

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.

Title of Project / Report:	Public Spaces Protection Order restricting access over five public highways in Merthyr Tydfil through the installation of gates.
Officer completing Impact Assessment:	Simon Jones
Lead Officer / Project Manager:	Simon Jones
Service:	Legal Department
Impact Assessment completion date:	10 th February 2021

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

To introduce a Public Spaces Protection Order gating 5 alleyways in Merthyr Tydfil Town with the aim of reducing crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour in the lanes and the areas surrounding the lanes.

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		
Best Start to Life 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.	x			Young persons will benefit from living in a locality not blighted by crime, disorder and antisocial behaviour.	Nothing further to contribute
Working Life 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.	x			This proposal will hopefully reduce, crime, disorder and antisocial behaviour in the localities of the gated lanes making Merthyr Tydfil Town safer and a more attractive destination.	N/A
Environmental Well-being Communities protect, enhance and promote our environment and countryside.	x			The lanes which would be gated have become hotspots for fly-tipping and littering. Reducing access to these lanes will stop these antisocial activities thereby promoting the environment and countryside.	N/A

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	Positive	Negative	N/A		
<u>Living Well</u> People are empowered to live independently within their communities, where they feel safe and enjoy good physical and mental health.	x			This proposal will hopefully reduce, crime, disorder and antisocial behaviour in the localities of the gated lanes making communities feel safe and able to enjoy good physical and mental health	N/A
Sources of evidence to support the above: Evidence from Police, Merthyr Tydfil CBC, Home Office, the College of Policing and University College London.					

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?
Long Term - Thinking and planning for the long term.	The installation of gates can only be for a maximum of 3 years. Prior to this 3 year period coming to an end the PSPO will need to be reviewed whereupon they can be renewed, varied or discharged.	No – because PSPOs can only be viewed in three year cycles – planning further ahead than that would be in breach of the enabling legislation.
Prevention - Preventing problems before they happen.	Evidence from the College of Policing who considered gating PSPOs with University College London found that the installation of the gates made the carrying out of crime and ASB simply more difficult by increasing the effort of offenders to gain access to alleys to then commit ASB or crime. Preventing problems before they happen	No
Integration - Integrating with other strategies.	This links to the Council’s Community Safety and Waste strategies and will help to reduce crime, disorder and environmental offences linked to these lanes.	No
Collaboration - Collaborating with others.	The Council will work in partnership with South Wales Police.	No
Involvement - Involving people and communities.	This proposal will involve both statutory and non statutory consultation with the people and communities in the locality of the proposed gated lanes.	No

Sources of evidence to support the above:

The implementation of a PSPO is governed by legislative requirements one of which is that there is evidence of the crime, disorder and ASB issues and that these issues are persistent, current and having a detrimental effect upon the quality of life of those living in close proximity to the proposed gated lanes. This evidence will be presented to members in the reports put to Cabinet.

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			The proposed PSPO will benefit local residents of all ages.	N/A
Disability	x			The proposed PSPO will benefit all local residents regardless of disability.	N/A
Gender Reassignment	x			The proposed PSPO will benefit all local residents.	N/A
Marriage and Civil Partnership	x			The proposed PSPO will benefit all local residents.	N/A
Pregnancy and Maternity	x			The proposed PSPO will benefit all local residents.	N/A
Race	x			The proposed PSPO will benefit local residents of all races.	N/A
Religion or Belief	x			The proposed PSPO will benefit local residents of all religious beliefs.	N/A

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	Positive	Negative	N/A		
Sex (Gender)	x			The proposed PSPO will benefit all local residents regardless of gender.	N/A
Sexual Orientation	x			The proposed PSPO will benefit all local residents regardless of sexual orientation.	N/A
Welsh Language	x			Signage and advertising of the PSPO will be bilingual.	N/A
Sources of evidence to support the above:					
N/A					

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			It is hoped the gating the lanes will reduce littering and fly-tipping in those localities enhancing ecosystem resilience	
Sources of evidence to support the above:					
Evidence from the Council's waste enforcement team.					

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
1. Merthyr Tydfil Well-being Objectives	4 of 4	0 of 4	0 of 4
2. Sustainable Development Principles - How have you considered the five ways of working: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long term • Prevention • Integration • Collaboration • Involvement 	5 of 5	0 of 5	0 of 5
3. Protected Characteristics (<i>including Welsh Language</i>)	10 of 10	0 of 10	0 of 10
4. Biodiversity	1 of 1	0 of 1	0 of 1
<p><u>Summary:</u></p> <p>The main positive impact is that enforcement of this legislation will help ensure that all residents in the locality of the proposed gated alleyways will see a reduction in crime, disorder and antisocial behavior linked to the alleyways.</p> <p>There are no negative impacts.</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
No				

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
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8. Sign off section

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Approval date: 9th December 2020