



SCRUTINY : REGENERATION AND PUBLIC PROTECTION MEETING

2.30 PM TUESDAY, 1ST DECEMBER, 2020

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Please note that this supplement only contains background papers that have been provided by the responsible departments.

Anyone requiring information should contact the Democratic Services Department on (01685) 725203 or democratic@merthyr.gov.uk

4. Update on Response to Coronavirus

To consider the attached report

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Proposal	Costs (approx)	Lead
Delivering social distancing measures at Merthyr Tydfil bus station.	£4k	Alun
High Street – removal of unnecessary street furniture to aid pedestrian movement and social distancing Introduce signs, markings to the town centre and existing bus station that promote and set out 2m social distancing	£10k	Zoe/Victoria
Uncover footway widths currently unusable due to excessive foliage	£5k	Beth
Video analysis to identify pre-Covid spatial distribution and inform and support experimental intervention, and monitor post-scheme outcomes. Identify possible locations to analyse e.g. Caedraw roundabout.	£30-50K	Alun/Anouska
Consider how to create the following links in the short term	£100k	Alun

Detail

Removal of all metal railing to minimise surfaces that users will come into contact with. Removal of old operator information kiosk to provide more open space within the bus station for users. Provision of floor markings and signing to inform patrons of social distancing measures.

Signing and marking - identify where, how much and how to monitor.
Introduce additional bollards to restrict vehicular movement on lower High Street

Identify work to improve usable footway and path widths

Also, engage with Capita to understand the traffic implications of the following:

All carriageway approaches/egresses at Caedraw Roundabout – reduce carriageway width and widen footways, reducing pedestrian crossing distances

Dual carriageway from Rhydyar roundabout to Caedraw roundabout – experimental reduction in vehicular carriageway width and utilise northern lane for widened footway /for cycling

Experimental closure of Tram roadside North to north bound traffic - allowing the creation of an active travel link on the north side of the Tesco roundabout on the alignment of the current informal path

A4054 Moto fix to Trevithick Gardens – reduce carriageway width (taking out 2 no. right turning vehicular holding lanes) and utilise space for widened footway /for cycling

Reduce carriageway width on A4102 Bethesda Street and provide experimental active travel link on existing NCN alignment

An experimental active travel link from Heolgerrig to Trago

An experimental active travel link across grassed area adjacent to current bus station

Experimental footway widening along Avenue de Clichy for active travel route

Costs
£10k
£20k
£10k
£30k
£100k
included in above
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included in above
£10k
£14k

Actions	Target date
Agree scope of works and meet Stuart Bowen on site to undertake removal	30/06/20
Identify street furniture to be removed and discuss with Stuart Bowen .	30/06/20
Develop SD standard for town centre, and procure/deliver signing and marking and Identify the potential outside space that could be utilised	30/06/20
Engage Neighborhood Services to undertake the work	31/10/20
Capita and Sustrans commissioned to provide impact of AT proposals on highway capacity and pdestrian movement	31/09/2020
Undertake feasibility analysis and develop programme of implementation	31/12/20
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Develop scheme for planning application	31/03/21
upgrade existing PROW	31/08/20
review opportunity	31/12/20

Progress to date %
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Monitoring Update

Local Authority: Merthyr

To be completed by Welsh Government

To be completed by Local Authority

Scheme Name	Scheme ref	Grant Recipient	Indicative Grant (£)	Number of Homes	Date of Clarification meeting (dd/mm/yy)	Plans received	Scheme Income and Costs spreadsheet received	Technical Sign off Yes/No	Financial sign off Yes/No
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PassivHaus x 8 -
Honeysuckle Close

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SL - Merthyr Valley Hom

£839,616

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18/08/20

No

Yes

In Discussions

Private Rented property
conversion

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£60,000

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28/10/20

No

Yes

WG issued Technical and Financial sign off	Final Approved Grant (£)	Land/ Property in ownership of grant recipient?	If no, when will Land/ Property be acquired (dd/mm/yy)	Does your scheme have full planning approval?	Permitted Development Rights or Traditional Route?	If Trad Planning route - planning submission date? (dd/mm/yy)	Anticipated planning approval date? (dd/mm/yy)	SAB approval required?	Estimated Start on Site? (dd/mm/yy)
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Yes

No

Trad

28/09/20

No more than 12 weeks from the submission date

No

01/01/20

Estimated Practical Completion date? (dd/mm/yy)	Is your scheme using MMC?	If Yes - please confirm the type of MMC	Anticipated MMC order date (dd/mm/yy)	Date MMC ordered (dd/mm/yy)	Estimated Grant drawn amount (£) by 31/03/21	Expected Number of homes	Estimated Grant Claim Application Date (dd/mm/yy)
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31/03/21

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comments box

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Comments
(Please include any issues or additional clarification)

Following a meeting with WG held on 29th October 2020, site plans have been produced and were shown to WG team. Brian has confirmed compliance with Annex D. We are finalising site plans and they will be issued to **WG week commencing 9th November 2020** along with updated cost plans and payment dates to allow sign off.

Our planning consultants are preparing a full planning application as a worst case scenario however we are also discussing with the planning department as to whether this will be handled under Permitted Development Rights. This is TBC but we are preparing for either scenario.

Site Investigations are taking place on 11th November 2020.

The PassivHaus order has been placed and will be complete this financial year ready for placement.

Our external design team are in place working on the project as they have worked with us on another scheme for the same type of MMC. We are procuring groundwork contractors for another scheme which is also for the placement of PassivHaus and we will extend their commission

It's recently come to light that MTCBC are not able to use other sources of WG funding (HSG) for this project, therefore we have a shortfall of £27,000 which neither MTCBC or the landlord are able to fund.

As a result, MTCBC has asked the landlord is consider converting the property into two units instead, in order to reduce the overall costs and keep the project alive. MTCBC are keen to pursue this not only because it will provide us with 2 units of accommodation in the short term but also because we see this as an ideal opportunity to develop the relationship with this landlord and use this as a pilot scheme in the hope that this landlord (and the wider private rented sector) could potentially offer us further accommodation down the line.

MTCBC are hopeful that we will have site of the new plans and revised costs week beginning 9th November. If the project can proceed on this basis then the landlord will need to withdraw the existing planning application and re-submit.

Please note that we haven't updated the columns to the left until we have confirmation as to how we are going to proceed with the scheme.