

# **Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015**

## **Integrated Impact Assessment**

### **(Includes Equalities, Welsh Language, Sustainability and Biodiversity)**



Before completing the Impact Assessment **PLEASE REFER TO THE CORRESPONDING GUIDANCE DOCUMENT** which provides essential background information.

An Integrated Impact Assessment **MUST** be completed for:

1. Any project (i.e. something that has a start and end date and is different from day to day business).
2. Where you are implementing significant change e.g. service provision.
3. For any Council / Cabinet report that is not part of an above mentioned project or significant change.

<b>Title of Project / Report:</b>	Amendment of existing Order – Upper High Street, Merthyr Tydfil
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<b>Service:</b>	Community Regeneration
<b>Impact Assessment completion date:</b>	11 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2020

**Please give a brief description of the aims of the proposal:**

A section of Upper High Street, was converted to a bridleway in 1975, under the Town and Country Planning Act. The existing order allows for exemptions for blue badge holders. In order to remove these exemptions and allow for a traffic free High street, MTCBC must apply to Welsh Government under Section 249 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

## 1. Merthyr Tydfil Well-being Objectives

Does your proposal help to deliver any of the Council's Well-being Objectives identified below?

Well-being Objectives	Does your proposal have a positive or negative impact on the Council's Well-being Objectives? Please place an X in the relevant box			Why have you come to this decision? Please provide an explanation	What actions have been/will be taken to better contribute to positive impacts and/or mitigate any negative impacts?
	Positive	Negative	N/A		
<p><b><u>Best Start to Life</u></b> Children and young people get the best start to life and are equipped with the skills they need to be successful learners and confident individuals.</p>			X	The proposal does not directly improve the learning of individuals	Children and young people are specifically targeted for consultation on the Integrated Network Mapping as part of the Active Travel programme development.
<p><b><u>Working Life</u></b> People feel supported to develop the skills required to meet the needs of businesses with a developing, safe infrastructure making Merthyr Tydfil an attractive destination.</p>	X			The projects aim to create functional and safe infrastructure, improving Merthyr as an attractive destination to live and work.	The pedestrianisation of the town centre are critical elements and enablers of the wider new town centre masterplan.
<p><b><u>Environmental Well-being</u></b> Communities protect, enhance and promote our environment and countryside.</p>	X			The proposal will improve the environment within the local community.	The proposal will form an integral part of wider community enhancement.
<p><b><u>Living Well</u></b> People are empowered to live independently within their communities, where they feel safe and enjoy good physical and mental health.</p>	X			The proposal will provide safe and attractive opportunity for residents and visitors alike to enjoy the town centre and its offerings.	The removal of vehicles from the high street provides a safer environment for all users.
<p><b>Sources of evidence to support the above:</b></p> <p>The masterplan</p>					

## 2. Sustainable Development Principles (The Five Ways of Working)

Does your proposal demonstrate you have met the sustainable development principles (five ways of working)?

Five Ways of Working	How does your proposal demonstrate you have met the five ways of working?	Are there any additional actions to be taken to better contribute to the five ways of working and/or mitigate any negative impacts?
<b>Long Term</b> - Thinking and planning for the long term.	The proposal provides a safer environment to encourage more visitors to the town centre and increase the long term sustainability of the town centre	There will need to be engagement with the police to ensure adequate enforcement is in place.
<b>Prevention</b> - Preventing problems before they happen.	The proposal will ensure that the likelihood of pedestrian and vehicle conflict is minimized. The proposal will also provide an environment where social distancing will be easier to maintain.	Deliveries to the shops in the area will need to be managed effectively.
<b>Integration</b> - Integrating with other strategies.	The proposal forms part of the Masterplan for the town centre.	All emerging plans are required to take into account the requirements of the Active Travel Act (Wales) 2013.
<b>Collaboration</b> - Collaborating with others.	Collaboration is a key consideration of the proposal. The Council will engage with the private sector, local community, and the public and national organisations to support delivery and achieve outcomes.	Collaboration with the Statutory bodies and emergency services as well as local businesses.
<b>Involvement</b> - Involving people and communities.	Continued consultation and communication will be undertaken.	The Council will involve key stakeholders when developing and delivering each project.
<p><b>Sources of evidence to support the above:</b></p> <p>Masterplan</p>		

### 3. Protected Characteristics (including Welsh Language)

Does your proposal directly impact on service users, employees and/or the wider community, including the nine protected characteristic groups and Welsh language as identified below?

Protected Characteristics	Does your proposal have a positive or negative impact on service users, employees and/or the wider community, including the nine protected characteristic groups and Welsh language? Please place an X in the relevant box			Why have you come to this decision? Please provide an explanation	What actions have been/will be taken to better contribute to positive impacts and/or mitigate any negative impacts?
	Positive	Negative	N/A		
Age	X			Enhanced safety and improved environment affects all age groups.	N/A
Disability	X			The proposal provides a safer environment for all disabilities and complies with the Equality Act requirements.	N/A
Gender Reassignment	X			Enhanced safety and improvements to the environment have a positive affect for all.	N/A
Marriage and Civil Partnership	X			Enhanced safety and improvements to the environment have a positive affect for all.	N/A
Pregnancy and Maternity	X			Enhanced safety and improvements to the environment have a positive affect for all.	N/A
Race	X			Enhanced safety and improvements to the environment have a positive affect for all.	N/A

Protected Characteristics	Does your proposal have a positive or negative impact on service users, employees and/or the wider community, including the nine protected characteristic groups and Welsh language? Please place an X in the relevant box			Why have you come to this decision? Please provide an explanation	What actions have been/will be taken to better contribute to positive impacts and/or mitigate any negative impacts?
	Positive	Negative	N/A		
Religion or Belief	X			Enhanced safety and improvements to the environment have a positive affect for all.	N/A
Sex (Gender)	X			Enhanced safety and improvements to the environment have a positive affect for all.	N/A
Sexual Orientation	X			Enhanced safety and improvements to the environment have a positive affect for all.	N/A
Welsh Language			X	There will be no impact on the Welsh language	N/A
<b>Sources of evidence to support the above:</b>					
The masterplan					

**4. Biodiversity**

**Does your proposal directly impact on Biodiversity?**

Biodiversity	Does your proposal have a positive or negative impact on Biodiversity? Please place an X in the relevant box			Why have you come to this decision? Please provide an explanation	What actions have been/will be taken to better contribute to positive impacts and/or mitigate any negative impacts?
	Positive	Negative	N/A		
Maintain and enhance biodiversity and ecosystem resilience			X	The proposal will have no impact on biodiversity	N/A
<b>Sources of evidence to support the above:</b>  Masterplan					

## 5. Summary

As a result of completing this Impact Assessment, how many positive and negative impacts does your proposal have? This section should then be included in the related Council/Cabinet report.

Please see the example provided in the **guidance document**.

	Positive Impacts	Negative Impacts	Not Applicable
<b>1. Merthyr Tydfil Well-being Objectives</b>	3 of 4	0 of 4	1 of 4
<b>2. Sustainable Development Principles - How have you considered the five ways of working:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Long term</li> <li>• Prevention</li> <li>• Integration</li> <li>• Collaboration</li> <li>• Involvement</li> </ul>	5 of 5	0 of 5	0 of 5
<b>3. Protected Characteristics</b> ( <i>including Welsh Language</i> )	9 of 10	0 of 10	1 of 10
<b>4. Biodiversity</b>	0 of 1	0 of 1	1 of 1
<p><b><u>Summary:</u></b></p> <p>The removal of vehicles will ensure a safe and attractive environment for pedestrians, enhancing the vitality and viability of the town centre and significantly improving the visual appearance and visitor experience of the area. It also promotes social inclusion and equality, by providing a safe and accessible environment, minimising transport emissions and promoting modal shift. No negative impacts have been identified.</p>			

## 6. Actions

Based on the summary of your positive and negative impacts, identified in Section 5 above, will you need to make changes to your proposal to better contribute to positive impacts and/or mitigate any negative impacts? Please identify any further actions you will need to undertake to better contribute to positive impacts and/or mitigate any negative impacts.

What are you going to do?	Estimated completion date	Who will be responsible?	Timelines/Milestones e.g. 6 months/over a year, etc.	Progress
n/a				

## 7. Version Control

The Impact Assessment should be used at the earliest stages of decision making, and then honed and refined throughout the decision making process. Please use the table below to keep a record of this process so that we can demonstrate how we have considered and built in the sustainable development principles where possible.

Version No.	Decision making stage	Date considered	Brief description of any amendments made following consideration
1.	Awaiting Cabinet Approval	December 2020	None

## 8. Sign off section

Approved by: \_\_ \_\_

Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Approval date: \_\_\_\_\_