

Caerphilly County Borough Council

Data Protection Impact Assessment Form

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Location:	Gilfach / Bargoed Town Centre Cameras 34 - 45 / 47 – 48 / 172-176 / 180 - 184	Ref:	PERM174
Assessment Carried out By:	Carl Nesling	Title:	Control Room Manager
Date of Assessment:	15/06/23		

This checklist should ideally be carried out prior to technical planning and installation of a CCTV system. This system should be reviewed annually using the appropriate review checklist.

For what purpose(s) will the CCTV be used	<p>CCTV is used in accordance with Scheme objectives</p> <p>The key objectives of the <u>Scheme</u> are:</p> <p>To preserve life and to minimise the risk and danger to the vulnerable through effective CCTV monitoring.</p> <p>To assist in the detection of crime.</p> <p>To facilitate the identification, apprehension and prosecution of offenders in relation to crime and public order.</p> <p>To assist in the restoration of tranquillity and reduction in anti-social behaviour.</p> <p>To prevent or mitigate interruptions to traffic flow (not to enforce breaches of the traffic law).</p> <p>To assist in the reduction of the fear of crime and anti-social behaviour thereby promoting the reassurance of the communities affected and promoting community regeneration throughout the region.</p>
What are the benefits it is intended to address	It is intended to benefit the residents, visitors and businesses of Gilfach / Bargoed in dealing with issues identified in the scheme objectives.
What are the benefits to be gained from its use	The primary objective of the Scheme is to provide a safe environment for the benefit of those who live, work, trade, visit, serve and enjoy the facilities within the areas covered by Caerphilly County Borough Council
Can less privacy intrusive solutions (e.g. improved lighting) achieve the same objective	Sufficient Lighting in the area both to benefit the users and assist in improving the quality of CCTV. No other long term solution is available to provide the coverage in both area and length of time, is available.
Do you need images of identifiable individuals or could the scheme use other images not capable of identifying individuals	<p>The Scheme Owners will maintain policies and procedures to meet the requirements of</p> <p><u>BS 7958: 2015</u></p> <p><u>BS 10800: 2020</u></p> <p><u>BS 7858:2019</u></p> <p>Information Commissionaires CCTV Code of Practice</p> <p>Regulation of the Investigatory Powers Act (<u>RIPA</u>)</p> <p>Human Rights Act</p>

	<p>Health & Safety at Work Act (<u>HSW</u>)</p> <p>Equal Opportunities Act</p> <p>Home Office Surveillance Camera Code of Practice</p> <p>Surveillance Camera Commissionaires Code of Practice.</p> <p>Images of persons are needed to be able to identify any person who commits any breaches of the scheme objectives and can be used by relevant prosecuting authorities.</p>
Will the particular equipment / system being considered deliver the desired benefits now and remain suitable in the future	The system is able to provide high quality images and the desired benefits needed to produce evidence sufficient for use by prosecuting authorities. System is modernised and updated to ensure continued high quality imagery produced.
What (if any) future demands may arise for wider use of images and how will you address these?	The main town centre area is covered along with the major roads in and out of Barged. Unlikely to have any permanent extensions to current system.
What are the views of those individuals (if any) who will be under surveillance	Please see Appendix 1.
What could you do to minimise intrusion for those that may be monitored, particularly if specific concerns have been expressed	Management system records all actions of operators allowing for audits of camera patrols plus privacy blocks on cameras to exclude any intrusion on private space.
Is appropriate signage informing individuals of the camera in place (if required)?	Signage installed on all roads and public entries into town centre along with signage within the town centre.
Proposed time period for installation of the CCTV	System already in place since 2000. PIA carried out in accordance with Surveillance Camera Commissionaires Code of Practice. PIA reviewed annually.
This section to be completed by the Data Controller / Head of Service	
Is the proposed system in accordance with the law? (Primarily the Data Protection Act and Human Rights Act)	Yes the proposed system operates in accordance with the law, British Standards and relevant Codes of Practice
Is it necessary to address a pressing need, such as public safety or crime prevention?	The town centre area has a number of licensed premises including a night club, retail premises and hosts a number of outdoor events. The cameras assist in both public safety and crime prevention in particular night time economy related issues, antisocial behaviour and business crime.
Is it justified in the circumstances	The number of incidents recorded, reported to Gwent Police, requests for assistance from Gwent Police justify its continued usage.
Is it appropriate to the problem that it is designed to deal with	Yes the camera system allows remote monitoring to support operational decisions on the ground and provide evidence of criminal breaches.
Approved by Nominated Person (signature)	Yes
Date: 9.6.23	Signed: 

Hi

The Surveillance Camera Commissioner has put a responsibility on Local Authorities to justify any deployment of surveillance cameras via a Data Protection Impact Assessment (Previously Privacy Impact Assessment - P.I.A). Such assessments are now required before deploying any new cameras and for assessing the continuing need for existing cameras. PIA's consider whether there is a justified need for the deployment of cameras, for example serious, frequent antisocial behaviour. It also considers the impact on those subjected to the surveillance, whether such actions are proportionate to the problem they aim to address and if other less intrusive measures have been considered e.g., improved lighting, gating, warden patrols, increased police patrols etc.

The system at Bargoed is due for its annual review and I am contacting all relevant / interested parties for their views on CCTV to enable us to make an assessment on the continued use of CCTV. Attached are some statistical information for your area in previous 12 months 01/04/22 to 31/03/23.

Under General Data Protection Regulations 2016 and Data Protection Act 2018 we need to make you aware with how we will deal with your data. Your comments will be published as the DPIA is published document on the CCBC website under the CCTV section. Email addresses and phone numbers will be removed.

Please reply by 31/05/23

CCTV Control Room – Bargoed

1615 targeted CCTV patrols carried out by operators

41 incidents reported to police by CCTV

98 incidents / situations monitored by CCTV not requiring police attendance

53 police request for assistance for live incidents

50 police requests to view retrospective CCTV footage after incident has already occurred.

13 DVD's provided for evidential purposes.

44 Direct Uploads of CCTV to the Police Database

Police.uk website

For period 01/04/22 to 31/03/23 there were 816 recorded incidents in the Bargoed ward and 182 recorded incidents in or near the area of the cameras.

I would appreciate if you could confirm by return email your views on the requirement for CCTV and giving reasons why you believe it should or should not continue.

Thanks

Carl Nesling

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Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Caerffili | Caerphilly County Borough Council

Hi Carl, Thank for your e-mail, There is no question, the listed incidents/requests clearly indicates the current number of cameras are still required. Regards

Cllr Tudor Davies .M.B.E..

Hi Carl

On reviewing the statistics, I believe there is a continued need for CCTV in Bargoed. It is essential for the safeguarding of residents and visitors to the town and an asset when used for evidential purposes.

Kind regards

Cllr Dawn Ingram-Jones

Cynghorydd Sir – Aberbargoed a Bargoed | County Councillor – Aberbargoed and Bargoed

Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Caerffili | Caerphilly County Borough Council

Hi Carl,

At this evening's meeting of Bargoed Town Council, Members instructed me to feed the following comment in regarding CCTV in Bargoed ward:

Members of Bargoed Town Council strongly feel that the statistics from the last year clearly justify the continued need for CCTV provision across the Bargoed Town Centre area.

Anti-social behaviour, road traffic issues and low-level criminal activity continues to have a negative impact on the community with local residents' quality of life being adversely affected through no fault of their own.

Town Council supports the continued use of CCTV in the area and requests that renewal of the license be approved without delay.

I trust this is sufficient to meet the need at this time.

Thanks,

Helen

Bargoed Town Council Clerk

Hi Carl

Re the following...

Bargoed PERM174

Given the usage / incident data re all sites I would be supportive of the cameras remaining.

Thanks

Darren