Caerphilly County Borough Council Local Toilets Strategy Needs Assessment

Consultation Report

Introduction

Under the Public Health (Wales) Act 2017, Caerphilly County Borough Council has a duty to prepare and publish a Local Toilet Strategy for the county borough by 31 May 2019. This must include a plan showing how identified needs will be met.

The Council are not required to provide and maintain public toilets themselves but must take a strategic view as to how facilities can be provided and accessed by our local population. The first stage in developing the Local Toilet Strategy was to assess the community's need for toilets, including changing facilities for babies and changing places facilities for people with a disability. This report provides a summary of findings of a survey undertaken as part of the needs assessment process.

The outcomes of this survey will, alongside other data, be collated to form an Assessment of Need that will identify existing provision, current and future need and gaps in provision that will be considered as the Council develops its draft Local Toilet Strategy.

Once the strategy has been drafted, residents and stakeholders will be given the opportunity to have their say during a 12 week consultation period between December 2018 and February 2019.

<u>Method</u>

A resident, visitor and stakeholder consultation was undertaken from 3rd September to 28th September 2018. During this time, a variety of methods were used to encourage and enable all sectors of the community to have their say.

Survey

The questionnaire was designed to seek residents, stakeholder and visitors views on current provision and need. The survey covered town and village centres, attractions and parks across the county borough.

Respondents were asked to identify good and poor quality facilities at the venues they visit most often. A copy of the survey is included in **Annex 1**.

Engagement

Key engagement mechanisms included:

- Online via the CCBC Website, social media (including Facebook and Twitter) and on partner organisations websites
- E-mail alerts and correspondence
- The September 2018 edition of the Council's newsletter "Newsline" delivered to every household within the borough)
- Face to face discussions at Voluntary Sector Liaison Committee, Voluntary Sector Forum, Caerphilly Youth Forum and Caerphilly Access Forum.
- Paper Questionnaires requested by groups and residents.

A detailed stakeholder communication and engagement plan is outlined in **Annex 2.**

Social Media

The consultation was promoted via social media with a reach of 11,753 individuals via Twitter and 6,907 via Facebook. Comments received via Facebook are included in **Annex 3**.

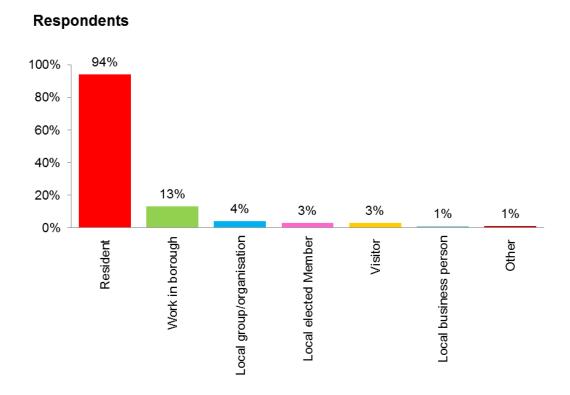
Survey Findings

A total of 357 responses were received and have been included in this analysis. Where the number of responses to a particular question is lower than this figure this is noted in brackets in the heading of the relevant question.

Respondent Profile

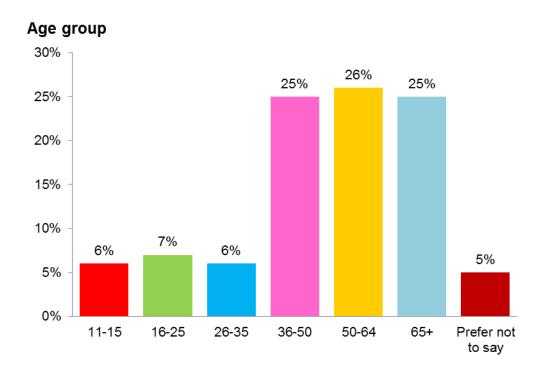
A profile of respondents provides context for an analysis of the responses received.

As shown in the graph, the largest proportion (94%) of those who responded indicated that they were resident of the county borough. A further 3% were visitors. (Note: responses are not mutually exclusive meaning that respondents were able to select more than one response therefore, the total does not equal 100%.)



Age profile (n=344)

For those completing this question there was a good response across the age categories as shown in the chart, with 76% of the total number of responses received from respondents aged 36 years or over:



Sex (n=334)

66% of respondents completing this question were female, 29% were male, 1% gave their sex as 'Trans' and the remaining 3% stated they preferred not to say.

Disability, long-term illness or health problem (n=341)

21% of respondents completing this question stated that they have a disability, and an additional 24% stated that they have a long term illness or health problem.

Ethnicity (n=329)

93% of respondents completing this question gave their ethnicity as White, and 6% preferred not to say. The remaining respondents were either Asian or Black, African/Caribbean.

Religion or belief (n=331)

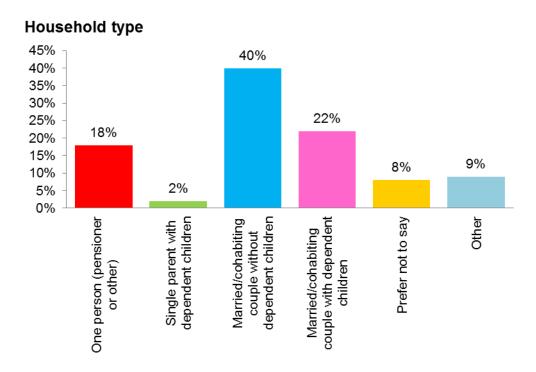
44% of respondents completing this question stated that they had no religion, 44% were Christian and 9% preferred not to say. The remainder stated their religion or belief as Buddhist, Jewish or Muslim.

Sexual orientation (n=319)

81% of respondents completing this question gave their sexual orientation as heterosexual or straight. 4% gave their sexual orientation as a gay man, 1% indicated that they are a gay woman/lesbian and 4% stated that they are bisexual. 11% stated that they preferred not to say what their sexual orientation is. A small number of respondents gave their sexual orientation as 'pansexual' in the other category.

Household type (n=332)

A summary of the responses given to this question is shown in the chart:



As can be seen from this chart, the largest number of responses was received from people living in a household as a married/cohabiting couple, followed by a married/cohabiting couple with dependent children household, and then a single person household.

Welsh language skills (n=328)

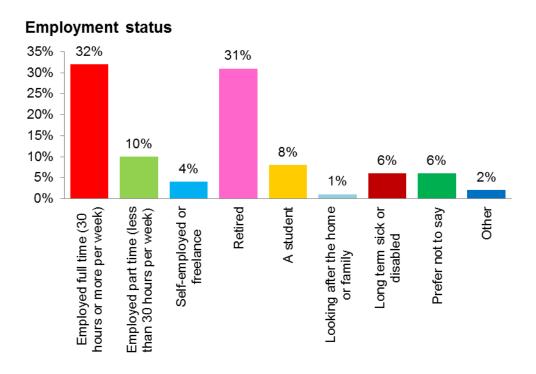
70% of respondents completing this question stated that they had no Welsh language skills. The proportion that stated they had some Welsh language skills ranged from 10% stating that they can speak Welsh to 16% stating that they understand spoken Welsh. 9% stated that they preferred not to answer this question.

Main language (n=332)

94% of respondents completing this question stated that their main language is English, 2% stated that their main language is Welsh and 3% stated that they preferred not to answer this question. Two respondents stated that their main language is Spanish.

Employment status (n=336)

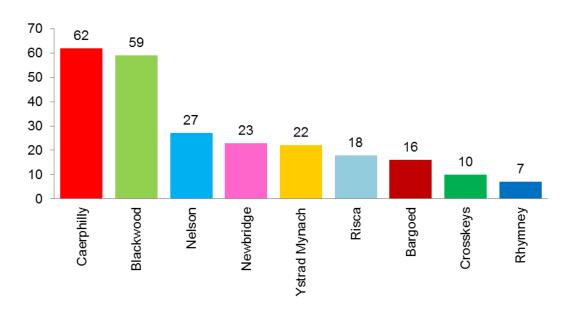
A summary of the responses given to this question is shown in the chart. As can be seen from this chart, the largest categories for employment status were respondents who are employed full time and respondents who are retired.



Town and Village Centres

Respondents were asked to indicate which town or village they visited most often within the county borough. 276 respondents answered this question and the chart below summarises the number of responses for each town or village where the total number of responses was 5 or more.

Towns and Village Centres visited (number of respondents)



As can be seen from this chart the town centre visited by the largest number of respondents was Caerphilly, closely followed by Blackwood.

This section will provide an analysis of the results for the individual town and village centres highlighted previously. However, it should be noted that the small number of valid responses to each individual question means that caution should be taken when interpreting the results, as the responses are unlikely to be representative of the wider population. This is due to the survey being self-selecting in nature and those respondents with an interest in the topic are more likely to respond to the survey than those who are not directly affected. A set of tables giving a breakdown of the number of responses by town or village centre is provided in **Annex 4**. A digest of comments for each town centre is included in **Annex 5**.

Bargoed

16 valid responses were received from respondents who said the town centre they used most regularly was **Bargoed**. In relation to the provision of toilets generally during the day Monday to Saturday, slightly under half the respondents felt that provision was adequate, with an equal number stating that provision was inadequate or not available. For early morning and evenings on Monday to Saturday, and at all times on Sundays and Bank Holiday, most respondents felt that the provision was inadequate or there were no toilets available.

For accessible toilets, the same number of respondents as for toilets generally felt that provision was adequate during the day on Monday to Saturday. Respondents were more likely to have stated that provision for all other days and times was inadequate, rather than saying that accessible toilets are not available.

In relation to changing facilities for young children, a small number of respondents felt that provision was adequate during the day on Monday to Saturday and on Sundays and Bank Holidays. At other times on Monday to Saturday respondents were more likely to say that facilities were in adequate, but for Sundays and Bank Holidays they were more likely to say that there were no facilities available. For all days and times a larger proportion of respondents said that they didn't use or didn't know about changing facilities for young children.

In relation to changing facilities for those with disabilities, small number of respondents felt that provision was adequate during the day on Monday to Saturday only. The vast majority of respondents for all other times and days stated that facilities were inadequate or not available.

Respondents were asked to provide details of any good quality toilet and changing facilities that are available. For Bargoed, toilets in Bargoed Library, Morrisons, St Gwladys Church Hall, Riccis Café and the bus station were mentioned, but it was noted that these could only be used when the venues were open.

Respondents were also asked to provide details of any poor quality toilet and changing facilities. A number of comments were made relating to the bus station toilets - they are not well looked after, no opening hours are provided and they are closed at 5pm. A number of other comments related to no facilities being available. A full list of the comments by town or village centre is provided in **Annex 4**.

Blackwood

57 valid responses were received from respondents who said the town centre they used most regularly was **Blackwood**, although this figure altered slightly across the individual questions. For toilet provision in general, during the day on Monday to Friday less than a third of respondents (17) said that provision was adequate, with just under half (27) saying that provision was inadequate. Very small numbers of respondents said that provision was adequate at other times on Mondays to Fridays, or at any time on Sunday or Bank Holidays. Almost half of respondents (25) said that provision was inadequate on Sundays or Bank Holidays during the day. Large numbers of respondents said that they didn't use accessible toilets or didn't know about the provision in the early morning or evening period on any day.

In relation to accessible toilets, a quarter of respondents (14) said that provision was adequate during the day on Monday to Friday. A very small proportion said that

provision was adequate at all other time periods and on Sunday and Bank Holidays. A higher proportion said that the provision was inadequate in the early morning and during the day on Monday to Saturday, and during the day on Sundays and Bank Holidays. Again a large proportion said that they didn't use accessible toilets or didn't know about the provision across all time periods and days.

In relation to changing facilities for young children, very small numbers of respondents said that provision was adequate at any time on any day. Roughly a third of respondents said that provision was inadequate or not available at any time on any day. Around 60% of respondents said that they didn't use or didn't know about changing facilities for young children at any time on any day.

For changing facilities for those with disabilities, just under a fifth (10) of respondents said that provision was adequate during the day on Monday to Saturday. For the other time periods and days the number saying provision was adequate was even smaller than this. Roughly a quarter of respondents said that provision was inadequate across all time periods and days. Around half of respondents said that they didn't use or didn't know about changing facilities for those with disabilities at any time on any day.

In relation to good quality toilet facilities in Blackwood, a number of respondents mentioned those in Asda as being particularly good, along with those at Blackwood bus station and those in retail outlets such as McDonald's, KFC, Wetherspoons and Costa. A number of respondents raised the issue of not being able to or feeling uncomfortable about using retail premises if you are not a paying customer.

In relation to poor quality toilet facilities in Blackwood, the bus station toilets were highlighted as being particularly unhygienic and not well maintained. A number of comments also related to the inadequacy of toilets in general for those with disability needs. A shortage of toilets was also mentioned by a number of respondents.

Caerphilly

60 valid responses were received from respondents who said the town centre they used most regularly was <u>Caerphilly</u>, although this figure altered slightly across the individual questions. In relation to toilets in general, just under half of respondents said that provision was adequate during the day on Monday to Friday, and a similar proportion said that provision was inadequate. Around a third of respondents said that provision was adequate during the day on Sundays and Bank Holidays, but a slightly higher proportion said that provision was inadequate. Very small numbers said provision was adequate in the early morning or evening on any day, although roughly half of respondents said that they didn't use or didn't know about toilet facilities at these times, with the majority of other respondents saying that provision was inadequate.

20 respondents said that provision of accessible toilets was adequate during the day on any day of the week. However, 22 respondents felt that provision was inadequate during the day Monday to Saturday. Only 3 people felt that toilets were inadequate during the day on Sundays and Bank Holidays but 17 respondents indicated that they don't know/don't visit at this time. Just over half of respondents said that they don't use/don't know about accessible toilets in the early morning or evening on any day however, amongst those who do visit at these times, it was felt that the provision of accessible toilets was inadequate.

In relation to changing facilities for young children, very few respondents said that provision was adequate at any time period on any day. Around a quarter of respondents said that provision was inadequate, but roughly half of the respondents said they didn't use or didn't know about changing facilities for young children at any time period on any day.

In relation to changing facilities for those with disabilities, again very few respondents said that provision was adequate at any time period on any day. Generally around a fifth of respondents said that provision was inadequate, whilst around three fifths of respondents said that they didn't use or didn't know about changing facilities for those with disabilities at any time period on any day.

When asked about good quality toilet facilities in Caerphilly, a lot of respondents either mentioned Morrisons or those in the visitor centre since the refurbishments that have recently taken place. A couple of respondents mentioned the toilets at the bus station and those in Caerphilly library, but a few others commented that there are no facilities at the southern end of the town.

When asked about poor quality toilet facilities in Caerphilly, respondents said that the toilets near the bus station are unhygienic, poorly maintained and not a pleasant place to use. The toilets in Morgan Jones Park were also mentioned as being poor.

Access for people with disabilities was also mentioned as an issue by a few respondents.

Crosskeys

7 valid responses were received from respondents who said the village centre they used most regularly was **Crosskeys**. In relation to toilets in general, the vast majority said that there were none available at any time period on any day, with only one or two respondents saying that the facilities were adequate during the day on any day. A similar number said that facilities were inadequate during the day on any day or during the evenings on Monday to Saturday.

In relation to the provision of accessible toilets, again the vast majority said that there were no facilities available. Only one respondent said that provision was adequate during the early morning on a Sunday or Bank Holiday across all of the time periods and days. Also, one or two respondents said that provision was inadequate in the early morning or during the day on any day.

For the provision of changing facilities for young children, the vast majority said that there were no facilities available. Two respondents said that provision was adequate at early morning on Monday to Saturday, whilst no respondents said provision was adequate during any other time period on any day. Three respondents said that provision was inadequate during the day on Monday to Saturday.

For the provision of changing facilities for those with disabilities no respondent said that provision was adequate at any time on any day, but only one respondent said that provision was inadequate during the day on Monday to Saturday, with no responses for the other time periods or days. Again the vast majority of respondents said that there were no facilities available.

The only comments made with regard to the question about good or poor facilities in Crosskeys related to Waunfawr Park. A couple of respondents stated that they had tried to use them but they are never open.

Nelson

27 valid responses were received from respondents who said the village centre they used most regularly was **Nelson**, although this figure altered slightly across the individual questions. In relation to the provision of toilets in general, over four fifths of respondents said that there were none available at any time period on any day. Very few respondents (one or two) said that provision was adequate at any time period on any day, with double the number saying that provision was inadequate.

For the provision of accessible toilets, again more than four fifths of respondents said that there are no facilities available. Only one respondent said that provision was

adequate during the day on Monday to Saturday, with no other positive responses for any time on any other day, or during the day on Sundays or Bank Holidays.

In relation to changing facilities for young children, again around four fifths of respondents said that there was no provision available. Very few respondents (1) said that provision was adequate on Monday to Saturday during the day. A small number of respondents (4) indicated that they don't use or don't know about changing facilities for young children.

In relation to changing facilities for those with disabilities, the same responses as for changing facilities for young children were given, except that the number of respondents who said they don't use or don't know about the provision fell to 3 respondents.

When asked about good or poor quality provision of toilet facilities in Nelson, quite a number stated that there are no toilets available. A couple of respondents mentioned the ones in the library but stated that they are only available during opening hours. A couple of respondents mentioned toilets available in local pubs and cafes. It was noted that Nelson is an interchange for services to Merthyr Tydfil, Pontypridd, Bargoed and Caerphilly, but there are no toilets for anyone to use.

Newbridge

23 valid responses were received from respondents who said the town centre they used most regularly was **Newbridge**, although this figure altered slightly across the individual questions. A small number of respondents (3) said that provision was adequate during the day and at evenings on Monday to Saturday. Double this number of respondents said that provision was inadequate during the day on Monday to Saturday and on Sundays and Bank Holidays. Around half of respondents said that there were no toilets available.

In relation to the provision of accessible toilets around a fifth of respondents said that provision was adequate at any time period on Sundays and Bank Holidays, but a much lower number said provision was adequate at any time period on Monday to Saturday. Roughly half of respondents said that there were no toilets available.

For changing facilities for young children, around a fifth of respondents said that provision was adequate at all time periods on every day. Around two fifths of respondents said that there were no facilities available at any time period on any day.

For changing facilities for those with disabilities, just over a fifth of respondents said that provision is adequate at any time period on any day. Around half of respondents said that there was no provision available at any time period on any day.

When asked about good or poor quality provision of toilet facilities in Newbridge, a small number of respondents mentioned the good quality toilet at the Library. A number of respondents commented that there are no public toilets available in Newbridge, and that the ones in McDonald's etc. are too far away from the town centre.

Rhymney

Only 7 valid responses were received from respondents who said the town centre they used most regularly was **Rhymney**, although this figure altered slightly across the individual questions. No respondents said that toilet facilities in general were adequate at any time period on any day, and one respondent said that provision was inadequate during the day on Monday to Friday. The majority respondents said that there were no toilets available.

In relation to the provision of accessible toilets, the provision of changing facilities for young children and the provision of facilities for those with disabilities, almost all the respondents said that there were no facilities available. This was reinforced by the comments made in relation to the question about the provision of good or poor quality toilet facilities.

Risca

18 valid responses were received from respondents who said the town centre they used most regularly was **Risca**, although this figure altered slightly across the individual questions. In relation to provision of toilets in general during the day on Monday to Saturday, just under three quarters of respondents said that provision was adequate, whilst just under a third of respondents said that provision was adequate during the day on Sundays and Bank Holidays. Just under a third of respondents said that there were no toilets available during the evenings on any day.

In relation to accessible toilets, just over half of respondents said that facilities were adequate during the day on Monday to Saturday, but only a fifth said that provision was adequate during the day on Sundays and Bank Holidays. Around a quarter of respondents said that provision was inadequate in the early morning and during the day on Monday to Saturday.

In relation to the provision of changing facilities for young children, virtually no respondents said that provision was adequate at any time period on any day. A small number of respondents said that provision was inadequate, with during the day Monday to Saturday highlighted as a particular issue. A majority of respondents said that they don't use or don't know about changing facilities for young children.

In relation to the provision of changing facilities for those with disabilities, only one respondent said that provision was adequate at any time period on any day. Just

over one fifth of respondents said that there was no provision available. Again the majority of respondents said that they don't use or don't know about changing facilities for those with disabilities.

When asked about good or poor quality provision of toilet facilities in Risca, those in Risca Park and the Library were mentioned by a small number of respondents as being particularly good. However, a small number of respondents also mentioned that the toilets in the park need upgrading.

Ystrad Mynach

22 valid responses were received from respondents who said the town centre they used most regularly was **Ystrad Mynach**, although this figure altered slightly across the individual questions. Just over three quarters of respondents said that toilet provision in general was adequate during the day on Monday to Saturday, but this dropped to around one sixth of respondents for during the day on Sundays or Bank Holidays. Just over a quarter of respondents said that provision was inadequate at any time period on any day. A higher proportion of respondents said that they didn't use or didn't know about provision at any time on Sundays or Bank Holidays, probably indicating that they are more likely to visit the facilities on week days or Saturdays.

In relation to the provision of accessible toilets, around a third of respondents said that provision was adequate during the day on Monday to Saturday, with very small numbers of respondents saying this at other times and on other days. Around a third of respondents said that provision was inadequate at any time period on any day. Over half of respondents for every category apart from during the day on Monday to Saturday said that they don't use or don't know about the provision or accessible toilets.

In relation to the provision of changing facilities for young children, only one respondent said that provision was adequate at any time period on any day. In general, around two thirds of respondents said that they don't visit or don't know about changing facilities for young children.

In relation to the provision of changing facilities for those with disabilities, no respondents said that provision was adequate. Around three quarters of respondents said that they didn't use or didn't know about changing facilities for those with disabilities.

When asked about good or poor quality provision of toilet facilities in Ystrad Mynach, good quality provision was noted at Tesco, Ystrad Mynach Library, those at the main bus stop. Some respondents said that even when toilets are provided they are not

open early in the mornings or late in the evening. One respondent commented that the ones at the bus station are disgusting and they didn't feel safe using them.

Attractions and Parks

Due to the large number of attractions and parks within the county borough, respondents were asked to write in the name of the park or attraction they visited most often. For this reason the number of responses for individual attractions was low and a statistical analysis of the data is not meaningful.

Key themes derived from comments under the section on attractions and parks are listed below. Where several comments were made in relation to a specific attraction, these are highlighted. **Annex 6** provides a full digest of comments for the attractions and parks referred to.

- Many of the smaller parks have no facilities.
- Cleanliness of facilities is generally poor in parks
- Caerphilly Visitor Centre as noted under the comments for Caerphilly town centre above, the toilets at Caerphilly Visitor Centre are considered to be a of a good quality having recently being refurbished
- Caerphilly Castle –comments that there is no toilet for those in a wheelchair or with a pushchair and that the facilities need upgrading
- **Cwm Darran Park** facilities are fine at the visitor centre but opening hours are restrictive and seasonal
- **Cwmcarn Forest Visitor Centre** considered to be of a good quality however, as with other country parks, restricted by the opening times of the visitor centre
- Morgan Jones Park The cleanliness of the toilets in the park is considered
 to be of a very poor standard and not easily accessed in a wheelchair. There
 are toilets at the Old Library Café adjacent to the park which are felt to be
 cleaner. Both the park and Old Library Café have restricted opening times.
- Penallta Park many commented that they were not aware of toilets at Penallta Park. Others suggested that there was a toilet at the Education Centre but this is not always open and the composting toilet requires a radar key to access it.
- **Pen-y-Fan Pond** considered to be of a poor quality in terms of maintenance and cleanliness with restricted opening times (seasonal)
- Waunfawr Park Limited opening times
- Wern Park, Nelson there are no toilets at Wern Park
- Ystrad Mynach Park Considered to be unclean and poorly maintained. There was also a reference to inappropriate use of the facilities by some.

Tell Us More

Respondents were also asked to think about the county borough more widely than the town/village or attraction/park they use most often. A series of statements were given with respondents asked whether they 'strongly agreed', 'agreed' disagreed', 'strongly disagreed' or 'didn't know' with each statement. A summary of the individual statements and the responses is given below:

There are too few facilities (n=345)

87% of respondents felt that there are too few facilities available.

The location of facilities is not convenient (n=328)

Just over two thirds of respondents strongly agreed or agreed with this statement.

The location of the facilities does not feel safe (n=319)

Just over half of the respondents strongly agreed or agreed with this statement, with over a quarter saying that they disagreed.

There is not enough information on where facilities are located (n=336)

91% of respondents strongly agreed or agreed with this statement.

The lack of facilities has stopped me from visiting certain locations (n=333)

Almost two thirds of respondents strongly agreed or agreed that the lack of facilities had stopped them from visiting certain locations.

Facilities are not open at the times I need them (n=323)

65% of respondents strongly agreed or agreed with this statement.

The cleanliness of facilities is generally good (n=326)

Just under half of respondents strongly agreed or agreed that the cleanliness of toilets is generally good, whilst over a third of respondents disagreed or strongly disagreed with this statement.

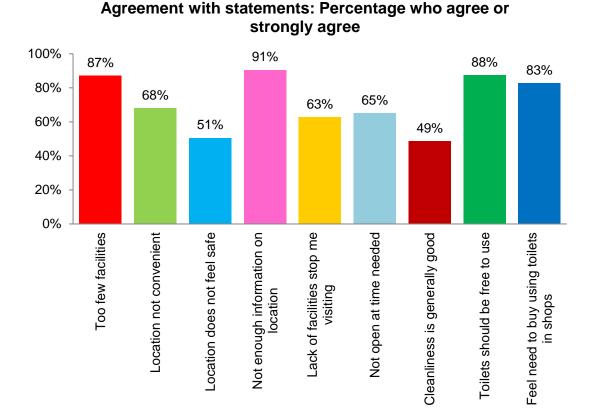
Toilets should be free to use (n=337)

88% of respondents strongly agreed or agreed that toilets should be free to use. Whilst a large proportion felt that toilets should be free to use, there were a number of comments made to support a small charge if this meant that toilets were cleaner and accessible.

I don't like using toilets in shops or restaurants because I feel like I need to buy something (n=336)

83% of respondents strongly agreed or agreed with this statement.

The chart highlights the percentage of respondents who agreed or strongly agreed with each of the statements.



Respondents were also asked to provide details of any specific issues with the provision of toilets or changing facilities in Caerphilly county borough. A full summary of the responses is provided in **Annex 7**. A summary of the main themes emerging from the comments is given below:

- There are no changing facilities with hoists for individuals with disabilities
- There is a lack of toilet facilities in public parks and where they are available quality and opening hours is an issue
- There are too few public toilet facilities available and where there are public toilets they are generally of poor quality with few exceptions.
- More information needs to be made available about where toilets for public use are available and opening hours.
- Most respondents felt that toilets should be free to use.

Respondents were asked what they would prefer as the best way to find out about where the nearest toilet and changing facilities are located when they are out and about. Just over half said that a sticker or poster displayed in the window of premises where facilities are available was their preferred option, with just over a quarter preferring the option of an app on their mobile phone.

Respondents were asked whether their response to the survey had been influenced (positively or negatively) by the range of protected characteristics as specified in the Equality Act 2010. The issues raised include:

- Very few appropriate clean safe facilities are currently available for those with disabilities in particular,
 - a lack of accessible toilets for wheelchair users and those with young children in pushchairs and prams
 - o a lack of facilities for those with visual impairment
 - o a lack of changing facilities with hoists
 - a lack of toilet facilities for those with conditions such as Crohn's disease
- A lack of information on available facilities
- Several comments related to the need to ensure that sex and gender is considered in provision of facilities e.g. the needs of transgender people, provision of separate facilities to allow privacy and the availability of baby changing facilities for both parents.

Please refer to **Annex 7** for a full digest of comments.

ANNEX 1

Survey Questionnaire

Have your say on a Local Toilet Strategy for Caerphilly County Borough

Caerphilly County Borough Council has a responsibility to assess the community's need for toilets and to put a plan in place to meet identified needs. The Council must prepare and publish a local toilet strategy by 31st May 2019. To help identify need, the council is seeking views of residents and visitors to the county borough. The survey will run from 3rd September to 28th September 2018.

For the purpose of this survey and strategy, the term toilet includes changing facilities for babies and changing places facilities for people with disabilities. These can be located in public buildings such as libraries and community centres, private buildings such as cafes and shops as well as public toilets maintained by the council.

You have a number of rights in relation to the information including the right of access to information we hold about you and the right of complaint if you are unhappy with the way your information is being processed. For further information on how we process this information and your rights please follow this link: http://www.caerphilly.gov.uk/CaerphillyDocs/FOI/PrivacyNotices/Privacy-Notice-Consultations-Surveys.aspx

1	Please indicate your interest in this consultation: (Please select all that apply)
	As a resident of Caerphilly county borough
	As a local elected member
	As someone who works in Caerphilly county borough
	As a local business person
	As a visitor to Caerphilly county borough
	Representing a local group or organisation, please give details
	Other

TOWN AND VILLAGE CENTRES Q2 Which town or village do you visit most often within the Caerphilly county borough? (Please select one) Aberbargoed Draethen Pontlottyn Abercarn Fleur-de-lis Pontymister Abertridwr Fochriw Rhymney Abertysswg Hengoed Risca Gilfach Argoed Rudry Bargoed Llanbradach Senghenydd Bedwas Machen Tirphil Blackwood Markham Trethomas Caerphilly Maesycwmmer Trinant Crosskeys Nelson Ynysddu Crumlin Newbridge Ystrad Mynach Cwmcarn New Tredegar Other, please specify Cwmfelinfach Oakdale Deri Pengam In the local town or village centre that you visit most often, is the provision of toilets adequate or inadequate to meet your needs? Q3 Monday to Saturday I don't visit at None Adequate Inadequate available this time Don't know Early morning (before 9am) During the day (between 9am and 6pm) Evenings (after 6pm) Q4 Sundays and Bank Holidays I don't visit at None Don't know Adequate Inadequate available this time Early morning (before 9am) During the day (between 9am and 6pm) Evenings (after 6pm) In the local town or village centre that you visit most often is the provision of accessible toilets adequate or inadequate to meet your needs? Q5 Monday to Saturday None I don't visit at Adequate Inadequate available this time Don't know Early morning (before 9am) During the day (between 9am and 6pm) Evenings (after 6pm)

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QU	Monday to Saturday			None	I don't visit at	
		Adequate	Inadequate	available	this time	Don't know
	Early morning (before 9am)					
	During the day (between 9am and 6pm)					
	Evenings (after 6pm)					
Q10	Sundays and Bank Holidays					
		A -d t -	la a da acceda	None	I don't visit at	Danii Imaaa
	Early morning (before 9am)	Adequate	Inadequate	available	this time	Don't know
	During the day (between 9am and 6pm)					
	Evenings (after 6pm)					
Q11	Please provide details of any g the town or village centre that			anging faci	lities that are	available in

QIZ	the town or village centre that			anging facil	ities that are	avaliable in
ATT	RACTIONS AND PARKS					
Q13	Please write in the name of the most recently.	attraction o	or park that y	ou visit mo	st often <u>or</u> ha	ive visited
rece need		_				
Q14	Monday to Saturday			None	I doubt visit at	
		Adequate	Inadequate	None available	I don't visit at this time	Don't know
	Early morning (before 9am)					
	During the day (between 9am and 6pm)					
	Evenings (after 6pm)					
Q15	Sundays and Bank Holidays					
		Adequate	Inadequate	None available	I don't visit at this time	Don't know
	Early morning (before 9am)					
	During the day (between 9am and 6pm)					
	Evenings (after 6pm)					
At th	ne attraction or park that y	ou visit <u>n</u>	nost often	or have	visited <u>mo</u>	st
	ntly, is the provision of <u>ac</u>	cessible	toilets ad	equate o	r inadequa	te to meet
-	needs?					
Q16	Monday to Saturday					
		Adequate	Inadequate	None available	I don't visit at this time	Don't know
	Early morning (before 9am)					
	During the day (between 9am and 6pm)					
	Evenings (after 6pm)					
Q17	Sundays and Bank Holidays					
		Adamusta	Inadaguata	None	I don't visit at	Don't know
	Early morning (before 9am)	Adequate	Inadequate	available	this time	Don't know
	During the day (between 9am and					
	6pm)					
	Evenings (after 6pm)					

At the attraction or park that you <u>visit most often or have visited most</u> recently, is the provision of <u>changing facilities for young children</u> adequate or inadequate to meet your needs?

Q18	Monday to Saturday					
	Early morning (before 9am)	Adequate	Inadequate	None available	I don't visit at this time	Don't know
	During the day (between 9am and					
	6pm)					
	Evenings (after 6pm)					
Q19	Sundays and Bank Holidays					
		Adequate	Inadequate	None available	I don't visit at this time	Don't know
	Early morning (before 9am)					
	During the day (between 9am and 6pm)					
	Evenings (after 6pm)					
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		Adequate	Inadequate	None available	I don't visit at this time	Don't know
	Early morning (before 9am)	Auequate	madequate	available		Don't know
	During the day (between 9am and 6pm)					
	Evenings (after 6pm)					
Q21	Sundays and Bank Holidays		_			_
		Adequate	Inadequate	None available	I don't visit at this time	Don't know
	Early morning (before 9am)					
	During the day (between 9am and 6pm)					
	Evenings (after 6pm)					
Q22	Please provide details of any <u>g</u> that you visit most often or hav			are availal	ole at the attra	action or park
Q23	Please provide details of any <u>p</u> that you visit most often or hav			are availab	le at the attra	action or park

Tell Us More

Q24	Thinking about Caerphilly county borough more widely, please indicate if you agree or
	disagree with the following statements:

		Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
	There are too few facilities The location of facilities is not					
	convenient					
	The location of the facilities does not feel safe					
	There is not enough information on where facilities are located					
	The lack of facilities has stopped me from visiting certain locations					
	Facilities are not open at the times I need them					
	The cleanliness of facilities is generally good					
	Toilets should be free to use					
	I don't like using toilets in shops or restaurants because I feel like I need to buy something					
Q25	Please provide details of any sp in Caerphilly county borough.	ecific issue	es with the p	rovision of to	oilet or cha	nging facilities
Q26	What would be the best way for facilities are located when you a An app on my mobile phone A sticker or poster displayed in the Some other way, please specify	re out and	about?			anging
Q27	If you feel that your response to because of any of the following: orientation, disability, gender re language, BSL or other language give details below.	your ethni assignmen	c origin, gen t, religious k	nder, age, ma peliefs or nor	rital status n-belief, use	, sexual e of Welsh

Abo	ut You	
Q28	I am aged	
	11-15	50-64+
	16-25	65+
	26-35	Prefer not to say
	36-50	
Q29	l am	
	Female	Prefer not to say
	Male	Other, please specify
	Trans	
Q30	De veu heve e dischility long term illness er he	polith weeklow? (Disease select all that apply)
QSU	Do you have a disability, long-term illness or he	earth problem? (Please select all that apply)
	Yes, I have a disability	
	Yes, I have a long term illness or health problem	
	No	
004	Prefer not to say	
Q31	What is your ethnicity? (Please select only one)	
	Asian	White
	Black/African/Caribbean	Prefer not to say
	Mixed/Multiple	Other, please specify
Q32	What is your religion or belief? (Please select or	nly one)
	No Religion	Muslim
	Buddhist	Sikh
	Christian (All Denominations)	Prefer not to say
	Hindu	Other, please specify
	Jewish	<u> </u>
Q33	What is your sexual orientation? (Please select	only one)
	Bisexual	Heterosexual/straight
	Gay man	Prefer not to say
	Gay woman/Lesbian	Other, please specify
	Gay Woman/Lesbian	Other, please specify
Q34	Household (Please select only one)	
	One person (pensioner or other)	Married/cohabiting couple with dependent children
	Single parent with dependent children	Prefer not to say
	Married/cohabiting couple	Other, please specify
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35	Can you understand, speak, read or write Welsh? (Please select all that apply)				
	Understand spoken Welsh	Write Welsh			
	Speak Welsh	None of these			
	Read Welsh	Prefer not to say			
36	What is your main language? (Please select of	only one)			
	English	Prefer not to say			
	Welsh	Other (including sign language), please specify			
0.7					
37	Employment Status (Please select only one)				
37	Employed full time (30 hours or more per	A student			
31	Employed full time (30 hours or more per week)	A student Looking after the home or family			
37	Employed full time (30 hours or more per				
37	Employed full time (30 hours or more per week) Employed part time (less than 30 hours per	Looking after the home or family			
37	Employed full time (30 hours or more per week) Employed part time (less than 30 hours per week)	Looking after the home or family Long term sick or disabled			
37	Employed full time (30 hours or more per week) Employed part time (less than 30 hours per week) Self-employed or freelance	Looking after the home or family Long term sick or disabled Prefer not to say			
38	Employed full time (30 hours or more per week) Employed part time (less than 30 hours per week) Self-employed or freelance	Looking after the home or family Long term sick or disabled Prefer not to say			

Thank you for taking the time to respond to this survey. Please return this form to any of the main council offices or your nearest library, leisure centre, cash office, housing office or customer first centre. If you prefer, you can also return the survey in the post to Consultation and Public Engagement Officer, Policy Unit, Caerphilly County Borough Council, Penallta House, Tredomen Park, Ystrad Mynach, Hengoed, CF82 7PG.

ANNEX 2: Local Toilets Survey Sept 2018 – Engagement Process

Date	Action	Comment
August	Snap survey developed for needs assessment	
2018	consultation	
20- 22 nd Aug 2018	Bilingual CCBC Newsline newspaper article completed	Published in Sept 2018. Newsline delivered to every house in the county borough
3 rd	Bilingual Survey is live on CCBC website also	Survey closes 28 th Sept
Sept 2018	signposting to availability of survey in alternative formats and offer of alternative forms of consultation.	2018
5 th	Survey sent to Vick Doyle CCBC to distribute to	300+ local groups,
Sept	individuals / groups / organisations on the Caerphilly	individuals and
2018	Well-being Plan engagement database	organisations
5 th Sept 2018	Survey sent to Alison Palmer in GAVO/ CCBC to distribute to • Vol Sector Liaison Committee • Vol Sector Forum • Forum mailing list • Caerphilly Gavo Members • PSB Also agreed the survey would be displayed on Gavo website	300+ Voluntary sector organisations + Public Services Board. Attended Voluntary Sector Liaison Committee on 19 th Sept 2018. Gave presentation and provided opportunity to complete survey. Attended Voluntary Sector Forum on 28 th Sept 2018.
5 th	Survey sent to GAVO to distribute to GAVO's Health	Gave presentation and provided opportunity to complete survey. Health and social care
Sept 2018	and Social Care Alliance	voluntary organisations
5 th Sept 2018	Survey sent to distribute to the Countryside Access Forum	Ramblers, cyclists, common land users, farmers, equestrian, residents. Discussed at Access Forum 7/9/2018
5 th	Survey sent to distribute to the Green Spaces	Organisations protecting
Sept	Network	and enhancing the local

2018		natural environment
5 th	Survey sent to CCBC to distribute to the Safer	Organisations focused on
Sept	Caerphilly Delivery Group	community safety
2018		
5 th	Sent to distribute to Caerphilly 50+ Forum and the	Organisations working
Sept	Smarter Working Network.	with older people. Sent
2018	Also to publicise via 50+ Forum website, facebook +	direct to 300+ older
	twitter pages	people.
		Paper copies sent to 50+
		Forum as well with free
		post envelopes
6 th	Sent to Caerphilly Parent Network to share /	Parents and carers of
Sept	complete with members	children. Includes grand
2018		parents
6 th	Sent to Junior Forum, Youth Forum and Youth Service	Children and young
Sept		people
2018		
		Caerphilly Youth Forum
		discussed this issue at their
		meeting in Sept 2018 and
		all present completed the
		survey.
6 th	Sent to Business Forum	Private businesses
Sept		
2018		
7 th	Sent to Cornerstone to engage with those who are	Those who are homeless
Sept	homeless and/or sleeping rough	and/or sleeping rough
2018		
7 th	Sent to all local councillors + all town and community	Elected members. Local
Sept	councils	town and community
2018		councillors
7th	Sent to Rhianon Passmore, David Hefin + Dawn	Assembly Members
Sept	Bowden. Assembly Members	
2018	Contto Canald Innas Chris F. T. C. Miss David	Manahana af Daultana at
7 th	Sent to Gerald Jones, Chris Evans + Wayne David.	Members of Parliament
Sept	Members of Parliament	
7 th	Charad widely within called a section the Comments	Housing related as with a
-	Shared widely within colleagues in the Supporting	Housing related services
Sept	People field	
7 th	Cont to all approximation contract and	All Company with a south as
-	Sent to all community centres + all	All Community centres,
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Sept	sports/leisure/recreation clubs	Leisure centres and sports
2018	•	I - I

Sept	access	
2018 7 th Sept 2018	Survey sent to: Age Cymru, Deafblind UK; RNIB; Action Hearing Loss Cymru, British Deaf Assoc Wales; Disability Can Do; Disability Wales; Caerphilly Access Group; Caerphilly People First; Caerphilly MIND;	Specific vol orgs
7 th Sept 2018	Survey sent to: Race Council Wales; Race Equality First; SEWREC; Umbrella Cymru; Stonewall Cymru; Menter Iaith; Welsh Language Forum / Urdd; Sports Wales; Welsh Athletics;	Specific vol orgs
7 th Sept 2018	Survey sent to: Future Generations Commissioner; Older Peoples Commissioner; Childrens Commissioner; Welsh Language Commissioner; Equalities and Human Rights commission; Office of Police and Crime Commissioner, WLGA;	Commissioners + WLGA
7 th Sept 2018	Survey sent to: Aelwyd Housing Association; Cadwyn; Charter Housing; Derwen Cymru; Linc Cymru; United Welsh Group; Wales &West Housing	Housing Associations
10 th Sept 2018	Survey sent to: Crohn's+Colitis UK; Gwent Alzheimer's Assoc; Diabetes Wales; Stroke Association; Arthritis Care; Helping Hands; Tenovus Cancer Care; Macmillan Cancer Care; ProstateCymru; Carers Wales; South East Wales Carers Trust; Trinity Fields school; Homestart Caerphilly, Right From The Start Caerphilly;	Specific vol orgs
10 th Sept 2018	Survey sent to CCBC Early Years Manager for distribution to families, parents, grandparents, guardians, carers, parents to be	Children, parents, carers, pregnant women
10 th Sept 2018	Survey distributed to social enterprises	Social enterprises
10 th Sept 2018	Survey sent to: Arriva Trains Wales; Phoenix Transport; Rainbow Community Travel Services; connect2; Harris Coaches, NAT Group; Rail Linc; Stagecoach	Transport
10 th Sept 2018	Survey sent to: British Toilet Association	ВТА
10 th Sept 2018	Survey sent to: Visit Wales; Visit Caerphilly; National Trust Wales; National Parks Wales; Groundwork Wales, National Resources Wales; Unison. GMB Caerphilly + GMB Regional	Tourism + Unions

10 th	Survey sent to: CHC, Allied Healthcare; i-care, Mears	Social Care providers +
Sept	Care; Carers Trust South East Wales; New Start Care	CHC
2018	Services; The Partnership of Care; Pride in Care; Q	
	Care; Radis; Village Support Services; ALP Supported	
	Living Services; Care Management Group; Compass	
	Community Care LTD, Encompass Care LTD,	
	Evergreen Care Wales Ltd; Expanding Horizons;	
	Liberty Care LTD; Montana Healthcare Ltd.; P C	
	Cymru Care Ltd; PRESS; REACH Supported Living; The	
	Regard Office; Ridgemount Care Gwent Ltd; Mirus	
	Wales	
a a th		
10 th	Survey sent to ABUHB to distribute through	Health and patients
Sept	engagement processes in ABUHB including patient	
2018	groups.	
Sept	Survey publicised via Twitter and Facebook	
2018		

ANNEX 3: Local Toilets Strategy Engagement via Social Media

NOTE: Comments that are considered to be offensive or compromise anonymity have been removed.

What's been happening on Twitter

Caerphilly County Borough Council needs to develop a #LocalToiletStrategy for the county borough by 31 May 2019. To help identify need, the council is seeking the views of residents and visitors to the county borough.



11,735 Individuals Reached



Caerphilly County Borough Council

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Last Chance! Have your say on the Local Toilet Strategy

Caerphilly County Borough Council needs to develop a Local Toilet Strate...

6.907 93 806 **Boost Post** People reached Engagements Clicks

Alister Elliot Puddifer, Paul Ascough and 8 others
20 Comments 20 shares



Helen Taylor-Hodges Please look at the opening times in the toilets in Morgan Jones Park. There's no pattern to opening times at all. I've been there on the weekend recently and they've been closed.

Like · Reply · Message · 1w





Anita e Hawksworth closed April 1st. which just says it all, about 2 years ago. council pays money to other businesses so can use their toilets.

Like · Reply · Message · 1w



Richie Jones Toilet strategy thats a rich one.....hardly any in public areas in the area, you have to rely on shops and pubs. A disgrace

Like · Reply · Message · 1w





David Jenkins Public toilets? what public toilets? Need to sort something out in town centres instead of closing them all, we all need these conveniences.

Like · Reply · Message · 1w



David Jenkins We don't need a strategy! We need good hygienic facilities in accessible places. There are a lot of us who need these facilities for medical reasons

Like · Reply · Message · 1w



Vincent Neale council is planning to close ALL public toilets How are those with Crones going to manage

Like · Reply · Message · 1w



Mike Poole Toilets by bus station need a lot to be desired absolutely stink

Like · Reply · Message · 1w



Lee Skidmore The ones under the visitor centre opposite the castle are rank. Deep clean and a revamp to make them less smell and to be more modernised. Like going toilet in a 1900's cell

Like · Reply · Message · 1w



Like · Reply · Message · 1w

Edina Pk They are really nice since they've been renewed.

Like · Reply · Message · 1w



Rebecca Skidmore Lee Skidmore They have just done these up ... They are beaut! Worth a visit 😂

Like · Reply · Message · 1w



Lisa Atwood They're closed

Like · Reply · Message · 1w



Write a reply...











David Rees Johnson From Jan: they closed newbridge public toilets a while back.

Like · Reply · Message · 6d



Brian Watkins Re-opening it as a nail bar!

Like · Reply · Message · 6d



Brian Watkins They closed Abercarn toilets some time ago and never replaced them with anything !

Like · Reply · Message · 6d



Write a reply...











Anita Muller Tried filling in survey it is very repetitive and then took me back to beginning not doing it all again but just want to say toilets are needed in Morgan jones park

Like · Reply · Message · 1w





Clive Taylor Clean the ones in Blackwood bus station would be a start. Their filthy..

Like · Reply · Message · 1w





Christine Taylor This is to little to late as they have closed them already. Newbridge toilets were closed and now, people especially the elderly don't go to the village any more.

Like · Reply · Message · 1w





Idwal Clements Paying more council tax and getting less do we blame the council's or the government? Or both

Like · Reply · Message · 5d



Jennifer Hughes What public toilets

Like · Reply · Message · 1w



Eira Jones What about tourists we don't have public loos and the ones you might find are filthy, welcome to Caerphilly B C area

Like · Reply · Message · 1w





Maria Mcnamee Morgan jones park desperately needs a toilet over haul, they are disgusting

Like · Reply · Message · 1w



Write a comment...

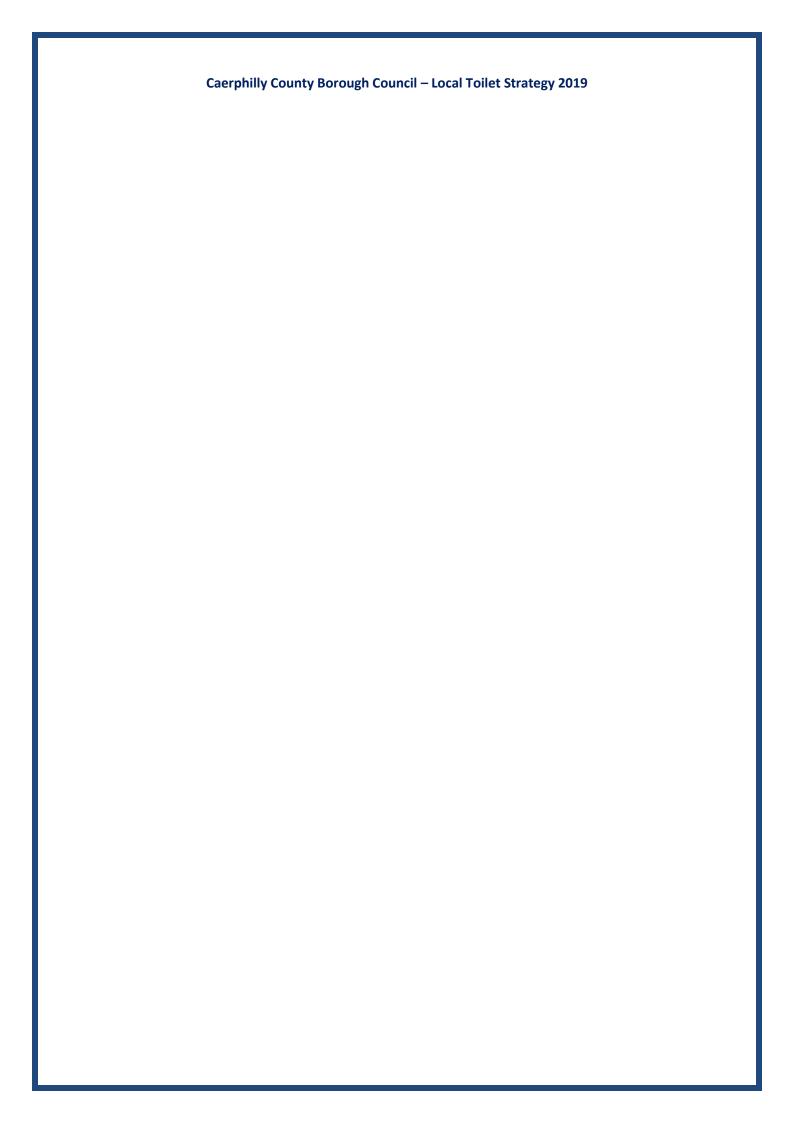
ANNEX 4: Breakdown of the number of responses by town or village centre

Town or village	Day	Time of day	Total valid responses	Adequate	Inadequate	None available	Don't visit
Bargoed	Monday-Saturday	Early morning	16	1	4	5	6
		During the day	16	7	6	1	2
		Evenings	16	1	6	5	4
	Sundays & Bank Holidays	Early morning	16	0	6	6	4
		During the day	16	1	7	4	4
		Evenings	16	0	5	7	4
Blackwood	Monday-Saturday	Early morning	56	4	18	8	26
		During the day	57	16	27	8	6
		Evenings	55	7	17	15	18
	Sundays & Bank Holidays	Early morning	54	4	16	11	23
		During the day	55	6	25	11	13
		Evenings	54	4	14	16	20
Caerphilly	Monday-Saturday	Early morning	55	6	17	4	28
		During the day	60	28	26	3	3
		Evenings	56	3	19	9	25
	Sundays & Bank Holidays	Early morning	55	3	17	6	29
		During the day	59	19	23	5	12
		Evenings	55	1	17	10	27
Crosskeys	Monday-Saturday	Early morning	10	0	0	5	5
		During the day	10	1	1	6	2
		Evenings	10	0	2	7	1
	Sundays & Bank Holidays	Early morning	10	2	0	5	3
		During the day	10	2	1	5	2
		Evenings	10	0	0	6	4
Nelson	Monday-Saturday	Early morning	27	1	2	23	1
		During the day	26	1	3	21	1
		Evenings	26	2	2	21	1
	Sundays & Bank Holidays	Early morning	27	1	3	22	1
		During the day	26	1	4	20	1
		Evenings	26	2	3	20	1
Newbridge	Monday-Saturday	Early morning	23	1	4	14	4
		During the day	23	3	7	9	. 4
		Evenings	23	3	4	13	
	Sundays & Bank Holidays		23		4	12	
		During the day	23	1	6	10	6
		Evenings	23	1	5	10	7
Rhymney	Monday-Saturday	Early morning	7	0	0	6	
		During the day	6	0	1	4	1
		Evenings	5	0	0	4.	1
	Sundays & Bank Holidays		7	0		6	1
		During the day	6	0	0	5	
Disease	Manadan Ontonda	Evenings	6	0		5	,
Ystrad Mynach	Monday-Saturday	Early morning	17	4	3	1	
		During the day	17	12	3	0	
	0	Evenings	17	0		5	
	Sundays & Bank Holidays	Early morning	16	0	3	1	12 9
		During the day	17	6	1	1	9
	Manday Cate day	Evenings	17	0	2	4	11
	Monday-Saturday	Early morning	22	4	6	3	
		During the day	21	13		0	2
	Cundous 9 Develo Helister	Evenings	20	2		4	
	Sundays & Bank Holidays	Early morning	22	1	6	1	14
		During the day Evenings	21 20	3	7 6	0 0	

Town or village	Day	Time of day	Total valid responses	Adequate	Inadequate	None available	Don't visit/ Don't know
Bargoed	Monday-Saturday	Early morning	16	1	5	4	4
		During the day	16	7	5	1	3
		Evenings	16	0	9	2	5
	Sundays & Bank Holidays	Early morning	16	0	5	5	6
		During the day	15	0	8	3	4
		Evenings	15	0	5	6	4
Blackwood	Monday-Saturday	Early morning	56	4	17	7	28
		During the day	56	14	21	7	14
		Evenings	52	6	13	12	21
	Sundays & Bank Holidays	Early morning	56	4	14	10	28
		During the day	56	6	20	10	20
		Evenings	54	4	10	15	25
Caerphilly	Monday-Saturday	Early morning	55	4	17	4	30
		During the day	55	20	22	1	12
		Evenings	53	2	14	7	30
	Sundays & Bank Holidays	Early morning	53	3	14	5	31
		During the day	54	20	3	6	17
		Evenings	54	2	15	5	32
Crosskeys	Monday-Saturday	Early morning	10	0	2	5	3
		During the day	10	0	1	6	3
		Evenings	10	0	0	6	4
	Sundays & Bank Holidays	Early morning	10	1	1	5	3
		During the day	10	0	2	5	3
		Evenings	9	0	0	6	3
Nelson	Monday-Saturday	Early morning	26	0	3	22	1
		During the day	25	1	4	20	0
		Evenings	24	0	4	19	1
	Sundays & Bank Holidays	Early morning	26	0	4	21	1
		During the day	25	0	4	20	1
		Evenings	24	0	4	19	1
Newbridge	Monday-Saturday	Early morning	23	1	4	11	7
		During the day	22	2	6	9	5
		Evenings	23	1	3	12	7
	Sundays & Bank Holidays		23	5	3	11	4
		During the day	23	5	4	10	4
		Evenings	23	5	3	11	4
Rhymney	Monday-Saturday	Early morning	7	0	0	6	1
		During the day	7	0	0	6	1
		Evenings	6	0	0	5	1
	Sundays & Bank Holidays		6	0	0	5	1
		During the day	7	0	0	6	1
		Evenings	6	0	0	5	1
Risca	Monday-Saturday	Early morning	17	1	4	2	10
		During the day	18	10	4	1	3
		Evenings	18	0	2	6	10
	Sundays & Bank Holidays	Early morning	17	0	2	4	11
		During the day	15	3	2	3	7
		Evenings	16	0	1	5	10
Ystrad Mynach	Monday-Saturday	Early morning	22	2		1	13
	ļ	During the day	22	7	7	0	8
		Evenings	22	1	6	3	12
	Sundays & Bank Holidays	Early morning	22	0	6	0	16
		During the day	22	2	5	0	15
		Evenings	22	0	5	0	17

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		During the day	16	4	5	3	4
		Evenings	16	1	6	3	6
	Sundays & Bank Holidays	Early morning	16	0	4	7	5
		During the day	16	2	5	5	4
		Evenings	16	0	4	7	5
Blackwood	Monday-Saturday	Early morning	55	4	9	7	35
		During the day	56	7	11	7	31
		Evenings	52	4	7	8	33
	Sundays & Bank Holidays	Early morning	56	3	11	8	34
		During the day	57	5	11	8	33
		Evenings	53	2	8	11	32
Caerphilly	Monday-Saturday	Early morning	57	2	16	7	32
		During the day	59	6	22	5	26
		Evenings	56	1	14	7	34
	Sundays & Bank Holidays	Early morning	57	2	14	9	32
		During the day	56	3	19	7	27
		Evenings	56	1	15	7	33
Crosskeys	Monday-Saturday	Early morning	10	2	1	6	1
		During the day	10	0	3	6	1
		Evenings	10	0	1	6	3
	Sundays & Bank Holidays	Early morning	10	0	0	8	2
		During the day	10	0	0	6	4
		Evenings	10	0	0	8	2
Nelson	Monday-Saturday	Early morning	26	0	1	21	4
		During the day	25	1	1	19	4
		Evenings	25	0	1	20	4
	Sundays & Bank Holidays	Early morning	26	0	1	21	4
		During the day	25	0	1	20	4
		Evenings	24	0	1	19	4
Newbridge	Monday-Saturday	Early morning	23	5	2	10	4
		During the day	21	5	6	7	3
		Evenings	21	5	2	10	4
	Sundays & Bank Holidays		22	5	2	9	6
		During the day	22	5	3	8	6
		Evenings	22	5	2	9	6
Rhymney	Monday-Saturday	Early morning	5	0	0	4	1
		During the day	5	0	0	4	1
		Evenings	5	0	0	4	1
	Sundays & Bank Holidays	Early morning	5	0	0	4	1
		During the day	5	0	0	4	1
		Evenings	5	0	0	4	1
Risca	Monday-Saturday	Early morning	17	0	2	2	13
		During the day	17	0	6	0	11
		Evenings	17	0	2	4	11
	Sundays & Bank Holidays	Early morning	17	0	2	2	13
		During the day	17	1	3	1	12
		Evenings	17	0	2	4	11
Ystrad Mynach	Monday-Saturday	Early morning	22	0	3	4	15
		During the day	22	1	4	3	14
		Evenings	22	0	3	4	15
	Sundays & Bank Holidays	Early morning	22	0	3	3	16
		During the day	22	0	4	2	14
	1	Evenings	22	0		3	

Town or	Day	Time of day	Total valid	Adequate	Inadequate	None	Don't visit/
village			responses			available	Don't know
Bargoed	Monday-Saturday	Early morning	16	1	6	6	3
		During the day	16	3	7	4	2
	<u> </u>	Evenings	16	0	7	6	3
	Sundays & Bank Holidays	Early morning	15	0	5	6	4
		During the day	16	0	6	7	3
		Evenings	16	0	5	8	3
Blackwood	Monday-Saturday	Early morning	55	6	15	/	27
		During the day	56	10	16	7	23
	Cundous & Donk Holidous	Evenings	54	6	12	9	27
	Sundays & Bank Holidays	Early morning	54	5	13	9	27
		During the day	55	7	14	9	25
Coornhill	Manday Caturday	Evenings	53	5 3	10	11	27
Caerphilly	Monday-Saturday	Early morning	56 50		12	7	34
		During the day	59 56	6 2	19	0	27
	Sundays & Bank Holidays	Evenings			11	8	35
	Suridays & Barik Holidays	Early morning	56 58	I	12	8	35
		During the day	58 56	4	16	8	30
Croookovo	Manday Caturday	Evenings	56	0	11	8	37
Crosskeys	Monday-Saturday	Early morning	10		0	7	3
	-	During the day	10	0	1	7	2
	Sundays & Bank Holidays	Evenings	10	0 0	0	7	3
	Suridays & Barik Holidays	Early morning During the day	10 10		0	7	ు
	-	Evenings		0	0	7	၁
Nelson	Monday-Saturday	Early morning	10 24	0 0	0	20	3
INCISOII	Moriday-Salurday		23	1	1	19	
		During the day Evenings	22	0	1	18	2
	Sundays & Bank Holidays	Early morning	25	0	1	21	ວ
	Suldays & Dalik Holidays	During the day	24	0	1	20	
		Evenings	23	0	1	19	 ર
Newbridge	Monday-Saturday	Early morning	23	5	4	11	3
Newbridge	Worlday Caldiday	During the day	23	5	6	10	2
		Evenings	23	5	4	11	
	Sundays & Bank Holidays	Early morning	22	5	4	10	3
	Canadys a Dank Hondays	During the day	21	5	4	9	3
		Evenings	22	5	4	10	3
Rhymney	Monday-Saturday	Early morning	6	0	0	5	1
i diyiiii Oy	Wioriday Calarday	During the day	6	0	0	5	<u>.</u> 1
		Evenings	6	0	0	5	1
	Sundays & Bank Holidays	_	6	0	0	5	1
		During the day	6	0	0	5	1
		Evenings	6	0	0	5	1
Risca	Monday-Saturday	Early morning	18	1	0	4	13
1 7. 7. 7		During the day	18	1	2	3	12
		Evenings	18	1	0	5	12
	Sundays & Bank Holidays	Early morning	18	1	0	4	13
	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	During the day	18	1	2	3	12
		Evenings	18	1	0	5	12
Ystrad Mynach	Monday-Saturday	Early morning	22	0	3	2	17
		During the day	22	0	6	2	14
		Evenings	22	0	3	3	16
	Sundays & Bank Holidays	Early morning	22	0	2	2	18
		During the day	22	0	3	2	17
	1	Evenings	21	0		2	



ANNEX 5: Comments by town or village centre

NOTE: Comments that are considered to be offensive or compromise anonymity have been removed.

Town or Village	Good quality toilet and changing facilities	Poor quality toilet and changing facilities
Centre		
Aberbargoed	not aware of any other than sport centre	
Abercarn	None	None
	N/A	N/A as non available
	There are toilets in the library but they are only available when the library is open	
	none	none available
Bargoed	Morrisons toilets provide good facilities at the top of town.	Bus station toilets are good but quite isolated in the evenings and I have gone there and they have been shut due to cleansing or vandalism problems
	none	none
	Good facilities in Bargoed library, accessible and baby changing, but constrained by opening hours 9.30-1, 2-5, closed Sundays. Morrisons has some facilities, again constrained by opening hours.	There is a public toilet at the bus station but I am unaware of the opening hours and assume it is closed each evening. I see the cleaner on week days about 5pm blocking the entrance to it (and the accessibility ramp to the car park) with his large car! I assume it is closed after that and have no idea about weekend availability. I haven't noticed an opening hours sign. As I cycle the provision of public accessible toilets outside of shop or library opening hours is very important. If I want to cycle on a Sunday, which I often do, knowing there is a public toilet available on route is essential.
	The toilets in the library are really good. Sometimes you have to wait to be let in but they are always clean with no vandalism or anti-social behaviour. I never feel intimidated using them and I can also access the customer first and library during my visit! It would be nice if they were available over dinner times? You could put a gate at the bottom of the stairs or limit access during that time so the public can still use them. Maybe you could swipe your library card to get into them?	The toilets down by the bus station are ill attended. Many times when I have gone past a member of CCBC staff (Tall, grey shaved hair), is sitting on a deck chair talking to people whilst blocking the path down the side of the bus station with his Jaguar which is 1. Illegally parked on a public walk way 2. Across a DDA compliant root. 3. Blocking an 'active travel' route. This is not what the public expect from the great CCBC.

	Morrisons toilets are accessible and open for most of the day. St Gwladys' Church Hall toilets are accessible for the working day. I am unsure what other facilities are in the town, perhaps the library?	I do not think there is anywhere where an adult could assist another adult.
	There are accessible toilets in the library, Riccis Café and at the Bus station but only when these venues are open.	There are none.
	Bargoed bus station if they remember to open them	None
	There aren't any that I am aware of!!!	As above!!!
	I always use a super market they are much cleaner and safer as public toilets are lonely and I think dangerous at early or late times.	
	I know of none.	Again I know of none.
	The one in Bargoed Bus Station often is not open until 9.00 - 9.30	I do not need changing facilities
		Bargoed public toilets are unc-clean and barely ever open
	Someone's always there	They are never clean there is no papers
	Archfarchnad Morrisons Supermarket	
Bedwas	I am not aware of any toilet or changing facilities that are available in Bedwas.	
	AS far as Im aware there are none	S far as Im aware there are none
Blackwood	Is this survey about council-run toilet facilities, or any toilet facilities (ie including those available places like shops and pubs, for example). I think this needs to be made clear, as my answers Would have been different. There are no council-run toilets in Blackwood that I'm aware of. There are toilets in Asda, McDonald's, KFC, Wetherspoons and local cafes, but some of these are out of the way, and you don't really feel comfortable about using them if you're not a customer.	
	None	All are inadequate for disabled access

Blackwood Asda, Costa are kept in a good condition. But feel to use these facilities and not buying anything is unacceptable and I then feel forced into buying something even if I didn't want it.	Blackwood bus station. Cleanliness of the toilets here has a lot to be desired. Even after the cleaner has just been with her black mop and bucket of cold water, they are left in a poor state. Black marks all around the edges cubicles have bad odour and the ceiling is covered in bundles of toilet roll being thrown at it. On top of this needles found regularly. (Fitting blue lights would minimise this massively).
	Only toilets (disabled) are in the bus station last time I went to use them ai lust came straight back out they were horrific, dirty toilet paper scattered around what smelled and looked like urine on the floor, will never ever go to use them again
You can rely on toilet facilities in the ASDA store and local cafes and drinking establishments.	Bus station toilets are inadequate and not well maintained (both dirty and inadequate cleaning standards as well as lack of maintenance and refurbishment). Also, lots of anti-social behaviour such as drug dealing in the bus station facilities. With regards to baby changing facilities you would not want to use the bus station toilets for hygiene reasons. They are a disgrace for a town the size of Blackwood.
Asda	
Blackwood library have a very clean accessible toilet but as someone that experiences desperate urgency for the toilet (? IBD) it is not acceptable to need to go from one sude of town to the other when needing the toilet.	
usk	blackwood / caerphilly
There are no facilities. Wetherspoons is very good. Should not have to visit a bar or café to use toilet facilities.	
	Hello I am Andrew short One of the Blackwood counsellors I also run the business opposite Blackwood bus station which into the garage and van hire company On numerous occasions I am to deal with numerous complaints associated with the Blackwood main toilets I have also spent time cleaning the public toilets considering the gateway A dreadful impression on entering off station we been trying Address this matter many thanks A short
I am not aware of any public toilets in Blackwood. The old toilets are always locked and back a few years ago they were always so dirty I never used them. Not suitable for	I am not aware of any public toilets in Blackwood. The old toilets are always locked and back a few years ago they were always so dirty I never used them. Not suitable for disabled users anyway as far as I can

disabled users anyway as far as I can remember.	remember.
	Living in Tiryberth and visiting blackwood on a regular occasion as an individual who's electric wheelchair depend and requires hoisting to use the toilet none of the cafes, restaurants, toilet blocks or supermarkets have a big enough toilet cubicle or hoisting facilities available for me. It would be nice to be able to use the toilet as most are able to, as I am currently on a time scale wherever I go.
Asda	
	There are toilets located at Blackwood Bus Station which are difficult to access from the High Street for anyone who has a disability. Also I have been contacted on several occassions in relation to the poor state of clenaliness of these facilities.
Blackwood bus station, Asda supermarket.	None
None, unless going into shops, cafes and supermarkets and have to spend money.	None, unless going into shops, cafes and supermarkets and have to spend money.
probably none	council provided facilities
None	You have to pay for the toilets in Blackwood bus station so I don't use them. The old ones were free. The free toilets in the High Street (near Argos) closed many years ago. If I need to go it's a long walk to Asda or Wetherspoons.
None	None available
None of good quality	Asda the disabled one is sometimes not open and it is not always the cleanest
Blackwood have good facilities also the cafes and Asda is excellent.	Bargoed
Asda	Blackwood Newbridge
Asda Blackwood. Need to get keys at Aldis. Wetherspoons upstairs. Blackwood Town not good surely under the Equality Act regular facilities should be provided.	The toilet block northern end of town in appalling state, no grass cut - private. I have been in detailed discussing with Andrew Highway and Mike Jones planning enforcement several representations.
Unless you go into a pub or coffee shop, there is only Asda available.	N/K
Not aware there are any toilet facilities available	As above

	The only good toilet facilities is if you shop in Asda or go to a pub.	
	Asda	N/A
	Blackwood library - when its open. Some of the cafes when they are open. Asda.	Any toilet that hasn't been cleaned regularly or has enough - soap, paper towels etc.
	Only in Asda	Shortages of toilets
	Only in Asda	Shortage of toilets
	Mainly private ones and they are often cleaner and have nice decoration.	Small cubicles, small doors with not a lot of height and no hand soap.
	Bus station toilets and supermarket toilets are good, however if local businesses would open their toilets it would provide more flexibility.	
	Asda	
	Library	KFC
		Bus station toilets are disgusting and De never open long enough! Vile, smelly, unhygienic
Caerphilly	In Caerphilly the toilets available during the day are at the Visitor Centre or Morrisons Supermarket both of which are a good standard. There is no provision in the evening however people could use the toilets in the pubs if needed until closing,	N/A
	There are toilet and changing facilities available in many businesses in the town, along with the ones provided by the council.	
	I don't use toilet and changing facilities in Caerphilly, but it is very important that toilet facilities are clean, accessible and don't cost too much as this is an essential feature for visitors.	
	Asda Morrison's	
	They have a baby change in some off the shops for example Morrison's and the Library in the town.	With disabled toilets there should be a change station for people with physical disabilities, I never see any of these facilities in Caerphilly. They have toilets but not adequate change stations. Only for people who have babies and toddlers.

Facilities are available in the town centre pubs and eateries, including the Malcolm Uphill pub which are adequate.	Public facilities are very poor in Caerphilly town centre, facilities are the top of the town near the bus station are often dirty and smelly and do not have toilet tissue. There should be a toilet block in Crescent Road car park, there is enough room to build a block.
Used to be the visitors center	Morrisons
	Near station
The only toilets available are at the visitors centre at the bottom of town! These are not open after 5-6pm	The toilets in Morgan Jones park are disgusting
Caerphilly Library.	
Facilities at the tourist information centre in Caerphilly have recently even upgraded, which are to a high standard but tourists and visitors don't know these facilities exist.	Toilets near the train station in Caerphilly are very poor. This is the main bus and train link for the area it doesn't leave a good impression to all service users and tourists when you have substandard facilities like these.
none	Caerphilly town by the visitor centre
Tourist info centre	Top of caerphilly town toilets is a vile smelly dingy place that needs a refurb
Only 2 are available to local residents, One is near the bus station and the other is at the Visitor centre. Why weren't toilet facilities installed when Castle Court was being erected?	
Cardiff Queens arcade	Caerphilly visitor centre. Used to be ok, now a bit shambolic. Pity, as these are a visitors first impression.
	toilets at north end of town, need some at south end, maybe there are some at the railway station but I am not aware of them
Morrisons is the only place I know in Caerphilly town centre.	Whats up the top of town?
public toilets close to tourist information centre and car park in Caerphilly opposite the Castle are adequate - I hope you are not considering closing this public facility	
I always use the facilities in the supermarkets (Morrisons in town or Tesco Crossways) as I know they'll be open and checked for cleanliness regularly.	I havent used the town facilities for years, they look grubby from the outside so I dont want to go in them, and they look as if they are shut alot of the time.
	There is no Changing Places anywhere in the County Borough of Caerphilly. A disgraceful lack of provision.

The nearest and best place is Morrisons the supermarket and easiest to get to.	The one in top of town is ok but don't have disability toilet and not ideal baby changing rooms. I found toilets down by the tourist clean and ok and cleaner entrance too. Both these places need wider entrance for wheelchair and prams.
New toilets in Caerphilly - excellent	
The new toilets at The Twyn	
Below the Visitor Centre in Caerphilly - recently refurbished disabled toilet and ladies/mens toilets.	At Caerphilly train station - old fashioned and in need of modernisation.
Caerphilly bus station	
Morrison's Supermarket is the only reliable and good quality toilets in the lower half of the town. At the top end you would need to visit a public house or Cafe. And even these can be hit and miss.	The toilets at the top end of the town are often closed, out of order or in a unhygenic state
In the Tourist information Centre the toilets are new and modern. However the doors are extremely difficult to open from the inside as they seem to have suction are are difficult to get a grasp on. I feel panicky about this and have noticed people not liking doors, just holding closed. The toilets near to the train station, although not particularly inviting, are clean and have good hand washing machines.	As above, the tourist info centre toilets have door problems.
Morgan jones park Morrison's - more baby changing facilities would be better Asda	Aldi Lidl
toilets in supermarkets or hostelries	do not use any public toilets
I usually use the toilets and baby changing facilities in Morrisons in Caerphilly as the room is big enough to get a pushchair in and has a toilet.	The toilets by the Visitor Centre are not great as last time I visited I couldn't fit my pushchair in the cubicle. There needs to be a separate clean baby changing room with a toilet.
Toilets under the visitor centre. But they have just been renovated and are poorly advertised.	Morrisons suoermarket toilets are pretty grim.
We visit Caerphilly library and they are ok	The public toilets beneath the visitors centre and very bad and now closed at the moment, I don't know if these will re-open or not
There is none	There are only 2 in Caerphilly and thay smell and are dirty
None seen	Morgan jones park absolutely disgusting. Would never use them

	Morrison's have a parent and child toilet with baby changing facilitys. And dissabled toilet as well as general toilets. Mostly in clean conditions.	The top of town are always locked and the ones buy the visitors centre are dark, no way of taking a pram into a cubicle with you if your shopping on your own with a child. And are cold and smelly.
		Should not have to comment on this. Toilet facilities should be available in all gowns and villages
	The visitor centre facilities are good but only for those lower down in town.	Morgan Jones Park - the toilets are disgusting! And often locked!
		Would love an improvement to Morgan Jones Park toilets. Often there will my children when the wc is locked. General upgrade would be great.
	Caerphilly Library, Visitors Centre (new toilet block), Costa Coffee.	Morgan Jones Park (very poor)
	Caerphilly Visitor Centre	
	Library	Morgan Jones Park
		Caerphilly town centre - very uninviting
	Any toilet which has thought about people outside of the average. Such as trans people, intersex people and people with disabilities is a good toilet. People like us shouldn't be an afterthought. We should be baked into the foundations of these spaces.	Any toilet which has thought about people outside of the average. Such as trans people, intersex people and people with disabilities is a good toilet. People like us shouldn't be an afterthought. We should be baked into the foundations of these spaces.
	Morrisons in Caerphilly Asda Public toilets (The Twyn)	Not aware of any provision top of Caerphilly town
Crosskeys	There are none	There are none
	There are no facilities in Crosskeys at all to my knowledge	Poor or otherwise they just do not exist.
	None	There is a toilet block in Waunfawr Park, Crosskeys, but I cannot comment on the quality of the facilities, as I have never found it open! I take my young grandchildren to the park, and every time I have tried to use the toilets, they have been closed and I have had to take the children home. I'm obviously not at the park all the time, but on every single occasion that I have tried the doors, they have been locked. It's a very popular park, and people come quite a distance to visit. If you want people to continue visiting the park, surely the toilet block should be open during the daytime.
	None	None
	The only toilets in Crosskeys are in Waunfawr park and usually not open	as in the good quality comment there is only one public toilet in the whole of Crosskeys and its usually shut, its been out of use also when it has been open

	NONE COUNCIL TOOK THEM DOWN	NONE AVAILABLE COUNCIL TOOK DOWN
	Unlocked all the time	Not very clean
	Unlocked all the time	Not very clean
Crumlin	None	?
Cwmcarn		no toilet available
Deri	None	None
	?	??
	Deri community centre	My mum's room's toilet
Fleur-De-Lis	There isn't any.	There isn't any. The public toilets has been locked and left as an abandoned shelter for people to loiter and drink alcohol and listen to loud music disrupting the people who live in the area.
	Asda	Bargoed bus station
	none	na
Hengoed		No
Llanbradach	Twyn toilets are ok or Morrison's	
	There is no toilets available, Llanbradach has a big park and a small village centre. Public toilets would be very useful to bring visitors into the village.	There is no toilets available, Llanbradach has a big park and a small village centre. Public toilets would be very useful to bring visitors into the village.
Markham	There is a Bush that is handy to urinate in	There is sometimes people around so can't have privacy
Nelson		There is not a bus stop in Nelson but a bus station, people travel from Merthyr, pontypridd, bargoed, and Caerphilly but there are no toilets to relieve oneself
	Some facilities in pubs and cafe's if you are a customer	N/A
	There are none here	There are none here
	None available.	None available.
		No toilets available in Nelson
	There's one in the library but as it's not open on a Tuesday Thursday Saturday afternoon or Sunday it isn't always available	
	In local pubs / cafes	
	THE FACILITIES PROVIDED BY CCBC ARE OF FAIRLY GOOD STANDARD THE PROBLEM IS THE TOWNS AND VILLAGES ACROSS THE BOROUGH THAT DO NOT	

	HAVE ANY FACILITIES	
	None available in local village. public toilet was closed by the council. only toilets that are available are in pubs and not suitable for children or wheel chair users.	
	None available	None available
	Absolutely none disgraceful	None- we should be so lucky
	None available.	·
	In th library	
	None	None in Nelson
	There are not any available	There are not any available
	There are none.	There are none.
	There are no public toilets good or poor in Nelson	None available
	there are none	there are none
	I don't know of any	None available to my knowledge
	Local businesses do not have facilities. The library only open certain times for use of their toilet.	None available.
	There are no toilet or changing facilities in Nelson.	
New Tredegar	None available	None available
	New Tredegar Library	
Newbridge	None	None
		We had Public toilets in Newbridge but were closed 2015 we put in a reqquest that we would clean and maintain, turned down by CCBC. it has been sold off to be turned into an hairdressing saloon which we have fair to many in the village.contacted Welsh assembly not interested until 2017 now this has come about its about time theleft hand knows what the right hand is doing ????
	Blackwood has one public toilet situated in the bus station. This is at least better than none.	Newbridge has no public toilets .
		Many toilets are closed between 5 to 6 pm, what does one do?

The only available toilets are in the Memo which I use but only when it's open.	As my husband is disabled there are no disabled toilet facilities at all in newbridge, there are no changing facilities for children & babies anywhere in newbridge the only place we could use a toilet is the Hotel, which I have never stepped foot in, the Memo when it's opened or the leisure centre, which is the other side of the village. We used to have toilets in newbridge but these are now being turned into a nail bar. Our toilets were close 4 years ago due to funding but why did Risca toilets have a refurbishment & ours closed. It seems a shame that our little village has lost our toilets as I think this is one of the reasons people don't shop in Newbridge. I would love to see toilets brought back to Newbridge.
The only facilities at all are those in the Library.	
None available	
We have no toilets for local people or visitors in Newbridge a lot of men suffer from prostrate problems and need to have somewere to visit as well as young ladies with there issues, young families with children, and the list goes on.it means that a lot of people bypass Newbridge so the local shops suffer for this .the council sold off our local toilet.to be used as a nail bar, I personaly am a pensioner and I am told that Newbridge hotel is available, this is not suitable, why would I have to go into a bar to use these toilets, and suffer the indignity of walking through crouds of drinkers.lam advised that there are there are two more venues of which are both out of the village .this is not acceptable	We have no toilets in Newbrige or changing facilities.
None known	
Loccal pubs and clubs when they are open	
	I am not sure if the toilet I have used in the past is still open. I do not remember it being very pleasant though.
There are no public toilets available	There are none available

	Absolutely none available. Previously told that the Council had given money to three businesses in Newbridge in order for the public to use their conveniences. However, two of these, Suite Dreams and McDonalds, are quite a distance from the town centre and the third is The Newbridge Hotel which is not open in the mornings when the majority of people visit the decreasing number of businesses. Many elderly people avoid Newbridge due to lack of public conveniences and it is adding to the ever growing demise of the once popular town centre.	None available.
	Newbridge memo	
	The only toilets available to the public in Newbridge is the memo and these are well kept.	As stated above, the only option for public use toilets is at the memo; the accessibility to public toilets is very poor. For people who suffer with illnesses such as Crohns or IBS, accessibility to toilets is crucial so this is definitely something the council can improve
		No
		Cardiff
	McDonalds, leisure centre - not as much in town centre	Not many toilets about
		No
		Cardiff
	There are no appropriate, free to access toilets or changing facilities	See above
	None of your toilet facilities are friendly to someone with a visual impairment. Why do you not have roommates???	
Oakdale	The only facilities are in the local supermarket for changing	Not enough of them
Pengam	?	Closed down several years ago
Rhymney	Recently visited Crickhowell & pleased to report good toilet facilities available to visitors	There has not been any toilet facilities to residents or visitors in this or neighbouring villages/towns
	None	None
	We don't have public toilet facilities in Rhymney	We don't have any facilities
	Don't know	
Risca	Do not need to use them as we live in Pontymister and only go to supermarkets as 86yrs.	Not known

	There is only one facility available in the village that I visit most often	One facilitates been closed and the size of the village more than one facility would be beneficial
	Risca Park toilets are fab	
	The toilets are of an age where to say they are in good quality I would be struggling to agree.	Because of their age the toilets are in very poor condition. In my opinion they are inadequate to meet the requirements of someone who like myself is disabled. It would be better to either rebuild them to modern building standards or do a full refurbishment to again bring them up to date.
	tesco	
	Very basic and need updating	
	risca libuary	
		The only public toilet in Risca, on Tredegar street by the park, needs updating.
	None	Insufficient facilities available. Poor quality for a Crohns sufferer
	The toilets in the library are kept clean and tidy. But they are only open during the library opening hours	The toilets by the park are usually very messy and can be dirty and smelly on occasions.
	there is only one public toilet available in Risca,	
		Risca park toulets
Tir Y Berth	None	None
Trethomas	None available	None available
		As a person with a disability I don't know of any public toilets in my area.
Wyllie	There are no toilets in my village at all and the ones in Blackwood are not always open. You have sold off Newbridge ones and knocked down pontywaun ones. There are inadequate ones.	There are no toilets in my village at all and the ones in Blackwood are not always open. You have sold off Newbridge ones and knocked down pontywaun ones. There are inadequate ones.
Ynysddu	What toilets?	Well we don't have any to be poor
Ystrad Mynach		

Tesco provides the facilities.	Disabled toilet facilities are OK for people who can transfer from a wheelchair to the toilet. However, there is nowhere within the whole of the borough, that I am aware of, that enables people who need to be hoisted onto a bench/bed for changing to do so. These facilities are available in Cardiff. We have Trinity Fields School in Ystrad Mynach and it is unacceptable that young people with the most severe disabilities from that school cannot be changed anywhere in the borough if they go out for a day trip. Ystrad Mynach Toilets at bus station are not open early mornings or late evenings
Ystrad Mynach library when open	Ystrad Mynach bus station
The toilet next to gafachinos is a good size and I feel safe using it as	
Good facility next to bus stop	Only know of the one by bus stop
Main bus stop toilets are great when open	
Do not know, as I am disabled	I do not know as I do not use them
The facilities opposite the library in ystrad mynach are just about adequate which is disappointing. However I appreciate the Authority is up against it financially and strives to keep the facilities open	Caerphilly is appalling but I understand new they are currently being overhauled.
	Facilities in Ystrad Mynach are limited. They should be available for most of the day and late into the evening. The public should not have to pay for the toilet facilities in the town
If needing the toilet/changing facilities whilst out shopping in Ystrad Mynach I would use Tesco. They are generally quite clean and have the added facility of a baby changing area. The toilet facilities in Coffee 37 and Gaffacinios are both adequate and they do have a very small changing facility for children. Gaffacinios also has a accessible toilet, however the toilets here require a key to open and there are often cues.	There are no public toilets as far as I am aware in the town.

Unfortunately, the times when public facilities are most needed is 'out of hours', when the big supermarkets and stores etc. are closed. This however presents the problem of the need to staff the facilities for hygiene, safety and security. I appreciate the costs that this would involve. I would be willing to pay (per visit) for this facility if it were available during the evenings.	
Don't know any near Penallta park especially with the use of the park for parkrun both Saturday and Sunday	
Local authority facilities	
There are none in any of the villages or towns	Ystrad is disgusting smelly and I don't feel safe using them
Ystrad Mynach Library Café 37 Gaffachinos Tesco	

ANNEX 6: Comments by attraction or park

NOTE: Comments that are considered to be offensive or compromise anonymity have been removed.

Attraction	Good quality toilet and changing facilities	Poor quality toilet and changing facilities
Abertridwr Park	only available in park. not heard great things about these	n/a
Bargoed	There are no Good Facilities	many time I have had to go behind a tree or bush as no toilets available for use
Bargoed Country Park	None	See previous answer about disabled changing facilities.
Bargoed Library - Heritage Site	Good quality facilities are available at Bargoed Library where there are council staff where the library staff are always helpful be it with information, support, resources or just a smile!	
Bargoed Park	N/A	N/A
		Bargoed park!! Terrible!!!
Bryn Bach (Blaenau Gwent)	Bryn Bach Park have very good toilet facilities	
Bryn Bach	Bryn Bach facilities are very good	Facilities at Pen-y-fan pond are basic
Bus Station	none Keep them clean	always a mess / smells
Cae Twmpyn Park, Newbridge	None	None
The Visitor Centre - Caerphilly	None at the TIC	Station toilets at Caerffili train and bus station need redesign and referbishment
	Caerphilly gallery Caerphilly Visitor Centre have	
	The Caerphilly toilets have been done out and they are very nice	
	and clean. *Caerphilly town centre	
	The Twyn Caerphilly town centre	
Caerphilly Castle		Last time I visited Caerphilly Castle recently, the baby change

Caerphilly Castle	Shop Shop No disabled adult facilities available.	pull-down table was out of order!! So I had to change my baby on the solid surface next to the sinks! Also there was no soap in the ladies toilet No accessible toilets for people in wheelchairs, pushchairs No toilet for people in wheelchair or pushchairs in Caerphilly Castle Same as above. Need upgrading
Grounds		
Crosskeys Park	Nothing!	Sometimes good, sometimes bad = smell and poo on the floor
Crumlin Park Cwm Darren Park	? In Cwm Darren toilet facilities are fine 10 - 4 at the visitor centre but this is closed October to March and in the evenings. Many people visit on fine summer evenings or in the winter but no toilets. Toilets are on;y available in one place yet it is a big park. In the cafe area there are toilets but not enough and there should be more at the opposite end of the park.	?
	Nice park, good local cycle route	What are the facilities exactly? I have no idea. I visited in June on a Sunday day time and there were none. You would expect some facilities particularly if you are charging at the car park. Apparently my daughter visited recently in august and there was a toilet and café open. Where is the information about this so a visit can be planned? If I am cycling a distance to visit or am bringing my three young grandchildren, 2 in nappies, in a car to visit, I expect to find an open toilet and changing facilities at the very least, during daylight hours regardless of the time of

	They are clean and well cored for	year. If the park is open so should the toilets be. If you want the local population to be active all year round then make it possible to have a wee when out please.
	They are clean and well cared for but only when the visitor centre is open	
Cwmcarn Forest And Visitor Centre	car park near cwmcarm vc adjacent ro bike hire	
	Toilets kept clean and tidy at all times	None
	Cwmcarn scenic are good ones	
	Cwmcarn scenic drive visitors centre is a good quality facility	Penyfan pond
	Cwmcarn Visitor Centre has good facilities when the centre is open. Unfortunately the facilities are not available when the centre is closed, even though the site is used regularly out of hours.	Sirhowy Toilets, near Full Moon - the lights didn't work last time which made using them dangerous.
Fleur-De-Lis Field	N/A	N/A
Islwyn Park	There are none available	
Llanbradach	There is no toilets available, Llanbradach has a big park and a small village centre. Public toilets would be very useful to bring visitors into the village.	There is no toilets available, Llanbradach has a big park and a small village centre. Public toilets would be very useful to bring visitors into the village.
Llancaiach Fawr	the main building facilities are good overall.	sometimes the toilets are blocked and the seats are damaged in the education block.
Llancaiach Fawr, Pen-Y- Fan Pond	None.	As an adult with a physical disability, there is no where in the borough I can use the toilet, as I use an electric stand aid hoist. Also the space between the sink and the toilet is to close, there should be more room to access the toilet from straight on, as not everyone is able to transfer and/or use a tracking hoist.
Morgan Jones Park	Lovely park well maintained	Awful toilets
	There aren't any!	The toilets in Morgan Jones park

		are absolutely disgusting, not fit
		for dogs never mind humans
	None	101 dogo flovor fillina flamano
	none	none
	Tione	Toilets are often blocked or out of
		toilet paper, toilets are often
		flooded and very dirty. No soap
		and no private changing access.
	None that I am aware of	Parks generally fall well below
	Trong that Fam aware of	what I consider adequate
		facilities
	The toilets at The Old Library but	The actual park toilets are
	you have to pay for food to use	horrible. Not pleasant for tourists
	them.	or locals.
	Playground is very good.	or roodis.
	I use the toilets in the Cafe the	Again never seen them open. I
	Old Library, they have done up	am not sure through are they still
	the toilets in Morgan Jones park.	working on them?
	I never seen these open when I	working on them:
	have walked passed during the	
	summer holidays. The old toilets	
	were digusting they were the old	
	metal toilets. I am hoping that the	
	new toilets will be open more	
	soon.	
	30011.	The toilet block is old, small and
		in need of refurbishment.
		Morgan Jones Park, park not
		easy for wheelchairs
	Nothing	Morgan Jones Park
	Old library cafe	Worgan cones r and
	There are toilets at Morgan jones	
	park but the baby changing could	
	be improved by increasing	
	number of available cubicles &	
	baby changing stations	
	The old library cafe have 2 good	Morgan jones park toilets have
	toilet and baby changing facility	only been open once when i
	loner and baby changing facility	have been there.
	There aren't any. Most people	The toilets at the park are
	use the facilities at The old	absolutely disgusting.
	Library as the toilets are so	absolutely disgustiffy.
	disgusting in the park.	
	Library	Morgan Jones Park
	Toilets, paper towels, soap, toilet	Not sure
	paper	NOT SUITE
Nelson Bus	No toilets open in Nelson this is a	No open toilets at bus station
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Pen-Y-Fan	Toilets are in desperate for	Toilets are in desperate for
Pond	refurbishment.	refurbishment.
	There are toilets near the	The toilets are cold and dark and
	caféthat is the only point.	only open during certain times
	There are no good quality toilets at pen-y-fan	The toilets are at best adequate
	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	Toilets only available during summer weeks and in poor condition
	Not open all year round	
	None	Pen-y - fan pond toilets seem to open for short amounts of time
	None	Every time I visit the pond the toilets are closed. I don't ever remember going in them. I wait until I get home.
	Parking is very good. Restaurant very good Path around penyfan has been tar marked - good	Sometimes dogs are not under control
	Compared with most they are not too bad but would like to see them cleaned more often and a refurbishment plan put in place to maintain their appearance	Toilets at Pen-y-Fan Pond could be cleaned more regularly considering that you pay a fee for this carpark.
Penyrheol Park	None	None
	As far as I know there are none available, there are toilets in the bowling club but I don't think the general public may use these.	In Penyrheol Park there are no public toilet facilites at all, which there should be. The toilets that were there were removed and not replaced.
Pontllanfraith Children's Park	None	
Pontywaun	None	None
Rhymney Park		No toilets in rhymney park
	None available	None Available
Rhymney, War Memorial Park	There are none	There are none
Risca	Don't know	Don't know
	Toilets	
		Needs updating.
Riverside	There are no facilities	

Walk Bedwas		
And		
Trethomas		
Senghenydd	None	There are no toilet facilities at
		senghenydd park
	None	
Showfield,	None	Most parks within County
Blackwood		Borough - but finance is the
		problem. Can we lobby AMs and
		do a business case to the
	NI/A	Assembly.
	N/A	N/A
	N/A	N/A
	None available	None available
	Caerphilly excellent	Only facilities I know in Bargoed is Morrisons
Sirhowy Park	Toilets sometimes closed at odd	Rather old and dirty could use
	hours not always open til	improving/updating.
	5:00pm	
Taff Bargoed	Cwmcarn scenic drive visitors	
And Penallta	centre	
The Big	The toilets located below the	
Cheese	Tourist Information Centre were	
	clean and accessible.	
The Visitor	Nice spacious accessible toilet	NA
Centre -	and facilities at the Visitor Centre	
Caerphilly	in Caerphilly	
	Not suitable for people with	The standards and facilities do
	disabilites or special needs .	not meet the toilets needs of the
	Longer opening times are	community
	needed during the spring,	
	summer and autumn months and	
	weekends as the park is well	
	used by families during these	
Trothomoo	times.	None
Trethomas	None	None
Park Waunfawr	Vary limited and often primitive	
Park	Very limited and often primitive. Facilities throughout the borough	
rain	r acilities tilloughout the borough	Not open often
	Toilets are power open in	Not open often
	Toilets are never open in Waunfawr park	Toilets are never open in Waunfawr park
	None	None
	N/a	N/a
	None	
Worn Park	None available	See my previous comments None available
Wern Park, Nelson	INOTIC AVAIIANCE	INOTIC AVAIIANIC
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	None available.	None available.
	None there	None there
	There are no facilities available at Wern Park, Nelson.	
Windsor Avenue Park, Newbridge	None available	
Woodfieldsid e Playground	No facilities are available	No facilities are available
Ystrad Mynach Park		None available
		The toilets are there but need a bit more cleaning
	Ystrad Mynach RFC	N/A
	Ystrad Mynach Park Blackwood Bus Station	
	None	Ystrad Mynach Park
	None	None
	There is no cleaner There are needles over the floor There are always druggies or homeless sleeping in the toilets	They are never clean There is no toilet papers They are smashed
		The toilets are a disgrace, I wouldn't want to use them, I have tried on several occasions and they are stinking dirty! Not fit for purpose.
	None	None
	None available	None available

ANNEX 7: Tell Us More - Digest of Comments

General

1. Crosskeys had toilets taken away 2. Retired and out of work people could be paid to check and clean fully accessible toilets 3. No private businesses in area of the few shops could be made to open to public 4. Now have train station where old toilets were mothers and disabled cannot use train loos. A recent visit to Hereford was really impressive as they had information posters identifying where when and what facilities are available. Caerphilly borough has poor facilities for adults with disabilities. And there is a distinct lack of consideration for adults who may need. Hanging facilities. It's difficult enough to find appropriate clean safe spaces for those without any additional need!!!

A small charge towards better upkeep will help to aid fund the facilities and also deter drug users using the toilet area to inject themselves.

Adult disabled facilities needed in every toilet.

Always in a filthy state and have drunk people hanging around

Any toilet which has thought about people outside of the average. Such as trans people, intersex people and people with disabilities is a good toilet. People like us shouldn't be an afterthought. We should be baked into the foundations of these spaces.

As a disabled person having to use a mobility scooter I feel in Blackwood I am limited to the number of shops I can visit due to the high step to get in to them and the fact that none have adequate disabled toilets if any toilets at all. It would not be so bad if there was public toilets on the high street, and let's face it there is plenty of room for them to be built. It is having an effect on the trade as well because it pushes people like my self to have to stay away from the High street independent shops and go to the big retail outlets.

As a physically disabled individual there are no toilets I can use in the C.C.B.C area. I am only able to go out for 3 hours before I have to start making my way home to use the toilet, this has caused a lot of problems for me socially which has impacted on my emotional well being, imagine having to live your life around a clock! It isn't the best/healthiest way of life.

Bedwellty Cemetery toilet facilities are closed at weekends, just when it is most busy!

Being a Partially Sighted person I feel strongly that there should always be an attendant present. These days many people over 55 years old, both male and female, are suffering from eyesight problems. The Council needs to take this situation into consideration when providing public toilets. How many blind people will be able to fill in this survey? How does the Council consult these residents and ratepayers.

Blackwood Bus Station

Blackwood disable parking to far from the shopping area

Blackwood high street and pen y fan pond toilets are the only toilets I would visit... Both are needing refurbishment and regular cleaning

Blackwood only toilet open to the public is in bus station.

Caerphilly good, well marked signs for everything. Cwmbran quite good.

Cleanliness

Do not understand why is it that we have toilets in this village of Nelson but CCBC closed them. You should open them.

Don't know where toilets are situated or available. Shops have signs saying toilets for patrons use only. Entrance to the toilets not wide for people in wheelchair or mob-scooter or prams. Spaces a bit small in the toilets, need wide open spaces.

Finding the toilets can be a problem

Friends and family have made it known that they find shopping in Blackwood stressful because of lack of toilet facilities. There is a common thought that most shoppers have to use the local Asda store for some of their shopping just for the use of the toilet facilities. This is quite a trek for people with mobility/health issues, or parents with, young toddlers, who are doing their shopping in the High Street. People shouldn't have the extra pressure of having to use a local pub, restaurant or shop when there is only a need to use their toilet facilities.

Haven't got one that I know of

I am disabled and I have not visited Blackwood for ages because much of the town is inaccessible.

I am VI and all of the available toilets discriminate against me. Why haven't you had roommate fitted in any of them??

I cannot answer this because I try to use café facilities

I have a medical condition and needs to be able to use a toilet without much warning and it is unnacceptable that there are no facilities available. I would be prepared to pay to use a toilet.

I have a medical condition that affects continence and often need to use toilet facilities. There are no public facilities anywhere in the village and in the local park (Wern) again zero. You have to use a bush in the park (I jest not) or if you need to use the loo in the village you simply have to rush home. This is unacceptable with the number of residents in Nelson now (and increasing). We talk about free sanitary products being made available but basic toilet facilities are completely overlooked! Only in Britain

I have a medical condition which impacts on my bowels. There are certain places such as parks which I do not feel comfortable with visiting due to the lack of provision for toilets.

I have none

I have used the public facilities at the Bus Station in Blackwood in the day time though several times they have opened later than usual which meant a trip to the cafe where I had to pay 50p for the use of their toilet.

I haven't experienced any issue to date

I hope this local strategy produced by CCBC will give realistic answers to the need for facilities and under the Future Generations Ad, wellbeing should now be improved. I am a Nelson Community Councillor, CCBC closed our available toilets at the bus station, even after petition of over 480. I sincerely hope that the public facilities grant which was introduced a few years is NOT reinstated as it failed then although the money given by WAG was never entirely used up and was a COMPLETE FAILURE.

I need a changing table and hoist in order to change my 12 year old who's complex needs. There are no appropriate facilities in the area that I know of, if we went out he would either have to sit in a soiled nappy or I would have to go home to change him.

I often walk around my local area for exercise but will plan a route where I can use a toilet, however, this is usually having to call in on a relative as the toilets are not convenient or open.

I personally don't mind having to buy a coffee in order to use the toilet. Similarly if public toilets had a charge of 20p per use I would not mind paying it, as long as they are maintained properly and located in the place where most needed. For example, there should be one at the top of Penallta park, in the car park. I also would like to suggest that whenever you identify the complete list of toilets provision in the borough you could also look at the possibility to provide also a water fountain in the same place that can be used to refill bottles (to reduce plastic bottles use and waste) and adequate waste bins.

I think a small charge could be applied to provide an attendant at the toilets for safety and cleanliness. I think most residents in Caerphilly have to rely on using toilets in shops or pubs as there are generally not enough public toilets.

I visit Blackwood but have no idea where the toilets are, if there are any. This puts me off visiting. Only one I found was in upstairs market are, not very nice. Where the towns are hilly or long there should be toilets a teach end if viable as people with children, older people, and those with medical conditions may find a long uphill walk a big problem.

I would rather pay a small fee and the facilities be cleaner.

I would wiling to pay for a disabled toilet if they were available

If public toilet facilities are in good order and regularly cleansed, then paying is justified.

If there are charges applied for toilet facilities then they should be well maintained, on a cleaning schedule that is supervised on a regular basis and that there are refurbishment programmes put in place to maintain quality standards at all times.

In the current economic climate I feel that it is an unnecessary expenditure. Whilst I agree that toilet and chancing facilities should definitely be made available for disabled users, I feel that there are enough businesses/libraries etc within towns and villages where people can use the facilities if needed.

It is a disgrace in todays age that we in Newbrige have no facilities of any kind.

I've heard Blackwood toilets are not safe in the evenings, they also smell.

I've noticed the decline in toilets at the visitors centre at Caerphilly town since it was unmanned. The conditions are often smelly and the sanitary bins don't appear to be emptied at regular intervals. Towns

in North Wales charge 20p + the toilets are in good condition and well maintained!

Many of these questions are difficult to answer on behalf of an organisation from a nelson perspective we would welcome the reinstating of the toilets and totally disagree with them being disposed of for commercial means there should be an extensive network of toilets across the borough and in every village to encourage visitors and regeneration of our town centres if toilets in commercial properties are to be considered then the facilities available, accessibility, appropriateness and opening hours should be primary considerations this is a personal observation: if toilets are to be made available in public building please ensure you include community centres

More baby changing facilities need to be set up with more baby changing cubicles with baby changing stations

My Dad has a colostomy bag and needs to change regularly, there simply isn't enough facilities available or clean enough.

Nelson bus station needs toilets for residents and visitors.

Nelson is a very busy village with a lot of through traffic, as businesses we need people to shop in the village, they don't stop as there no public facilities!

Nelson's public toilets were shut down without regard for residents needs, in particular the elderly and young children and those having medical conditions. When the library is open I have used the facilities there but the library is not open till 10.00 am and closed all day Tuesday and Thursday and most of weekends. The nearest public toilets are at Ystrad Mynach and they are of poor standard and of no use if you're visiting Nelson. Public toilets are not a luxury - they are a necessity and the lack of them can be very distressing for those in need.

Never open when needed

No park

No toilet facilities in Aldi or Lidl and feel there should be because we do not know of any public toilets. After shopping one often feels the need of a toilet - feel there should be toilet in both Aldi and Lidl.

none

None available in Nelson (unless the Urdd is here!)

None in Newbridge, a town with a large population of elderly people and school age chidren

Not always clear signage including distance from a sign even if there is one. Metal toilets are horrible, particularly for ladies to use. The move to free toilets meant reduced quality eg not all cubicles in use, broken locks, litter BUT they should be free. Lack of baby changing for unisex use. Cardiff has some. Small towns don't. Closure of toilets has been a problem, particularly if you have a disability like myself. Surely against Equality Act 2010????

Not aware where they are provided

Not enough, all been closed down

Not knowing where they are situated, too many steps or steep walks to access them or simply not available at all as in Nelson which is disgraceful considering that they are situated at the bus station which is frequently used by elderly, disabled and people with children.

Pen y fan pond dirty and close early Disabled padlocked in parc Penallta

Provide some free easy to use toilets

Public toilets in Nelson have closed. They were conveniently located next to the bus station. Since they closed I no longer travel by bus.

Q12 - these could try and be resolved

replied previously

See answer about disabled changing facilities

Shop or cafe toilets are for paying customers only, always says on the doors. We need more toilets that are cleaned throughout the day, at the top and bottom end of Blackwood town, disabled and baby change toilets too.

Some of the toilets none lock properly

Some shops in Caerphilly have signs up saying toilets are only for paying customers. There aren't enough baby changing facilities, especially ones that include a changing table and a toilet for parents to or older siblings to use .

Suffer with ibs do can't visit attractions if no facilities available

The £500 toilet refurbishment scheme for high street retailers should have been marketed better

The closure of public toilets is a disgrace. There are people who are afraid to go shopping in Newbridge and elsewhere because of the lack of toilet facilities. It is all very well closing things to save money but little thought seems to be given to the everyday needs of ordinary people. Towns, villages and parks are impoverished places because of toilet closures.

The lack of public toilets in Newbridge is shocking. Considering people suffering with Crohns or IBS, knowing that no public toilets are available, this can heavily influence their choice on where to visit as access to toilets is something crucial for their daily activities. This is similar for baby changing facilities, parents need a clean and accessible environment for their children.

The Morgan Jones Park toilets are covered in graffiti and the floors have lots of pee all over the floor. The one in Ystrad Mynach Park is not always open and the one in Caerphilly town centre is not easy to find for a visitor.

The toilet facilities in Nelson are a particular concern to me. Recently I had items delivered by two different companies and the van drivers asked to use my toilet. This is putting residents at risk. I was certainly taken by surprise. I didn't know who these people were. Because of the time of day there was nowhere available. The library is not open every day and the shops haven't public toilets. This also brings to attention the fact that because there are no toilets people have been seen urinating in the car park which is behind the toilets. Surely this is unhealthy and unhygienic. It should not be up to the shop keepers to provide these facilities. It is down to Caerphilly council to provide this service. What do we pay our council tax for.? We have a bus station that is always busy with coaches picking up holiday passengers and bus drivers that can't leave their passengers so they can go looking for facilities.

The toilets in Nelson are closed which should be opened.

The toilets in Ystrad Mynach Park rarely seem to be open.

The utter lack of any Changing Places facilities for the children and young adults I foster who are doubly incontinent and I end up having to change them on the floor of a toilet - quite disgusting.

The village of Nelson badly needs the toilet facilities to be reopened for all ages including people who are incontinent and people who travel by bus, including young children. I certainly would not ask to use the facilities of local businesses.

The village of Nelson needs toilet facilities. It is a busy village with a busy bus station and requires amenities to ensure that visitors have access to facilities for their needs. Without these I feel that local business could suffer. I would not ask to use business facilities and understand that they would not want any member of the public using their staff facilities either.

Their needs too be more done about hygiene and contamination off toilets and make them look and feel much more welcoming, and cleanse them regularly through the day

There are a lot of children using waunfawr Park, the toilets are not opened often enough

There are clearly not enough toilet provision in Blackwood. We currently have a footfall of in access of 30,000 people per week yet only have a couple of toilets located at the Bus Station which is accessible via an incline. This to me is extremely poor and I believe reflects badly on CCBC.

There are just not enough facilities in the borough

There are no facilities as far as I am aware to change disabled adults, such as hoists necessary. I understand that people changing disabled adults sometimes have to resort to changing them on the floor of public toilets or changing rooms. This is degrading, unhygienic and, quite frankly, dehumanising. This needs addressing in my opinion. I have no direct experience of this myself but it is something that other people have been affected by.

there are no public toilets that I know of in the borough where I regularly go , you rely on stores There are no signs to toilets in Caerphilly Town Centre (though not open at the moment anyway). How are tourists supposed to find them? There needs to be signs outside the castle, train station and Twyn Community Centre.

There are no toilet facilities in Rhymney or Pontlottyn

there are none, end of. CCBC started to close toilets about 12 years ago. There were toilets in Pontllanfraith, Maesycwmmer and Newbridge and if you went out for a drink and walked home, you knew there would be a toilet available if you needed it. Women cannot pee behind trees. Very often I have stopped going places because there are no toilets. CCBC should stop paying Mr O'Sullivan for not doing any work, recoup the money from him (for the last 6 years) and open up some more public toilets.

There are not always toilet facilities available at certain locations and other locations which have facilities are often dirty and smell. There is often water all over the floor. All public toilets should be

maintained and have an attendant as this would deter people from vandalising the facilities, or at least someone who checks on them periodically throughout the day and they could also have CCTV outside the toilets so it can be seen who enters and leaves the premises so if they were vandalised between checks it would be easier to see who vandalised the premises.

There are now many villages with no toilet facilities whatsoever.

There are only two toilet facilities in Blackwood, both are at the opposite ends of town, one in the bus station and the other in Asda supermarket.

There are too few of them

There aren't enough of them. If you have young children or a bowel condition it stops you going to places or means you'd rather go to bigger town centres instead.

There is a need for toilets in the main car park on crescent road where visiting coaches park especially in the summer periond

There is only one in Caerphilly town centre at the visitors centre and they are not open 24/7

There should be better signage to indicate where public toilets are situated. I think people would not mind paying 10p or even 20p providing the facilities are of a high standard.

There should be public toilets in areas that a. fair number of people visit In the lower Ennis of Caerphilly there should be Public toilets available and not reliant on shops and cafes

There should be signs on the disabled toilet to say not all disabilities are physical. I suffer from Chrons and sometimes require to use public disabled facilities but feel embarrassed using disabled toilet because I don't have physical issue

There's not enough

They aren't clean they aren't

They aren't clean, they aren't safe They don't lock

They closed it down

They need to be visible preferably in the high street or just behind, monitored, accessible, clearly signposted

Toilet facilities in shops should not be relied upon they are a business and are provided only for customers. Some libraries don't have public toilets. The facilities at our parks such as Ystrad park or Penallta and Parc Cwm Darren are abysmal due to being closed or absent all together and deter people from visiting. I should be able to visit a park in February on a Sunday and be able to use the loo, and know that if there is a loo it will be open. No toilet facilities discourage many people from visiting, and I am sure the public would visit more if their basic human needs are accounted for in an accessible, free toilet with changing facilities. They should be open during daylight hours at least all year round, 8am to dusk, in all substantially sized kids play parks (Ystrad, Morgan Jones Park) and absolutely all the open parks such as Penallta. It is shocking that we have no loos in Penallta, how do you expect a family to visit for any length of time? Or anyone at all? If I am cycling miles to get there I need a loo, not a bush, or I may as well cycle elsewhere. Also, people do leave their homes and visit these places in winter months, so we should be able to access toilets then, not just in summer.

Toilets are always dirty

Toilets can often be difficult to find, if the village even has them, ie, Blackwood and Newbridge... Please open and properly maintain the toilets in these two towns.

Toilets have been closed in Machen & Trethomas, nothing from N'port to Caerphilly. People have stopped their cars and peed in my garden! There should be a disabled toilet at Castle Court and in the middle of town Glanmores keep the key by the till, customers only have access.

Toilets need to be single sex. This is permissible under the exemptions provided by the 2010 equality act.

Toilets not being cleaned often enough. Not sufficient supplies of toilet paper, soap, hand towels.

Toilets should be family friendly. Toilets should be sex specific and not gendered. Safe spaces need to be available to vulnerable women and girls ..

Toilets should be provided by the council and free to use, we pay an extortionate amount of money each year in council tax and many residents don't feel we get value for money

Toilets throughout the borough have disappeared leading to people urinating in back lanes

Too few public facilities on the high streets. Others are dismal.

Too few toilets and short opening times. Not enough paper. Broken locks. Dirty conditions. And worst of all no soap, cold water and no drying facilities. They're really only suitable if you're desperate (if you can

find one that isn't locked)

Try running the gauntlet of visiting the Newbridge Hotel when there are drunken members of the public outside the hotel. You don't feel safe and it is definitely not acceptable for children.

Visitor toilets at Crescent Road Car Park for visitors and coach groups would be extremely useful. They would need to be open from 9.30am - 6.30pm every day in summer and shorted hours in the winter.

We desperately need a changing place for people with disabilities to use. It is unfair that those who require hoists and larger changing tables are unable to go out for more than a few hours as there's no where for them to go to the toilet. There isn't even one in the whole county! Completely discriminatory.

We don't have any

We havent got any

We need more

We need to educate traders and small business in towns - but some will ask for a bounty and if there is no money we will have a problem. The free bus from Blackwood Bus Station to Asda allows shoppers to use the toilets and facilities there.

When the YM Christmas Fayre takes place near the community centre at Siloh the public tend to use the toilets at the centre instead of using the public toilets by the library in the town, the public ones need to be more attractive and clean. It would be good to have toilets at the train station at YM as it is far from the toilets in YM pan mae ffair Nadolig Ystrad Mynach yn digwydd o gwmpas Canolfan Cymunedol Siloh, mae'r cyhoedd yn tueddu defnyddio toiledau y Ganolfan yn lle mynd i'r rhai cyhoeddus ger y llyfrgell yn y dref - mae angen i'r rhai cyhoeddus bod yn fwy atyniadol a glan. Byddai'n dda cael toiledau wrth ymyl gorsaf drenau Ystrad Mynach gan ei fod yn bell o'r toiledau yn Ystrad Mynach.

window badge system needed for private premises

With having to care for disabled person lack of provision is a major headache when out

With the exception of supermarkets I feel it is impossible to access a toilet in an establishment such as a café or restaurant without being a paying customer.

Would be very interested in knowing how many like myself would look for a 'supermarket' where their toilet facilities could be accessed.

You can't use shop or restaurant facilities if not a customer.

Responses relating to protected characteristics

After I reached over 70 I became invisible to most people and although I ask and was promised help from social services for a hand rail so that I could use my stairs at home - I was told I would have to wait up to 12 weeks for one to be fitted I am still waiting over a year later for it to be installed. No one cares anymore

Age and disability

Age and disability.

Age, health conditions and disabilities are affected by not enough toilet facilities available in many places throughout the borough

All of the above

Any toilet which has thought about people outside of the average. Such as trans people, intersex people and people with disabilities is a good toilet. People like us shouldn't be an afterthought. We should be baked into the foundations of these spaces.

as concerned neighbours of elderly and mothers/fathers locally and self when caught short as we have to visit toilets more frequently

Being a lady with of a certain age with bladder issues I always have to know where the nearest toilet is. Disability

Disability (my husband is also disabled)

Disability.

Disabled friends and family

First question in this survey is directing me to think purely of one location only. As I use multiple towns in the area as do most other people, you have inadvertently made us to think more narrow minded on future questions and not of the whole borough.

Gender, disability, age and parent!

Happy to give my views on this subject

Honestly?

I am over 65 and have bad knees so mobility is an issue as is using low level toilet pans

I am sight impaired

I find it embarrassing and degrading if I cannot find a public toilet should I require changing, it takes away my independence and makes me feel like a prisoner in my own home.

I have a continence disability so public toilets are so important to me and a necessity for me in my decision as to whether I go out and/or visit a destination.

I have a disability and sometimes need to use s toilet immediately. Also for the elderly people I've spoken to in Blackwood town.

I have a disabled parent and small children and there are never enough facilities available.

I have a Prostate problem that means I sometimes need toilet facilities fairly urgently. The lack of public toilets in places like Newbridge mean that I can no longer visit using a bus as I may need to sit in the back of my car and urinate into a special bottle.

I have a weak bladder due to previous operations and the close location of toilets are a real problem. Additionally the lack of toilets in Blackwood especially at night is disgraceful on the basis that many people are caught short leaving licensed premises, though there are no public toilets open at all at night in the centre of town.

I have responded to this survey because I have a baby and toddler and changing facilities are not always readily available. Also many toilets have a pull-down change table in the ladies toilet and you often can't fit the pushchair in the cubicle . This makes it extremely difficult to use the toilet myself when I am out on my own with my children.

I have two children and am disabled myself - the lack of facilities is terrible - if you charged a small fee like they do in Europe and provided clean toilets which are kept well I'm sure people would pay or do a key system which is supplied to residents like the disabled key system - I shouldn't feel unsafe going to a toilet and the stench is terrible

I have visitors who have a disabled adult who requires clean safe facilities when visiting & this important issue is overlooked.

I have young children, a transgender child and my husband has Crohns disease. This might have influenced my answer.

I just think that Caerphilly council over yrs ten to have closed or taken away the toilets in Caerphilly area no where on can use the toilets

If the council could remind the public that trans people have the PC of gender reassignment and, as such, it is unlawful discrimination to bar them from accessing toilet facilities of their gender that would be great. A periodic reminder is a pretty good thing as it does slip some people's minds.

I'm gender neutral. Sooo

Influenced negatively due to my age and disability.

Is there no end to this nonsense?

It has been influenced due to the fact that I am female. Due to obvious differences between the sexes the availability of public toilets are a particular concern for women. We need to sit down in private to urinate. We are more likely to have children with us that need to be changed or breast fed. We menstruate and should be able to deal with that outside of the home. A lack of public toilets particularly impact on women.

It is important to retain sex segregated toilets to be inclusive of women and men who are religious.

Mother of teenage child with asd and ibs

My age so was unable to answer some questions.

My daughter has severe cerebral palsy and were are very restricted about where we can take her for days out in the Caerphilly Borough.

My husband's Ulcerative Colitis

my response is somewhat influenced by my age. As a pensioner my need for good facilities is most probably greater than a younger person.

My responses have been influenced by having 2 young children. It was really difficult finding somewhere to use the toilet when my children still used a pram or buggy. There are very few places where an adult or older sibling who are too young to go to toilet alone can use the toilet that also have room for a buggy.

My responses to this survey is influenced by my physical disability.

None of these apply to me. Most people just want toilet facilities and are not influenced by politically correct reasoning. Whatever happened to good old common sense.

None.

Registered Partially Sighted, Night Blind.

Sex is a protected characteristic under the 2010 equality act - why isn't it listed here?

Sex is a protected characteristic. Why is this not included in the list? Sex is not the same as gender. Please ensure that single sex toilets are provided.

Thanks for standing against anti-trans bigots regarding toilet usage.

This survey is very relevant to all ages and has been needed for quite a while, since many of our local toilets have been closed or vandalised.

woman

yes, isn't it always with CCBC

Yes. My response is influenced by my age. In order for me to be less socially isolated and be able to visit my local village, I would benefit from having a public toilet made available.