

BARGOED TOWN CENTRE AUDIT – APRIL 2015

DATE	ISSUE	DEPARTMENT	PROGRESS UPDATE
05/03/12	<p><u>Cinema Development</u> <u>Bargoed</u> The scheme will include a cinema and new retail units.</p>	<p>Urban Renewal <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p>	<p>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</p> <p>8/12 The Council's architect is currently producing a revised design, which will then go out to tender. Negotiations with Odeon continue.</p> <p>10/2 The re-tender process has been completed, but there is still a shortfall in funding. The shortfall is being discussed with Welsh Government. Odeon is still committed to the project.</p> <p>11/3 An update was provided to the TCMG.</p>
28/06/11	<p><u>Steps</u> <u>Hanbury Road</u> A complaint has been received regarding the condition of the repairs on Hanbury Road steps.</p>	<p>Highways <i>Gavin Barry</i></p> <p>Urban Renewal <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p>	<p>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</p> <p>8/12 The pocket park scheme needs to be completed prior to this issue being considered.</p> <p>10/2 The work to the steps is anticipated to form part of the pocket park scheme.</p> <p>11/3 An update was provided to the TCMG.</p>

25/04/12	<p><u>Illegal Parking</u> <u>Town Centre</u> 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>Police <i>Ins Muirhead</i></p> <p>Urban Renewal <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p>	<p>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</p> <p>8/12 Education and enforcement is ongoing. 10/2 Police enforcement is ongoing. The floorscape outside Greggs will be changed to prevent vehicles parking. 11/3 An update was provided to the TCMG.</p>
05/10/12	<p><u>Parking Issues</u> <u>Lower High Street</u> There is a consistent problem of motorists parking on the pavement opposite the Original Factory Shop.</p>	<p>Police <i>Ins Muirhead</i></p> <p>Urban Renewal <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p>	<p>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</p> <p>8/12 A tender process is underway for the supply of the bollards. Local Members will be invited to a site meeting in due course. 10/2 Police Officers continue to enforce. 11/3 An update was provided to the TCMG.</p>
18/03/13	<p><u>Unit Shops</u> <u>Lowry Plaza</u> 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>Urban Renewal <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p>	<p>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</p> <p>8/12 Negotiations are underway on units 1&2 for a national, single price retailer. Unit 4 is at Heads of Terms stage with a multiple retailer and unit 6b will be fitted out for Subway in the New Year. 10/2 Negotiations are ongoing with the potential tenants for units 1&2. 11/3 An update was provided to the TCMG.</p>

23/01/14	<p><u>New Notice Board</u> <u>Lowry Plaza</u> A request has been made by the Town Council to investigate the installation of a notice board on the new Lowry Plaza.</p>	<p>Urban Renewal <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p>	<p>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</p> <p>8/12 The board has been agreed in principle, but needs to link with the lease of units 1&2. 10/2 A revised location has been identified and agreed with Cllr. Price. 11/3 An update was provided to the TCMG.</p>
03/02/14	<p><u>Pocket Park Consultation</u> <u>Hanbury Road</u> Officers in Urban Renewal are currently carrying out a public consultation into proposals for a “pocket park”, which will occupy part of the current Hanbury Road car park.</p>	<p>Urban Renewal <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p>	<p>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THE ISSUE</p> <p>6/10 Work is due to begin in early 2015, with the tender process due to start shortly. 8/12 The scheme is currently out to tender. 10/2 The tenders for the scheme came in over-budget, so a value engineering exercise is taking place. The scheme is due to be completed by the end of May. 11/3 An update was provided to the TCMG.</p>
08/05/14	<p><u>Choose the High Street Campaign</u> <u>Town Centre</u> Town Centre Management will be launching a summer campaign across the five managed towns, encouraging consumers to “Choose the High Street”. The scheme will run over the summer period and use several forms of media.</p>	<p>Town Centre Management <i>Andrew Highway</i></p>	<p>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</p> <p>8/12 Updates to the TCMG are ongoing. The project is aimed to be long-term, with more initiatives launching in 2015. 10/2 This aspect of the campaign has now finished. Issue Closed 10/2</p>

21/05/14	<p><u>Assessment of Access Junction Hanbury Road Car Park</u> At the TCMG, a complaint was received from the Town Council in relation to the access junction of Hanbury Road Car Park. The junction is very tight and does not provide enough room for two vehicles to enter/exit the car park at the same time.</p>	<p>Urban Renewal <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p> <p>Transportation <i>Clive Campbell</i></p>	<p>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</p> <p>8/12 This will be looked at as part of the pocket park scheme. 10/2 This was initially due to be part of the pocket park scheme, but it is now likely to be a compensation event. 11/3 An update was provided to the TCMG.</p>
20/08/14	<p><u>Glutton Litter Sucker Trial Morrisons Store, Lowry Plaza</u> Officers in Cleansing would like to trial a new, rechargeable “Glutton Litter Sucker” device in Bargoed to keep the town clean. They are working with Morrisons management with a view to storing the equipment in the store’s warehouse.</p>	<p>Cleansing <i>Rhodri Lloyd</i></p>	<p>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</p> <p>8/12 The store manager has identified a location to store the device. Colleagues in Cleansing will liaise with the store. 10/2 The device is logistically difficult to install in the store, so the trial may no longer go ahead. Officers continue to look at options.</p>
03/09/14	<p><u>Damage to Bench O/S Barclays Bank, Hanbury Road</u> One of the newly installed wooden-topped benches has been damaged and requires a new wooden slat.</p>	<p>Urban Renewal <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p>	<p>6/10 The contractor has been asked to provide details of the supplier in order to source a replacement. 8/12 A replacement is being procured. 10/2 The work has been completed. Issue Closed 10/2</p>

03/09/14	<p><u>Christmas Event Town Centre</u> Planning is underway for a Christmas event in the town centre, which is scheduled to take place on 29th November 2014.</p>	<p>Business Enterprise Support Team <i>Paul Hudson</i></p>	<p>15/10 An update was provided to the TCMG, where the group allocated £2k towards the event from the Area Forum Budget. 8/12 The event was well-received and feedback will be provided to the TCMG. 10/2 The event was successful and well-received. Issue Closed 10/2</p>
03/09/14	<p><u>“Choose The High Street @ Christmas” Campaign Town Centre</u> The “Choose the High Street” campaign is being extended to the Christmas period to encourage people to shop locally this Christmas. The scheme will involve a voucher scheme that all retailers will have the opportunity to sign up to.</p>	<p>Town Centre Management <i>Andrew Highway</i></p>	<p>15/10 An update was provided to the TCMG. 8/12 40,000 voucher booklets have been distributed across the Borough. A supporting YouTube video is launching on 8/12. 10/2 The scheme was successfully completed. Issue Closed 10/2</p>
06/10/14	<p><u>Flooding in Ricci’s Café Hanbury Square</u> The drainage on Hanbury Square has been overflowing during heavy rain, which has led to flooding within Ricci’s Café on several occasions.</p>	<p>Urban Renewal <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p>	<p>8/12 Monitoring is ongoing. 10/2 A regular cleaning regime of the drainage system near the café is now being carried out. The design and implementation of the drainage scheme is also being looked at.</p>

16/10/14	<p><u>Installation of Christmas Illuminations</u> <u>Town Centre</u> The lamp post banners are due to be removed for the Christmas period to make way for the festive illuminations that will be placed on lighting columns throughout the town centre.</p>	<p>Town Centre Management <i>Andrew Highway</i></p>	<p>8/12 The illuminations have been installed and no issues have been raised. 10/2 Complete. Issue Closed 10/2</p>
17/10/14	<p><u>Parking Enforcement Event</u> <u>Town Centre</u> At the TCMG, concern was expressed in relation to the amount of illegal parking within the town centre. The local Police will be arranging a parking enforcement day where officers concentrate on education and enforcement.</p>	<p>Police <i>Ins Muirhead</i></p>	<p>8/12 Enforcement continues. 10/2 The enforcement day was carried out. Issue Closed 10/2</p>
12/12/14	<p><u>Parking Complaint</u> <u>Hanbury Road</u> A complaint has been received from a business on Hanbury Road. Vehicles are parking outside their property for long periods, which is making their stock deliveries difficult.</p>	<p>Police <i>Ins Muirhead</i></p>	<p>10/2 Police Officers are continuing to enforce parking restrictions throughout the town. 11/3 An update was provided to the TCMG.</p>
16/01/15	<p><u>Limited Waiting Bays</u> <u>Cardiff Road</u> A business on Cardiff Road has complained that the new 30-minute waiting bays are being used by vehicles for long periods of time.</p>	<p>Police <i>Ins Muirhead</i></p>	<p>10/2 This is being monitored and enforced by Police Officers.</p>

23/01/15	<p><u>Choose the High Street – Past & Present</u> <u>Town Centre</u> The next phase of the Choose the High Street campaign will start in 2015. Entitled ‘Choose the High Street - Past & Present’ the campaign will aim to reconnect people with their local town centre.</p>	<p>Town Centre Management <i>Andrew Highway</i></p>	<p>10/2 This is a new initiative for 2015. Archive photographs are currently being sourced and a public prize draw is being arranged. 11/3 An update was provided to the TCMG.</p>
23/01/15	<p><u>Banner Changeovers</u> <u>Town Centre</u> The banners on the street lighting columns will be installed during February throughout the town centre.</p>	<p>Town Centre Management <i>Andrew Highway</i></p>	<p>10/2 The brief has been sent to the contractors and the banners are due to be in place by 26/2.</p>
30/01/15	<p><u>Partially Collapsed Drain Cover</u> <u>O/S Shoe Zone, High Street</u> A drain cover and the surrounding carriageway have partially collapsed, causing a deviation in the surface.</p>	<p>Highways <i>Gavin Barry</i></p>	<p>10/2 The work was completed quickly. Issue Closed 10/2</p>
10/02/15	<p><u>Big Spring Clean Event</u> <u>Town Centre</u> A clean-up day is being arranged in conjunction with Morrisons, which is part of the “Big Spring Clean” campaign and will focus on the town centre.</p>	<p>Cleansing <i>Rhodri Lloyd</i></p>	
11/03/15	<p><u>Damage to Miners’ Heads Artwork</u> <u>Hanbury Square</u> At the TCMG, Cllr. Carter noted that an area at the rear of the artwork has been chipped off and asked Officers to investigate.</p>	<p>Urban Renewal <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p>	

11/03/15	<u>Channel Block Damage</u> <u>Town Centre</u> At the TCMG it was noted that several of the granite channel blocks in the town centre are cracking.	Urban Renewal <i>Allan Dallimore</i>	
24/03/15	<u>Resurfacing of Emporium Car Park</u> <u>Upper High Street</u> Repairs will be starting shortly to the car park surface, once these repairs are complete, car parking will once again be permitted on the site.	Transportation <i>Clive Campbell</i>	