

## BARGOED TOWN CENTRE AUDIT – AUGUST 2016

DATE	ISSUE	DEPARTMENT	PROGRESS UPDATE
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>Gavin Barry</i></p> <p><b>Urban Renewal</b> <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p> <p><b>Parks</b> <i>Mike Headington</i></p>	<p><b>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</b></p> <p>11/4 Cleansing continues, but no funding is available for repairs. 14/6 Quotes have been received for repairs – an interim fix will cost £3k and a full repair £75k. Internal funding is being sought and a site meeting will be held with Health &amp; Safety officers to ensure the steps offer safe passage for pedestrians.</p>
25/04/12	<p><b><u>Illegal Parking</u></b> <b><u>Town Centre</u></b> 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> <i>Ins Muirhead</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>11/4 No update could be provided. 14/6 Enforcement continues. Budgets are being looked at to potentially amend the Traffic Regulation Order in some parts of the town to increase the number of parking spaces.</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>	<p><b>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</b></p> <p>11/4 Unit 3 has a possible offer, unit 7 is under offer and negotiations are underway on unit 4.  14/6 Unit 7 is currently under offer and there is keen interest in a combined use of units 3&amp;4.</p>
11/03/15	<p><b><u>Channel Block Damage</u></b>  <b><u>Town Centre</u></b>  At the TCMG it was noted that several of the granite channel blocks in the town centre are cracking.</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>11/4 Engineers have investigated and there is a 30% failure rate caused by two installation faults. This is currently with Legal Services to determine whether it is a design or installation error.  14/6 Cement samples are being taken to assess whether there is a design or installation fault. Quotes are being obtained for remedial work.</p>

16/06/15	<p><b><u>Development Plateau Phase 2</u></b>  <b><u>Town Centre</u></b>  Following Odeon's decision not to pursue a cinema development in Bargoed, Officers will look at alternative uses for the site. Committee reports will be presented in due course.</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>11/4 There has been some interest in the site for various uses. Discussions are ongoing with consultants and a final report will be produced in due course.  14/6 The consultants' study report is in draft and will be circulated when finalised. There is current interest from a cinema operator and a drive-through restaurant chain.</p>
14/07/15	<p><b><u>Weeding of Steps</u></b>  <b><u>Hanbury Road</u></b>  The steps leading from Hanbury Road to the car park have weeds growing through the steps and in the beds at their landing points.</p>	<p><b>Parks</b>  <i>Mike Headington</i></p>	<p><b>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</b></p> <p>16/3 An update was provided to the TCMG.  14/6 An improvement has been noticed, but treatment of weeds continues.</p>
04/03/16	<p><b><u>Rough Sleeper</u></b>  <b><u>Rear of Power Station Hanbury Road</u></b>  A site inspection showed there was evidence of a person sleeping behind the power unit. The information was passed to Bargoed Police Station.</p>	<p><b>Police</b>  <i>Ins Muirhead</i></p>	<p>11/4 No update could be provided.  14/6 The area was checked each morning following the report, but the person had moved on.  <b>Issue Closed 14/6</b></p>

16/03/16	<p><b><u>Unlicensed Taxis</u></b>  <b><u>Town Centre</u></b>  In response to concerns over unlicensed taxis, a joint operation is being staged by the Council's Licensing section and Gwent Police. People are using social media to offer prearranged "lifts" to people, the concern being this puts passengers at risk both in terms of personal safety and from travelling in an unlicensed vehicle.</p>	<p><b>Police</b>  <i>Ins Muirhead</i></p> <p><b>Licensing</b>  <i>Myra McSherry</i></p>	<p>11/4 An improvement has been noticed, but monitoring is ongoing. The joint operation between CCBC &amp; Gwent Police was very successful.  14/6 The number of unlicensed taxis in use has significantly reduced. However, another operation will be carried out over the summer period.</p>
15/04/16	<p><b><u>Repair of Steps</u></b>  <b><u>Lowry Plaza</u></b>  The steps on the upper level of Lowry Plaza are in need of repair. Some of the black plastic edging strips are loose and could catch a pedestrian's foot. Some slabs are also loose and require re-setting.</p>	<p><b>Urban Renewal</b>  <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p>	<p>14/6 This issue is on a snagging list that has been passed to Lambert Smith Hampton.</p>
22/04/16	<p><b><u>Antisocial Behaviour</u></b>  <b><u>Daffodils Artwork, Hanbury Road</u></b>  A retailer has reported that young people are congregating around the Daffodils artwork and throwing stones into the "trumpets". Some of the stones have also hit vehicles parked in the car park.</p>	<p><b>Police</b>  <i>Ins Muirhead</i></p>	<p>14/6 There are numerous problems in the town on a Friday and Saturday evening when around 50 young people are wandering throughout the town. A dispersal order is in place for 6 weeks and Police Officers</p>
22/04/16	<p><b><u>Damaged Height Restrictor</u></b>  <b><u>Bargoed Gateway Car Park</u></b>  The height restrictor on the Gateway car park is damaged and has opened, requiring repair.</p>	<p><b>Urban Renewal</b>  <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p>	<p>14/6 The restrictor has been fixed.  <b>Issue Closed 14/6</b></p>

27/04/16	<p><b><u>Banner Changeover</u></b>  <b><u>Town Centre</u></b>  The lamp column banners throughout the town centre will be changed in readiness for the summer period.</p>	<p><b>Town Centre Management</b>  <i>Andrew Highway</i></p>	<p>14/6 The changeover has been completed.  Issue Closed 14/6</p>
27/05/16	<p><b><u>Power Washing</u></b>  <b><u>Hanbury Square</u></b>  Hanbury Square, particularly the granite blocks, are in need of pressure washing to remove detritus that has built up over time.</p>	<p><b>Cleansing</b>  <i>Tony White</i></p>	<p>14/6 The area has been cleansed.  Issue Closed 14/6</p>
17/06/16	<p><b><u>Feeder Pillar Access Issues</u></b>  <b><u>Hanbury Square</u></b>  One of the new feeder pillars on Hanbury Square is not rising from the ground automatically when the release mechanism is activated.</p>	<p><b>Urban Renewal</b>  <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p>	<p>28/7 The supplier has been asked to replace a faulty part.</p>
23/06/16	<p><b><u>Faded Decorative Text</u></b>  <b><u>Bus Station Link – High Street</u></b>  The text embossed on the steps linking the bus station with High Street has faded and needs to be repainted.</p>	<p><b>Urban Renewal</b>  <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p>	
21/07/16	<p><b><u>Edging Stone</u></b>  <b><u>Bus Station Link – High Street</u></b>  One of the edging stones on the steps leading to the bus station from High Street has broken.</p>	<p><b>Urban Renewal</b>  <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p>	<p>21/7 A replacement has been ordered and a temporary surface applied to make the step safe.</p>