


# Caerphilly County Borough Council

## Data Protection Impact Assessment Form

Location:	Gilfach / Bargoed Town Centre Cameras 34 - 45 / 47 – 48 / 172-176 / 180 - 184	Ref:	PERM073
Assessment Carried out By:	Carl Nesling	Title:	Control Room Manager
Date of Assessment:	14/03/19		

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

For what purpose(s) will the CCTV be used	<p>CCTV is used in accordance with Scheme objectives</p> <p>The key objectives of the <u>Scheme</u> are:</p> <p>To preserve life and to minimise the risk and danger to the vulnerable through effective CCTV monitoring.</p> <p>To assist in the detection of crime.</p> <p>To facilitate the identification, apprehension and prosecution of offenders in relation to crime and public order.</p> <p>To assist in the restoration of tranquillity and reduction in anti-social behaviour.</p> <p>To prevent or mitigate interruptions to traffic flow (not to enforce breaches of the traffic law).</p> <p>To assist in the reduction of the fear of crime and anti-social behaviour thereby promoting the reassurance of the communities affected and promoting community regeneration throughout the region.</p>
What are the benefits it is intended to address	It is intended to benefit the residents, visitors and businesses of Gilfach / Bargoed in dealing with issues identified in the scheme objectives.
What are the benefits to be gained from its use	The primary objective of the Scheme is to provide a safe environment for the benefit of those who live, work, trade, visit, serve and enjoy the facilities within the areas covered by Caerphilly County Borough Council
Can less privacy intrusive solutions (e.g. improved lighting) achieve the same objective	<p>Sufficient Lighting in the area both to benefit the users and assist in improving the quality of CCTV.</p> <p>No other long term solution is available to provide the coverage in both area and length of time, is available.</p>
Do you need images of identifiable individuals or could the scheme use other images not capable of identifying individuals	<p>The Scheme Owners will maintain policies and procedures to meet the requirements of</p> <p><u>BS 7958: 2015</u></p> <p><u>BS 7499: 2013</u> (Relevant Sections)</p> <p><u>BS 7858:2012</u></p> <p>Information Commissionaires CCTV Code of Practice</p> <p>Regulation of the Investigatory Powers Act (<u>RIPA</u>)</p> <p>Human Rights Act</p> <p>Health &amp; Safety at Work Act (<u>HSW</u>)</p> <p>Equal Opportunities Act</p>

	<p>Home Office Surveillance Camera Code of Practice Surveillance Camera Commissionaires Code of Practice.</p> <p>Images of persons are needed to be able to identify any person who commits any breaches of the scheme objectives and can be used by relevant prosecuting authorities.</p>
Will the particular equipment / system being considered deliver the desired benefits now and remain suitable in the future	The system is able to provide high quality images and the desired benefits needed to produce evidence sufficient for use by prosecuting authorities. System is modernised and updated to ensure continued high quality imagery produced.
What (if any) future demands may arise for wider use of images and how will you address these?	The main town centre area is covered along with the major roads in and out of Barged. Unlikely to have any permanent extensions to current system.
What are the views of those individuals (if any) who will be under surveillance	Please see Appendix 1.
What could you do to minimise intrusion for those that may be monitored, particularly if specific concerns have been expressed	Management system records all actions of operators allowing for audits of camera patrols plus privacy blocks on cameras to exclude any intrusion on private space.
Is appropriate signage informing individuals of the camera in place (if required)?	Signage installed on all roads and public entries into town centre along with signage within the town centre.
Proposed time period for installation of the CCTV	System already in place since 2000. PIA carried out in accordance with Surveillance Camera Commissionaires Code of Practice. PIA reviewed annually.
<b>This section to be completed by the Data Controller / Head of Service</b>	
Is the proposed system in accordance with the law? (Primarily the Data Protection Act and Human Rights Act)	Yes the proposed system operates in accordance with the law, British Standards and relevant Codes of Practice
Is it necessary to address a pressing need, such as public safety or crime prevention?	The town centre area has a number of licensed premises including a night club, retail premises and hosts a number of outdoor events. The cameras assist in both public safety and crime prevention in particular night time economy related issues, antisocial behaviour and business crime.
Is it justified in the circumstances	The number of incidents recorded, reported to Gwent Police, requests for assistance from Gwent Police justify its continued usage.
Is it appropriate to the problem that it is designed to deal with	Yes the camera system allows remote monitoring to support operational decisions on the ground and provide evidence of criminal breaches.
Approved by Nominated Person (signature)	Yes
Date: 27.3.19	Signed: 

Hi

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

The system at Bargoed is due for a review and I am contacting all relevant / interested parties for their views on CCTV to enable us to make an assessment on the continued use of CCTV. Attached are some statistical information for your area in previous 10 months 01/04/18 to 28/02/19.

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

CCTV Control Room – Bargoed

1885 targeted CCTV patrols carried out by operators  
16 incidents reported to police by CCTV  
139 incident monitored by CCTV not requiring police attendance  
49 police request for assistance for live incidents  
55 police requests to view retrospective CCTV footage after incident has already occurred.  
79 DVD's provided for evidential purposes.

Police.uk website

For period 01/04/18 to 31/01/19 there were 714 recorded incidents in the Bargoed ward and 308 recorded incidents in or near the area of the cameras.

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

Thanks

**Carl Nesling**

Rheolwr Ystafell Reoli | Control Room Manager

Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Caerffili | Caerphilly County Borough Council

Carl,

I feel that the statistics provided by you already show that there is a need for CCTV to continue to be provided in the Bargoed /Gilfach areas.

I would definitely support a case for keeping CCTV cameras in the Bargoed/ Gilfach areas for the following reasons:-

The cameras within the Bargoed / Gilfach areas cover a variety of Licensed premises and Fast Food outlets, which can all be places where Antisocial Behaviour /Crime can occur.

Also the main roads through the Bargoed / Gilfach areas provide a thoroughfare for travelling criminals providing an entry and exit route for travelling criminals along the Valleys corridor – CCTV coverage can often assist in identifying offenders vehicles.

We must also not forget that CCTV camera coverage not only helps to protect the members of the public, also importantly it helps to protect “The Protectors” – ( Community Safety Wardens and our colleagues in the Police; Ambulance and Fire Services and Street Pastors to name but a few).

With all services facing cuts in resources very often lone officers are called to incidents and CCTV coverage helps with their safety and protection by being able to monitor live incidents and for requests for additional resources to be passed on quickly to the relevant agencies.

As we all know, in many incidents CCTV footage has been vital in providing essential evidence to help obtain successful prosecutions at court

Indeed, in many cases there would be no successful prosecution without the CCTV evidence.

I feel that all of the above mentioned provide very valid reasons for keeping the CCTV camera network in the Bargoed / Gilfach areas.

Regards,

Alan Davies

Community Safety Warden107

Hi Carl,

The CCTV system in Bargoed is a valuable tool for Police as it not only assists us in catching offenders but also acts as a deterrent to criminal activity. The Bargoed Neighbourhood Team use the CCTV system on a nearby daily basis for investigations and it has enabled us to identify individuals responsible for both antisocial behaviour and criminal offences. The recent prolonged Antisocial behaviour around Morrisons and Bargoed Town centre is a difficult problem to solve however with the use of the CCTV at this location we have identified many of the culprits and have used CCTV to monitor the area whilst we are patrolling to assist us in identifying those responsible.

Kind Regards,

Eve.

*CSO 28 Eve Churchward*

*Bargoed Police Station,  
Hanbury Road,  
Bargoed.  
CF81 8XF.*

Carl

The figures support that the Camera`s remain in Bargoed. They are a valuable resource for the prevention and detection of crime and assisting with investigations.

*Greg Turley PC 1230*

**PC 1230 Stuart Greg Turley**

**CADRO**

**Caerphilly North Neighbourhood team / Tîm plismona cymdogaeth Rhymni**

Thanks Carl here is my answer for all:

CCTV plays a vital role in keeping our town centres safe. It supports the creation of a vibrant night-time economy by helping to provide a safe and secure environment for people to enjoy and also assists in tackling instances of anti social behaviour. It also contributes to the overall running of the town centres during daytime hours by ensuring that occurrences of retail theft can be detected and prevented. Finally, with increasing emphasis on experiential retail, town centre events have become an important factor in attracting visitors to our town centres. Having CCTV in place plays an important role in staging of events as it is a tool for the Police to use as they seek to protect visitors from the growing threat posed by terrorist incidents.

**Andrew Highway**

Rheolwr Datblygu Canol Tref | Town Centre Development Manager  
Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Caerffili | Caerphilly County Borough Council

Hi Carl,

Bargoed has an ongoing issue with youth related ASB which is being addressed but the CCTV is a vital part of reducing / preventing incidents from occurring.

Gilfach is a short distance from Bargoed Town centre and as such has associated issues.

This is a high demand area for crime and ASB.

I would support the continuance of CCTV in the area.

Many Thanks

Emma

Gwent Police

Hi Carl,

There is no question the CCTV system in the Bargoed town has proved to be essential in enabling the authority/police in monitoring any crime, antisocial behaviour, illegal parking etc. in the town and surrounding areas. I am totally opposed to any suggestions to reduce the current coverage of the CCTV's. I am sure ,the very fact we have the CCTV deters many potential incidents which obviously are not recorded.

Thank You Best Regards,Cllr Tudor Davies

**Cllr Tudor Davies**

Cynghorydd Sir - Bargod | County Councillor - Bargoed

Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Caerffili | Caerphilly County Borough Council

Hi Carl,

Thank you for your email and apologies for my slow reply.

I feel that the service that the CCTV cameras provide Bargoed is invaluable. Your figures show that it is well used. Also I hear local residents commenting on the use of CCTV too. The service would be sorely missed if we lost it.

Best wishes

Carol

**Cllr Carol Andrews**

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