffic flow that the new bus stop O/S Spar is having. As there is no dedicated bay, buses are stopping on the carriageway, which is causing traffic congestion.</p>	<p><b>Urban Renewal</b> <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p> <p><b>Transportation</b> <i>Clive Campbell</i></p> <p><b>Police</b> <i>Ins Greening</i></p>	<p>18/3 A report will be given to the next TCMG meeting.</p>

13/03/13	<p><b><u>Insecure Property</u></b>  <b><u>High Street</u></b>  A Cllr. complaint was received in relation to the goods access gate on the former <i>Croeso Nisa</i> building, which was unlocked and opening into the footway during high winds.</p>	<p><b>Police</b>  <i>Ins Greening</i></p>	<p>20/3 Police made contact with the owner, who would secure the property on his return to the area.</p>
18/03/13	<p><b><u>Retail “Jobs Shop”</u></b>  <b><u>Town Centre</u></b>  Officers are to explore the possibility of utilising a vacant property within the town centre to provide a “jobs shop”, which would promote the employment opportunities offered by the Morrisons development.</p>	<p><b>Business Enterprise Support Team</b>  <i>Jan Bennett</i></p> <p><b>Urban Renewal</b>  <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p>	
18/03/13	<p><b><u>Unit Shops</u></b>  <b><u>Lowry Plaza</u></b>  The unit shops planned for the new Lowry Plaza will be actively promoted during construction to ensure that maximum occupancy is obtained in readiness for their opening.</p>	<p><b>Urban Renewal</b>  <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p>	
18/03/13	<p><b><u>Lighting of Angel Artwork</u></b>  <b><u>St. Gwladys Car Park</u></b>  Cllrs. requested that Officers investigate the possibility of lighting the new angel artwork near St. Gwladys Car Park to give it emphasis by night.</p>	<p><b>Urban Renewal</b>  <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p>	