

# Report

## Cabinet Member for Licensing & Regulation

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### Part 1

Date: 26 January 2018

**Subject** Maesglas Public Space Protection Order

**Purpose** The Cabinet Member for Licensing & Regulation is asked to consider and agree to public consultation on the possible introduction of a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) within the Maesglas area of Newport.

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**Ward** Gaer

**Summary** A Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) is designed to prevent individuals or groups committing antisocial behaviour in a public space where the behaviour is having, or is likely to have, a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality; and the behaviour is or likely to be persistent or continuing in nature; and be unreasonable.

The Maesglas area includes a collection of shops situated on Cardiff Road. To the rear of these shops there is a public path used by residents and others to gain access to the shops, a community centre and houses. There are two other routes of access readily available to these locations.

The Police and local Ward Members have asked for the introduction of a PSPO to implement the gating of the path and other appropriate measures, following a prolonged period of high levels of complaints from members of the public regarding crime and anti-social behaviour close to the shops, the path to the rear of the shops and residential streets nearby.

Included with this report is evidence of the antisocial behaviour from Gwent Police, Newport City Homes and officers from the Council's Community Safety Warden Service, along with three possible restrictions that could be included in a PSPO for the area, in addition to the closure of the path.

This report asks the Cabinet Member to agree that public consultation takes place as to possible measures to be included in the PSPO. Approval of a PSPO is delegated to Full Council. Therefore, following public consultation, a draft PSPO will be finalised and presented to Council for consideration and agreement.

**Proposal** To approve the planned public consultation on the proposed Public Space Protection Order within Maesglas.

**Action by:** Head of Law & Regulation

**Timetable:** Immediate

**This report was prepared after consultation with:**

- Head of Law & Regulation
- Head of Finance
- Head of People and Business Change
- Neighbourhood Manager/ Community Safety Warden Service
- Gwent Police
- Newport City Homes
- Ward Councillors

**Signed**

## 1. Background

The Antisocial Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, commenced in October 2014, and introduced the Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO).

## 2. What is a Public Space Protection Order?

A PSPO is designed to prevent individuals or groups committing anti-social behaviour in a public space where the behaviour is having, or is likely to have, a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality; and the behaviour is or likely to be persistent or continuing in nature; and be unreasonable. The power to make an Order rests with local authorities, in consultation with the Police, Police and Crime Commissioner and other relevant bodies who may be impacted upon by the Order.

The Council can make a PSPO on any public space within its own area. The definition of public space is wide and includes any place to which the public or any section of the public has access, on payment or otherwise, as of right or by virtue of express or implied permission, for example a shopping centre. The maximum length of a PSPO is three years, but it can be reviewed at any time.

When making a PSPO, the Council must have particular regard to the rights of freedom of expression and freedom of assembly and association set out in the Human Rights Act 1998.

## 3. Restrictions

Restrictions and requirements are set by the Local Authority and can be blanket restrictions or requirements, or can be targeted towards certain behaviour by certain groups at certain times. They can restrict access to public spaces (including certain types of highway) where that route is being used to commit antisocial behaviour.

Orders can be enforced by a Police Officer, Police Community Support Officer and delegated Council officers. A breach of the Order is a criminal offence and can be dealt with through the issuing of a Fixed Penalty Notice of up to £100 (to be fixed locally), or a Level 2 or 3 fine (£500 or £1,000 depending on the specific offence), on prosecution.

## 4. Appeals against the making of a PSPO

Anyone who lives in, or regularly works in or visits the area can appeal a PSPO in the High Court within six weeks of issue. Further appeal is available each time the PSPO is varied by the Council.

## 5. What to include in a possible Maesglas PSPO?

The Police and local Ward Members have asked that Newport City Council considers implementing a PSPO within the Maesglas area of the Gaer Ward. The area proposed to become a PSPO is shown on the map included at **Appendix E**.

Evidence of problems in the area and provided in support of a PSPO is included in the Appendices to this report:

**Appendix A** from Gwent Police

**Appendix B** from Newport City Council Community Safety Warden Service

**Appendix C** from Newport City Homes

A PSPO is intended to provide the Council and Police with additional powers to require individuals or groups from refraining from certain actions or to do certain things within specified times and within a clearly specified geographical location, to quote the Act "it can either be a blanket restriction or requirement or can be targeted against certain behaviours by certain groups at certain times".

**The proposed restrictions that we wish to consult on are:**

## **A. Gating of the path to the rear of Maesglas shops**

To the rear of the Maesglas Shops there is a path which allows the public to gain access to the shops, a community centre and houses. Unfortunately it is also used frequently by groups of people to congregate, with drug possession/abuse taking place together with other forms of antisocial behaviour, including intimidation of nearby residents. The path is also used by groups of youths to disperse after causing problems on surrounding streets. The path allows foot access by some of the retailers located at the Maesglas Avenue end of the row of shops, into the rear of their businesses. The remainder of the area behind the shops was fenced off some years ago and those premises can only be accessed from Bideford Road. It is proposed to gate the path and for the gates to be closed at all times unless required for access.

It is proposed that consultation takes place with all affected parties to see whether gating of the path is appropriate.

The positions of the proposed gates are shown on the map included at Appendix F.

An alternative route exists around the front of the shops on Cardiff Road, or along Maesglas Avenue and into the lane at the rear of Maesglas Avenue, accessed by turning into the road between 71 and 73 Maesglas Avenue.

Each of the retailers affected would be provided with a key to allow them legitimate access to the path, should this be required.

Funding for the proposed gating would need to be obtained before the PSPO could be approved.

## **B. Not to loiter or congregate in a street**

*'Not to loiter or congregate in a street or public place and use intimidating or threatening behaviour towards members of the public, cause a nuisance or other antisocial behaviour.'*

Within this report there is evidence from the Police which shows that groups gather in the street or residential areas using offensive or threatening behaviour towards residents, shop keepers or visitors, that is clearly intimidating and at times a criminal offence. There is also evidence of people being subjected to intimidation and threats to themselves and their property. The Police evidence covers the period from September 2016 until August 2017 and shows a diverse type of misbehaviour by groups and individuals.

The evidence by Newport City Homes focuses upon the impact on their tenants, whilst the evidence of the Community Safety Warden Service mirrors that of the Police.

The Police have stated that the benefit of the PSPO is where persons are engaging in this activity, or suspected thereof, even where the evidence might not be sufficient to meet the criminal standard of proof, the Police will be able to require them to leave the area. This power is not available elsewhere in law; a "Dispersal Order" requires the authority of a senior officer to put in place, which does not allow for immediate action to resolve the anti-social behaviour taking place, and in any case, only lasts up to 24-48 hours.

## **C. Drinking in a public place being restricted**

*'No person shall within the Restricted Area refuse to stop drinking alcohol or hand over any containers (sealed or unsealed) which are believed to contain alcohol, when required to do so by an authorised officer to prevent public nuisance or disorder.'*

The Police have also requested that this PSPO includes a public space drinking of alcohol banning order in order to reduce antisocial behaviour in the area.

## D. Possession of controlled substances

*'A person is prohibited from having in their possession, selling or supplying any intoxicating substance namely any substance with the capacity to stimulate or depress the central nervous system but does not include alcohol, tobacco or vaporisers; a person is required to surrender any such intoxicating substance in his/her possession when asked to do so by an authorised officer in the Restricted Area. A person does not commit an offence under this Order where the said substance is used for a valid medicinal use.'*

This restriction has been requested to prevent the possession and/or supply of drugs and other substances commonly known as "new psychoactive substances" or NLPs. It copies the constraint currently in place in Pill where a PSPO was enacted earlier this year. There is evidence of drug misuse in this area too.

## 6. Essentially the Council needs to consider:

- Is there a specific problem caused by particular activities?
- If so, what needs to be done to regulate or control the problem?
- What is the least restrictive way of achieving this?

## 7. Enforcement of the PSPO

A PSPO can be enforced by a Police Officer, Police Community Support Officer and delegated Council officers e.g. a Community Safety Warden. However, due the nature of the proposed restrictions- B to D at paragraph 5, enforcement is most likely to be carried out by Police officers.

## 8. Consultation

It is proposed that a public consultation be commenced for a 4 week period.

The public and partners will be invited to make comment on the proposed control measures set out in paragraph 5 above; whether they have experienced this type of anti-social behaviour or any other category of crime or anti-social behaviour; whether they support the control measures being proposed; or any other measures they would like to see considered; whether they agree the proposed boundary for the PSPO.

## Consultation Plan

Consultee	Medium
<b>COUNCIL:</b> Street Scene, Legal, Planning Regen, Community Safety- CCTV/ Wardens/ ASB. (Completed) Strategic Director –Place. Env Health, Licensing Trading Standards, Press Team, Street Scene.	Emails / internal meetings
Cabinet Member- Licensing & Regulatory Functions, CM- Streetscene and City Services. Elected Members of NCC for the Gaer Ward and the neighbouring Wards	
Newport City Homes and other registered social landlords for the area	Email/ meeting
<b>OTHER AGENCIES-</b> Gwent Police- Chief Officer for Newport and the Pillgwenlly Policing Team. South Wales Fire and Rescue.	Email / meeting
Police and Crime Commissioner	
Health Board	Email
Businesses in the area	Email / leaflet
All members of the PSB ASB Theme Group	E mail and attend meeting

THE PUBLIC/ Residents/ Local Shop keepers/Maesglas Community Centre (Committee and customers)/Communities First/Flying Start	Through Councillor Ward and Resident meeting/ leaflets Article in Newport Matters. Press release Twitter/ Facebook Web site (with a questionnaire allowing the public to say whether they have been affected by ASB in the area and what they would like to see in a PSPO)
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## 9. What is the Cabinet Member being asked to do?

1. To consider the embryonic list of potential restrictions and the proposed boundary of the PSPO.
2. Approve the consultation plan.
3. Oversee the consultation process to ensure it is robust, and that the outcomes are taken into consideration in drafting an Order for consideration by Council that would have public support. He would be asked to introduce the PSPO to Council.

## 10. Approving the Maesglas PSPO

The results of the consultation will be reviewed and a report and draft PSPO produced for consideration. Final approval will be by Full Council.

## 11. Financial Summary

Funding for the proposed gates has yet to be identified. Otherwise there is no financial impact from this report.

## 12. Risks

Risk	Impact of Risk if it occurs (H/M/L)	Probability of risk occurring (H/M/L)	What is the Council doing or what has it done to avoid the risk or reduce its effect	Who is responsible for dealing with the risk?
Council puts in measures that are not supported	H	L	Consultation. Listen to all groups that are affected.	Neighbourhood Manager
Council puts in measures that are disproportionate to the problems experienced and are open to legal challenge	H	M	Ensure the evidence is robust and that the measures that are introduced are balanced against the antisocial behaviour experienced and the right level of restrictions to address it. Take legal advice.	Head of Law and Regulation

## **12. Links to Council Policies and Priorities**

Ensuring that this work is completed as required will support the following Council Policies and Strategies:

The proposed PSPO has clear links to the aims and objectives of Newport City Council's Corporate Plan (relevant themes are "Resilient communities" and "A thriving city").

Newport's Community Strategy 2010-2020 "Feeling Good About Newport" (Relevant themes: "To be a prosperous and thriving city"; "To have a better quality of life"; "To have vibrant and safe communities").

The proposals also demonstrate that the service area is acting in accordance with the "Be Courageous" value outlined in the Corporate Plan: the proposal is ambitious in order to try and improve the situation for the local community.

## **13. Options Available and considered**

- i) To approve the public consultation on the proposed Public Space Protection Order within Maesglas, using the boundary and the consultation questions shown in this report.
- ii) Not to approve the public consultation on the proposed Public Space Protection Order within Maesglas.

## **14. Preferred Option and Why**

To approve the public consultation on the proposed Public Space Protection Order within Maesglas, using the boundary and the consultation questions shown in this report. This will allow the Council to consider the views of Partners and the public, make amendments where necessary and progress a report to Full Council.

## **15. Comments of Chief Financial Officer**

There are no financial implications as a result of this report as it is only seeking permission to begin public consultation on issuing a PSPO for Maesglas.

A funding solution to any investment, be it one-off or on-going such as the gates mentioned in the report, will need to be considered when the results of the consultation are known and a way forward agreed.

## **16. Comments of Monitoring Officer**

The Council has a statutory power under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 to make Public Space Protection Orders in order to prevent types of anti-social behaviour which have, or are likely to have, a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality and the behaviour is or is likely to be persistent or continuing in nature. The nature and extent of the PSPO must be reasonable having regard to the type of behaviour and its impact on the public.

In accordance with the legislation and the statutory guidance, the Council is required to consult with the Police, the Police and Crime Commissioner and specific community groups, and to have regard to any observations made before deciding whether or not to introduce any PSPO. However, because of the potential impact of any PSPO within the area of Maesglas, it is suggested that a public engagement exercise should be undertaken. The final decision regarding the adoption of any PSPO is a matter for Full Council.

When considering the need for any PSPO, the Council must act reasonably and, in particular, it must have regard to the Human Rights Act 1998. However, the rights and freedoms set out in the Articles to the Human Rights Act are qualified rights and can lawfully be restricted or limited where this is a necessary and proportionate means of achieving a legitimate aim, including public safety and the prevention of crime and disorder. It is a question of balancing rights and freedoms of individuals against the needs of the wider community. Therefore, the Council has to take a balanced decision regarding the need for a gating order restricting public access to the path at the rear of the shops and the other

proposed restrictions and their impact on the freedoms and rights of individuals. Any order must be a reasonable and proportionate means of preventing or reducing the detrimental impact of any specific type of anti-social behaviour within the Maesglas area.

Public support for a particular measure is not, of itself, sufficient grounds to make a PSPO. The Council needs to be satisfied that the proposed controls are justified because of a specific problem and a need to control the anti-social behaviour in order to protect the public. The Council also has to be satisfied that the extent of the controls or prohibitions is reasonable and that there are no alternatives, and less restrictive ways, of regulating the problems.

In this case, a gating order would appear to be reasonable and proportionate, having regard to the anti-social behaviour associated with the path.

There is a statutory right of appeal to the High Court within 6 weeks if a PSPO is considered to be unreasonable.

### **17. Comments of Head of People and Business Change**

As the data in appendices A, B and C indicate there have been significant rates of anti-social behaviour recorded in the Maesglas area. PSPO's are already in place in Newport City Centre and more recently Pillgwenlly and provide the Police with additional enforcement powers to address key issues which concern local communities and it is believed that similar powers could be effective in Maesglas. As a PSPO is, by nature, restrictive it is appropriate to consult with the local community on the specific conditions and this report sets out a framework for doing this.

There are no HR related matters arising directly from this report.

### **18. Comments of Ward Councillors**

#### Councillor Wilcox:

The ward members have held many meetings with various agencies over the past six months to try and ameliorate the issues that arise from anti-social behaviour within the community. We see a PSPO as a further tool in the box to help us address the growing issues of anti-social behaviour that has developed out a direct consequence of the poverty agenda that is being imposed on our communities by the failed policy of austerity from central government.

#### Councillor Marshall:

Would it be possible to consider looking at the underpass by Maesglas Close? It is an area where young people if not by the shops congregate.

I otherwise second my Ward Colleague, Cllr Wilcox's comments.

### **Scrutiny Committees**

No consultation with Scrutiny Committees has been undertaken.

### **Equalities Impact Assessment and the Equalities Act 2010**

An Equalities Impact Assessment has been completed and is included at Appendix G.

### **Children and Families (Wales) Measure**

The proposals set out in this report are not relevant to the aims of the Children and Families (Wales) Measure.

### **Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015**

The proposals set out in the report to be consulted on would contribute to a number of the Well-being Goals set out in the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. Relevant goals are "A more equal Wales", "A Wales of cohesive communities", "A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh



language". The proposals would contribute by helping to prevent problems of antisocial behaviour blighting the area, which would help to build a cohesive and sustainable community.

### **Crime and Disorder Act 1998**

The proposals set out in this report are designed to reduce Crime and Disorder and have been requested in part by the Police.

### **Consultation**

Comments received from consultation on this report are detailed in this report.

### **Background Papers**

Home Office Guidance on PSPOs

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/364851/Public and open spaces information note.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/364851/Public_and_open_spaces_information_note.pdf)

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## **List of Appendices**

### **Appendix A**

Gwent Police- evidence provided in support of the application

### **Appendix B**

Newport City Council Community Safety Warden Service- evidence provided in support of the application

### **Appendix C**

Newport City Homes- evidence provided in support of the application

### **Appendix D**

Draft public consultation questionnaire questions

### **Appendix E**

Map of the proposed PSPO coverage

### **Appendix F**

Map of the proposed positions of the gates to close the path

### **Appendix G**

Fairness & Equalities Impact Assessment (FEIA)

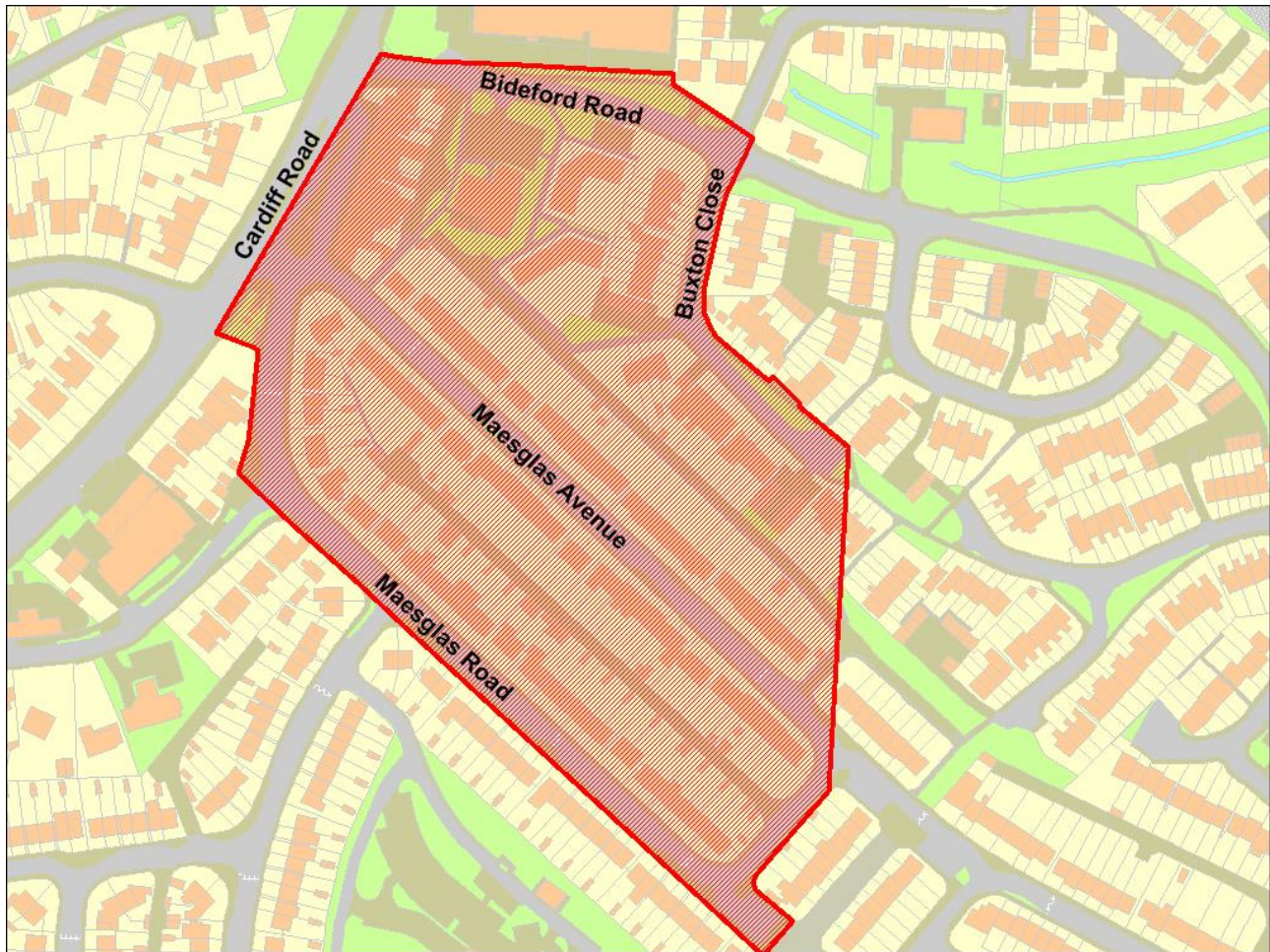
## Appendix D – Draft public consultation questionnaire questions

1. Have you experienced Anti-Social Behaviour in Maesglas in the past 12 months?
  - a. What type of Anti-Social Behaviour?
2. The conditions proposed in the Public Space Protection Order are as follows, please select if you agree or disagree. If you are disagreeing please state your reasons.

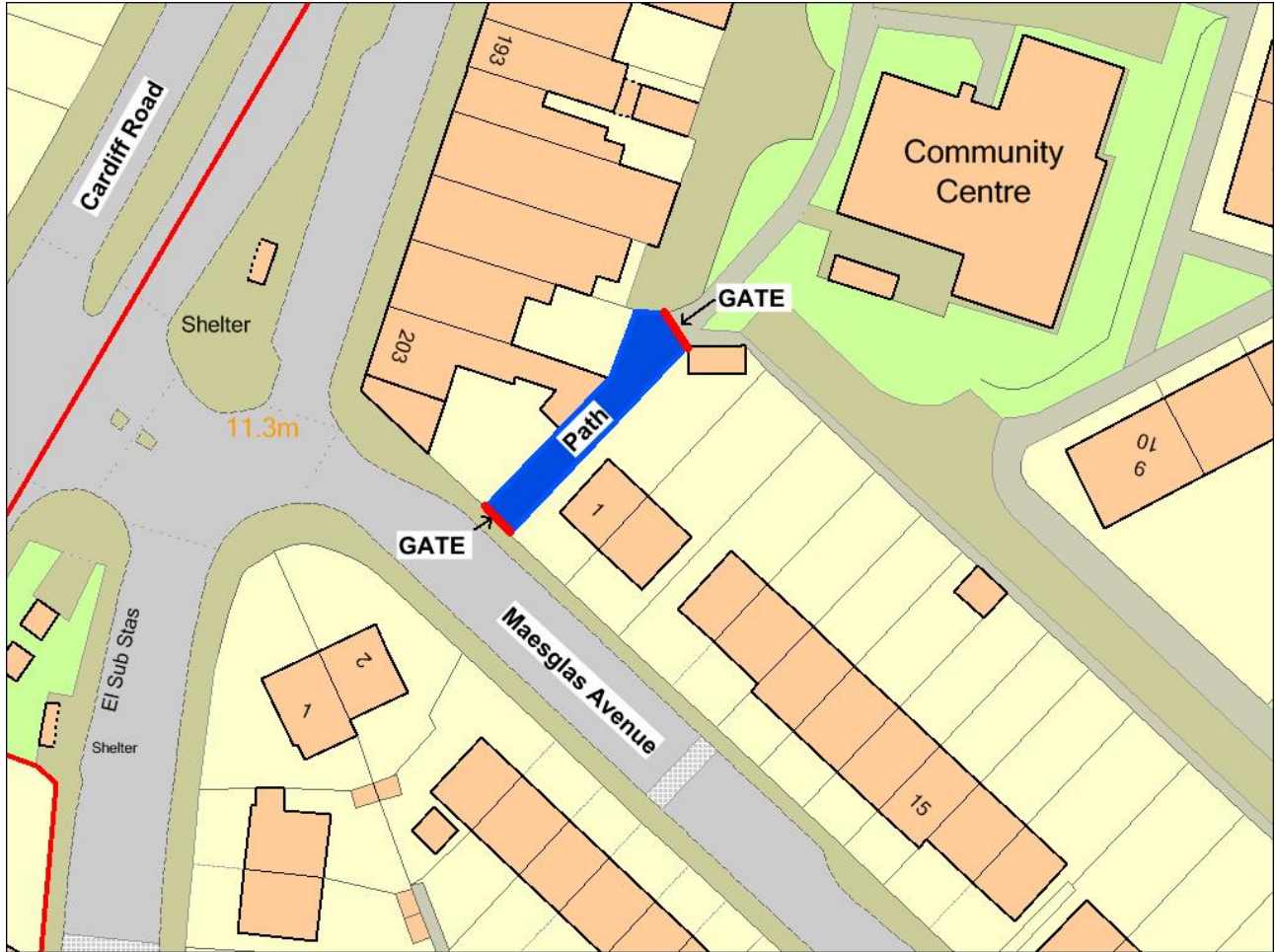
*Each of the proposed restrictions is then described as set out earlier in the report.*

3. Have you been affected by or witnessed Anti-Social Behaviour recently that would be affected by the proposed restrictions? (*Question repeated after each proposed restriction*).
4. It is proposed to gate the path between the rear of the Cardiff Road shops and the first house on Maesglas Avenue (number 1) to close the path at all times. Keys would be provided to those requiring access e.g. to the businesses affected. Do you agree with this proposed restriction?
5. Have you been affected by / witness to any antisocial behaviour or other form of criminality in the path?
6. Is there anything else you would like to see included in the Order?
7. The map below shows the boundary of the area proposed to be covered by the PSPO (shown by the red line). Do you think this proposed area includes the correct streets and areas? If not, do you think the area should be bigger? (please specify which additional streets or areas should be included) or smaller? (please tell us which streets/areas should be excluded). Please give reasons for your answer.

**Appendix E - Map of the proposed PSPO coverage**



**Appendix F - Map of the proposed positions of the gates to close the path**



## Appendix G

### Fairness and Equalities Impact Assessment (FEIA)

Version 3.6 May 2017

The purpose of this assessment is to provide balanced information to support decision making and to promote better ways of working in line with equalities (Equalities Act 2010), Welsh language promotion (The Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011), sustainable development (Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015), and the four parameters of debate about fairness identified by the Newport Fairness Commission (NFC Full Report to Council 2013).

**Completed by:** Jonathan Keen **Role:** Manager

**Head of Service:** Gareth Price **Date:** 05/01/2018

**I confirm that the above Head of Service has agreed the content of this assessment**

Yes

**When you complete this FEIA, it is your responsibility to submit it to:**

[impact.assessment@newport.gov.uk](mailto:impact.assessment@newport.gov.uk)

#### **1. Name and description of the policy / proposal being assessed. Outline the policy's purpose.**

Proposed consultation on a Maesglas Public Spaces Protection Order. The purpose is to introduce appropriate restrictions to reduce levels of anti-social behaviour in part of the Gaer Electoral Ward.

Initial proposals to go to public consultation are:

- to permanently close with locked gates the path between the rear of some of the shops on Cardiff Road and the adjacent residential property at 1 Maesglas Avenue; and, within a defined area of the Ward:
- to enable individuals or groups loitering or congregating in the street, who are causing anti-social behaviour, intimidating or threatening members of the public to be dispersed by Authorised Officers;
- to allow individuals consuming alcohol in the public place to be required to stop drinking and hand over the alcohol to Authorised Officers; and,
- to allow individuals in the public place to be required to surrender controlled (intoxicating) substances to Authorised Officers.

These restrictions would provide the Police with additional/alternative powers with the aim of improving the area for local residents, visitors and customers of the businesses in the area.

#### **2. Outline how you have/ will involve stakeholders who will be affected by the policy/proposal**

Stakeholders including the One Newport partnership will be targeted by a wide consultation exercise should the Cabinet Member for Licensing & Regulation approve the proposal to consult based on the plan set out in the Cabinet Member report, of which this Assessment is an appendix.

**3. What information/evidence do you have on stakeholders? e.g. views, needs, service usage etc. Please include all the evidence you consider relevant.**

At this pre-consultation stage, evidence of anti-social behaviour has been provided by Gwent Police, Newport City Homes and the Council's Community Safety team. Council Elected Ward Members have asked for this PSPO to be considered following complaints about anti-social behaviour from local residents. The evidence is provided as appendices to the Cabinet Member report, of which this Assessment is also an appendix.

Ward Members have informed officers that there is an appetite from residents for the path to be closed in order to reduce anti-social behaviour perpetrated by individuals who use the path to congregate and to leave the scene after causing problems in streets nearby.

The Community Wellbeing Profile 2017 for the Gaer Ward shows that the rate of all criminal offences per 1,000 population has increased from 54.1 in 2013-14 to 73.5 in 2015-16. This is below the Newport average which has increased from 77.34 to 86.37 for the same period but above the Wales average which has increased slightly from 57.35 to 58.95. For anti-social behaviour (ASB) the rate of incidents per 1,000 population has increased in Gaer from 33.2 in 2013-14 to 50.6 in 2015-16. This rate is still below the Newport rate which has increased slightly from 54.4 to 56.2.

**4. Equalities and Welsh language impact**





Protected characteristic	Impact:			Provide further details about the nature of the impact in the section below. Does it: 1. Promote equal opportunity 2. Promote community cohesion 3. Help eliminate unlawful discrimination/ harassment/ victimisation?
	Positive	Negative	Neither	
Age	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>Positive:</b> The proposed restrictions are designed to reduce ASB in the immediate area, which would promote community cohesion and help eliminate potential harassment/victimisation of families etc. living in the immediate area.</p> <p>Reducing ASB in the area should also help to ensure that the area is a safer place for young people to interact/play.</p> <p>Reducing ASB should help to ensure the Community Centre is used by improving the area around the Centre that customers must pass through to gain access.</p> <p><b>Negative:</b> The proposals are designed to provide the Police with additional powers to disperse individuals and groups who are causing ASB, from the area. This is likely to impact on people in the 10 – 24 years and the 25 – 34 years census categories more than other age categories.</p> <p>The closure of the path is likely to impact on Older people and parents with small children with them who may currently use the path to access the Community Centre, by making their journey slightly longer. This could potentially discourage some individuals from using the Centre.</p>


Protected characteristic	Impact:			Provide further details about the nature of the impact in the section below. Does it: 1. Promote equal opportunity 2. Promote community cohesion 3. Help eliminate unlawful discrimination/ harassment/ victimisation?
	Positive	Negative	Neither	
<b>Disability</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>The closure of the path is likely to impact on people with mobility impairments, and possibly those who are visually impaired, who may currently use the path to access the Community Centre, by making their journey slightly longer. This could potentially discourage some individuals from using the Centre.</p> <p>However, the proposed restrictions are designed to reduce ASB in the immediate area, which would promote community cohesion and help eliminate potential harassment/victimisation. This should help to ensure that groups of all protected characteristics feel more confident in using the space.</p>
<b>Gender reassignment/transgender</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The proposals will not have an impact on this protected characteristic.
<b>Marriage or civil partnership</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The proposals will not have an impact on this protected characteristic.
<b>Pregnancy or maternity</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>The closure of the path is likely to impact on women with mobility problems associated with being heavily pregnant, and on parents with small children with them, who may currently use the path to access the Community Centre, by making their journey slightly longer. This could potentially discourage some individuals from using the Centre.</p> <p>However, the proposed restrictions are designed to reduce ASB in the immediate area, which would promote community cohesion and help eliminate potential harassment/victimisation. This should help to ensure that groups of all protected characteristics feel more confident in using the space.</p>
<b>Race</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>The proposals will not have an impact on this protected characteristic.</p> <p>The most recent Census data in 2011 shows the population of Gaer is made up of 92.4% of people from a white background and 7.6% of people from a non-white background. This is lower than the Newport average where 10.1% of people are from a non-white background. There is no reason to suspect that the proposed PSPO restrictions would have a race impact.</p>

Protected characteristic	Impact:			Provide further details about the nature of the impact in the section below. Does it: 1. Promote equal opportunity 2. Promote community cohesion 3. Help eliminate unlawful discrimination/ harassment/ victimisation?
	Positive	Negative	Neither	
<b>Religion or Belief or non-belief</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The proposals will not have an impact on this protected characteristic.
<b>Sex/ Gender Identity</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Within the evidence provided by Gwent Police, Newport City Homes and the Council's Community Safety team, where the sex of the youths causing problems is mentioned, the sex is 'male' in the majority of incidents. Therefore the proposals would have an impact on male individuals.
<b>Sexual Orientation</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The proposals will not have an impact on this protected characteristic.
<b>Welsh Language</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The proposals will not have an impact on this issue.



**5. How has your proposal embedded and prioritised the sustainable development principle in its development?**

Sustainable Development Principle	Does your proposal demonstrate you have met this principle? Describe how.
 <p>Long Term</p> <p>Balancing short term need with long term needs</p>	<p>The maximum duration of a Public Spaces Protection Order is 3 years but it could be renewed if appropriate. The aim of the proposals is to reduce ASB in the area and it is hoped that this would have a long term benefit to the community.</p>
 <p>Collaboration</p> <p>Working together to deliver objectives</p>	<p>Only the Council can make a Public Spaces Protection Order, however it would provide the Police with additional/alternative powers with which to address ASB in the area. The Community Safety team will continue to work together with the Police and other agencies/partners to address ASB. The Police and Newport City Homes support the proposals.</p>
 <p>Involvement</p> <p>Involving those with an interest and seeking their views</p>	<p>The Cabinet Member report proposes a wide consultation to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Residents</li> <li>• Local businesses</li> <li>• Community groups</li> <li>• partners</li> </ul>
 <p>Prevention</p> <p>Putting resources into preventing problems occurring or getting worse</p>	<p>A Public Spaces Protection Order cannot address the roots causes of why some youths cause ASB in this area, but the Community Safety team works closely with partners who complete such work such as Education, the Youth Service etc.</p>

Sustainable Development Principle	Does your proposal demonstrate you have met this principle? Describe how.
 <p>Considering impact on all wellbeing goals together and on other bodies</p>	<p>The proposal is to consult on a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) which has been designed to have a positive impact on the following Well-being goals:</p> <p>Well-being Goals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A prosperous Wales – the PSPO would reduce ASB in the area. ASB can impact on the education of children and on the success of businesses.</li> <li>• A healthier Wales – the PSPO would reduce ASB which would help improve the mental well-being of those currently affected.</li> <li>• A Wales of cohesive communities – the PSPO would help to protect the local community and make it more viable and safe.</li> </ul> <p>The information included above shows that there would be a positive impact on Newport City Council’s Well-being Goals, as set out below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To improve skills, educational outcomes and employment opportunities</li> <li>• To promote economic growth and regeneration whilst protecting the environment</li> <li>• To enable people to be healthy, independent and resilient</li> <li>• To build cohesive and sustainable communities</li> </ul>

**6. Will the proposal/policy have a disproportionate impact on a specific geographical area of Newport?**

The proposal is to consult on a proposed Public Spaces Protection Order for a defined part of the Gaer Electoral Ward.

**7. How does the proposal/policy relate to the parameters of debate about Fairness identified by the Newport Fairness Commission**

Parameter 1 deals with equal treatment whilst recognising difference. The proposal will primarily impact on specific groups who are acting in an anti-social and intimidating manner and these groups would be treated differently in that they will intentionally be subject to the PSPO restrictions (dispersal). The gating proposal would in effect treat everyone equally, although as noted above this is likely to have a differential impact on the groups identified above (e.g. age, disability, maternity).

Parameter 2 deals with “mutual obligations between citizens and local government”. Local Government’s responsibility is to help ensure the safety, security and wellbeing of citizens in their communities, the PSPO introduces conditions which will apply to citizens who act in a way that is detrimental to the safety and wellbeing of the wider community which restricts those citizen’s rights to congregate for set periods in the specified area.

Parameter 3 deals with “interdependency and reciprocity within community relations”. Anti-social and intimidating behaviour is known to affect the wellbeing of individuals but also affects the functioning and cohesiveness of communities e.g. in the use of local services, and participation in community life. The intention of the PSPO is to only restrict activities that are detrimental to participation in community life.

Parameter 4 deals with “transparency and accountability in decision making”. It is recognised that

PSPO's are by nature restrictive and must be balanced with proportionality, effective targeting and limitation. This FEIA and the proposed consultation plan is intended to ensure that the local community can express their views on the proposals and can inform democratic decision making.

**8. Taking this assessment as a whole, what could be done to mitigate any negative impacts of your policy and better contribute to positive impacts?**

The proposal is to consult widely on the proposed PSPO and ensuring this is carried out effectively, along with ensuring that all consultation responses are taken into account, is key.

**9. Monitoring, evaluating and reviewing**

The results of the consultation may change the detail of the proposed PSPO and they, together with the draft PSPO, will be reported to Full Council.

**10. Involvement**

This FEIA will form part of the Cabinet Member report which will be published by the Council.

**11. Summary of Impact (for inclusion in any report)**

**Equality Act 2010 AND Welsh Language**

The proposed PSPO will have an impact on some protected characteristics but not to the extent that the proposals could be judged to be unreasonable at this stage. The consultation will seek views from appropriate groups and individuals.

There is no Welsh Language impact.

**Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015**

The proposed PSPO will support a number of the Well-being goals set out in the Act.

## Appendix A

Gwent Police – Evidence provided in support of the application.

Maesglas Avenue

Log 67 01/09/16 05:22 hours: [REDACTED]'s car wing mirror has been kicked off whilst parked overnight on Maesglas Road. It has happened many times before even when the vehicle has been parked away from the house and the victim is still targeted.

Log 249 05/09/16 13:03 hours: Male in a group on the corner near the shops and Maesglas Avenue enue on bikes, male selling weed.

Log 26 05/09/16 00:45 hours: There are approx. 10-15 males in Buxton Close arguing amongst themselves. A second call was received that they were screaming and shouting.

Log 478 06/09/16 18:24 hours: 15-20 males causing issues o/s number 1 Maesglas Avenue

Log 292 09/09/16 15:02 hours: Newport City Homes workers were by the shops on Cardiff Road and Maesglas Avenue junction installing cameras, youths were throwing stones at them.

Log 468 11/09/16 18:34 hours: Caller [REDACTED] had his wing mirror kicked off over night.

Log 376 12/09/16 17:04 hours: Boys making trouble in the garden near Maesglas Shops on Cardiff Road, throwing things in the gardens.

Log 617 12/09/16 23:28 hours: Caller [REDACTED] stated there were 9 youths in the alley behind the shops bragging that they had kicked a neighbours wing mirror off reducing its value. Youth disturbance in the background and also kicking bins around.

Log 271 13/09/16 15:09 hours: Caller [REDACTED] reported [REDACTED] rear passenger side light was smashed overnight, stating this is around the 10<sup>th</sup> time this has happened. Police attended the address last night and it is possible that the youths saw him speak on the doorstep and committed the damage in retaliation.

Log 426 13/09/16 18:55 hours: There are a gang of around 6-8 youths aged between 12 and 15 years in Maesglas Junior School grounds and hanging around in the school buildings. They were not doing anything specific but there had been lots of damage caused recently.

564 13/09/16 23:16 hours: There are 10 lads ages 15-16 years throwing eggs at cars on Cardiff Road near Maesglas Shops. Some are on foot and some on bikes.

Log 530 14/09/16 20:23 hours: Police attended the area on routine patrols due to the youth annoyance in the area. An officer reported that around 15-20 youths were egging him and colleagues on Maesglas Avenue.

Log 536 14/09/16 20:36 hours: Yobbos have just kicked a ball in an old ladies face and their language is disgusting, on Maesglas Avenue. Around 12 youths aged 14-18 years.

Log 12 15/09/16 00:35 hours: Youths on Maesglas Avenue throwing items at cars and being noisy, swearing as well and keeping the caller awake. It is an ongoing issue every night.

Log 418 15/09/16 18:57 hours: Ongoing Anti-social behaviour in the area around Maesglas Avenue and the shops on Cardiff Road. Last night the caller had chilli sauce sprayed on the front door and a large group outside today. Every time there is a large group there, he gets his car or property damaged. 15 youths including a couple of females all under 18 years and they have a motorbike they are using.

Log 204 16/09/16 12:11 hours: Police moved youths on last night but afterwards someone threw a drinks can at the window, the house being near the shops. It didn't cause damage but it woke the [REDACTED] Youths ran off towards the community centre. The caller believed that the incident was hate related to race or religion.

Log 464 17/09/16 19:03 hours: Caller reporting that there are always boys hanging around in the back lane and now they have a punch bag attached to the fence of a neighbouring property which caused damage to said fence. When the home owner removed the punch bag, the youths threw pieces of metal into the garden. The group was 6 strong and on a regular basis cause residents to fear for their safety.

Log 574 17/09/16 21:47 hours: 12 males were on Bideford Close smashing a fence down and all on bikes. It transpired that they thought a party was taking place and no damage was actually caused.

Log 534 18/09/17 19:10 hours: A group of 8-12 youths were on Bideford Road, causing problems, throwing things in gardens, kicking and climbing the garden fences and front door. They previously have put painted hand prints on a fence and sprayed shaving foam on the front door. This had been going on for 3 weeks

Log 537 19/09/16 21:13 hours: Caller who lives near [REDACTED] Cardiff Road, states that eggs and stones were being thrown at his windows. This is a nightly occurrence about 20 youths were in the alley way behind the shops. The caller was threatening to go out with a baseball bat as it had been going on for 2 years. A female at the address was heard to be crying down the phone.

Log 549 19/09/16 21:32 hours: The caller stepped out of the Chinese takeaway at Maesglas Shops on Cardiff Road and youths threw stones at them causing no injuries.

591 19/09/16 23:06 hours: Kids hanging around outside Maesglas Shops on Cardiff Road, around 12 of them on bikes causing a nuisance, smoking and bending plastic bollards in the middle of the road. They set a bin on fire by the shops and South Wales Fire and Rescue were contacted.

Log 594 19/09/16 23:10 hours: There are 10 youths on Cardiff Road on bikes near Maesglas Shops. There was a concern that they would be injured as they were in the road and cars were having to go round them.

Log 383 21/09/16 17:19 hours: Local resident [REDACTED] had his car damaged overnight and took it to the garage who stated it looked like it had been kicked. The cost of damage was £140. He believes he is being targeted due to his race or religion.

Log 407 22/09/16 19:05 hours: For the last 30 minutes a group of 10 males and 1 female were outside the callers property on Maesglas Avenue, kicking the fence. No damage caused however the group then moved to the front of the property in the street and stood in a neighbours front garden.

Log 530 22/09/16 22:03 hours: Around 15 youths throwing stones at the window of the Wai Wai takeaway at Maesglas Shops on Cardiff Road.

Log 116 23/09/16 09:16 hours: Report of youths throwing stones at passers by last night at Maesglas Shops on Cardiff Road. This is ongoing and the caller is fed up of it when he goes to pick his wife up from work.

Log 410 23/09/16 18:14 hours: There are 40-50 adults and children fighting behind Shepherds Fish Bar on Cardiff Road junction of Maesglas Road.

Log 413 23/09/16 18:15 hours: Gang of youths in Maesglas Avenue fighting with a [REDACTED] neighbour over damage to [REDACTED] car.

Log 486 23/09/16 20:24 hours: There was a fight in the street, Maesglas Avenue earlier on. Police attended and dispersed them however the same males have returned and there are more of them now. 30 males, very noisy and swearing, riding their bikes in front of cars, kicking over bins etc.

Log 529 25/09/16 22:45 hours: There are 20-30 youths in the street Maesglas Avenue around 14-15 years old causing mayhem. Throwing bin lids around and causing damage.

Log 8 27/09/16 00:54 hours: 15 youths outside the social club at the top end of Maesglas Avenue were pushing a car into a ditch. The vehicle had been used by a local youth and burnt out previously.

Log 114 27/09/16 09:47 hours: Almost every day a group of kids from the Maesglas area cause a nuisance On Bideford Road chucking stones at house windows and people in the street. Some of them are very young and usually a group of around 5-7 mixture of males and females.

Log 463 27/09/16 18:54 hours: 8 to 10 youths aged between 8 and 11 have just been throwing stones and pieces of metal at a small girl as she was out playing on Bideford Road. The group were from the Maesglas area.

Log 548 02/10/16 20:02 hours: Caller reported youths with a catapult throwing stones at passing cars outside Maesglas Shops on Cardiff Road.

Log 570 02/10/16 20:31 hours: Local resident [REDACTED] reported his wing mirror had been kicked and damaged sometime in the last 2 hours.

Log 539 03/10/16 20:45 hours: Resident near the rear of the shops reported youths throwing stones and shouting SNITCH and [REDACTED] LOVER. Dozens of youths then made off through the lane at the back of the shops.

Log 267 04/10/16 13:48 hours: 4 youths on Bideford Road and to the rear of the shops on Cardiff Road exchanging packages and money at all times of the day and night.

Log 536 05/10/16 20:17 hours: Resident near the rear of the shops called stating around a dozen youths aged 14-10 years were throwing stones at his property however no damage caused.

Log 576 05/10/16 21:12 hours: Another call received regarding the youths had returned calling him a grass and [REDACTED]. A dozen or so returned with iron bars, they went down the lane and caller was worried that it was in retaliation, worried about what damage they might cause.

Log 622 09/10/16 23:29 hours: Youths in the area are smashing up the Chinese on Cardiff Road and Maesglas Avenue junction. There was no damage caused and youths dispersed.

Log 479 11/10/16 19:22 hours: The victim parked his car [REDACTED] near Maesglas Road and Avenue leaving the keys inside. When he returned after 10 minutes, the vehicle was gone but later located in Buxton Close minus the keys. A youth approached him to see if he wanted to buy the keys back and a small sum of money was agreed and vehicle removed.

Log 563 12/10/16 21:38 hours: Around 12 youths nearby on motorbikes, also throwing various objects including bottles around to the rear of the shops between Cardiff Road and Maesglas Avenue.

Log 582 12/10/16 22:27 hours: Youths are throwing water bombs and stones riding a motorbike and throwing stones at houses in the area of Maesglas Road.

Log 138 13/10/16 11:07 hours: A known local youth was causing a nuisance on Maesglas Road and Cardiff Road by riding an off road bike.

Log 270 13/10/16 14:25 hours: Caller stated that 2 days ago his vehicle was stolen [REDACTED] near to the junction of Maesglas Avenue and Cardiff Road then around 22:30 hours last night a motorbike rode into his front garden and tore up the grass.

Log 478 13/10/16 20:22 hours: Youths throwing fireworks at a residential home by the community centre on Bideford Road.

Log 138 15/10/16 09:28 hours : Sometime overnight a vehicles rear window and windscreen had been smashed by a brick.

Log 618 15/10/16 22:56 hours: Youths throwing missiles at the Chinese takeaway on Cardiff Road.

Log 220 16/10/16 12:55 hours: A resident of [REDACTED] reported that persons had purposely thrown paint all over the road which landed on parked vehicles. The caller also had fireworks put in [REDACTED] garden yesterday and the youths responsible are at the end of the street aged 18-25 years and continually causing anti-social behaviour.

Log 507 18/10/16 21:07 hours: Caller from [REDACTED] reported a gang of youths had been outside since 11am that morning being loud and rowdy waking [REDACTED]. They were kicking off as the shop had refused to sell them eggs. They were a group of 10-15 mixed genders and 15-22 years old.

Log 289 22/10/16 14:53 hours: A group of 5 youths in the lane at the rear of Buxton Close throwing fireworks at cars.



Log 297 22/10/16 15:02 hours: About 10-15 youths were in the alley way behind Cardiff Road shops letting off fireworks. They then moved to behind the houses and the community centre. The area is too build up for this type of activity which was causing local residents distress.

Log 434 22/10/16 18:56 hours: Caller from [REDACTED] reported boys letting off fireworks and aiming them at members of the public. Police attended and witnessed 30 youths running around with fireworks. A further call from another resident stated that the fireworks were being aimed at houses, cars and passers by. They had already hit 2 cars and almost hit a pedestrian.

Log 436 22/10/16 15:58 hours: Reporting the same that youths were throwing fireworks at cars and each other on Maesglas Avenue and Cardiff Road by the shops.

Log 443 22/10/16 19:11 hours: A large group of males setting off fireworks but aiming them towards cars houses and passers by.

Log 449 22/10/16 19:17 hours: Kids setting off a fire in the street and in the callers garden. The callers children were really scared.

Log 458 22/10/16 19.32 hours: Youths are throwing fireworks into the street in Maesglas Avenue. They are also in the lane behind the shops.

Log 333 25/10/16 17:04 hours: There were a large group of 10 plus youths on Maesglas Road near to the shops on Cardiff Road causing issues and annoyance to council workers, being abusive and making threats.

Log 249 27/10/16 13:58 hours: 10 males were fighting near the shops on Cardiff Road. One of the males said "have you got a knife" Youths were late teens early 20's. The youths made off behind the shops through the lanes.

Log 342 27/10/16 15:55 hours: There were 8 boys kicking a football on the lane by Maesglas Avenue and they kicked it into cars in the street. The caller thought there would be an accident and its always going on.

Log 484 27/10/16 19:50 hours: Around 6 youths of mixed genders on Bideford Road causing damage and attacking the shutters to the community centre, looking like they are trying to smash the lock off.

Log 487 28/10/16 20:29 hours: Caller [REDACTED] near the shops stated there were approx. 15 youths outside letting off fireworks, running around, shouting and screaming. The caller asked them to move on and be quiet but they continued to lean on the fence.

Log 492 29/10/16 20:57 hours: 25-30 kids on Maesglas Crescent letting off fireworks. A further call by a second resident stated there were 60 kids with industrial fireworks firing them up the road which is near a recent gas leak with the road dug up.

Log 575 29/10/2016 22:42 hours: Around 15 youths were launching fireworks at houses and in the road by Maesglas Shops on Cardiff Road.

Log 590 30/10/16 21:09 hours: Kids have set fire to bags of rubbish to the rear of Wai Wai takeaway, Maesglas Shops, Cardiff Road but no damage caused.

Log 349 31/10/16 16:44 hours: Last night 5 youths were causing trouble outside [REDACTED] on Maesglas Avenue. They were knocking the door, throwing things and being very noisy. They were 15-16 years old and hanging round the end of the street by the shops.

Log 736 31/10/16 23:43 hours: Youths are being a nuisance and rowdy on Bideford Road, around 15 in number and they are always being a problem.

Log 422 01/11/16 18:07 hours: Caller stated that they saw in the paper there was a dispersal order in the area and she just witnessed a group of youths in Maesglas Avenue.

Log 445 01/11/16 18:47 hours: A vehicle had crashed on Maesglas Avenue and persons had run off towards the shops

Log 446 01/11/16 18:47 hours: Car dumped in the road on Maesglas Avenue and boys ran off towards Cardiff Road. 5-6 youths and left the car door open.

Log 451 01/11/16 18:59 hours: kids have crashed a car and they were wiping the finger prints from the car. It was 6-7 children crashed into a tree and got out to run.

Log 536 01/11/16 22:00 hours: Gang of about 12 kids throwing bottles and iron bars around. They are on Maesglas Avenue.

Log 338 02/11/16 15:18 hours: There were a group of 20 youths aged between 17 and 20 years on push bikes on Maesglas Road near to the junction of Cardiff Road on the pavement and not letting persons pass. Elderly people were having to go into the road to pass. They were causing problems for everyone in the area.

Log 600 02/11/16 21:17 hours: Caller reported ongoing issues with youths for the last few months every single night between 11am and midnight. Tonight there are 10 youths aged 12-20 years. They are extremely loud and leaning on the callers wall also lit a small fire. The caller has [REDACTED] and youths are disturbing them.

Log 418 03/11/16 18:36 hours: Caller reporting 15 youths hanging around outside on Maesglas Avenue smoking weed and the caller could smell it from inside her house and has young children and the youths disturb them when going to bed. They had also been throwing fireworks into peoples gardens.

Log 426 03/11/16 18:41 hours: 5 male youths aged between 8 and 13 years old are kicking the door and fence on Bideford Road. It has been going on for 12 months and they are scaring the callers [REDACTED].

Log 524 03/11/16 21:23 hours: 3 Males firing fireworks at houses on Maesglas Avenue. They had been there for around 30 minutes and the caller had a firework hit [REDACTED] window.

Log 585 04/11/16 20:39 hours: 15-20 youths causing issues in the street of Maesglas Avenue. It's the same as usual.

Log 320 05/11/16 15:24 hours: Youths throwing eggs at cars on Maesglas Avenue. There were 7-8 youths aged around 13 years. A second caller reported the same thing.

Log 326 05/11/16 15:35 hours: 10 youths on Maesglas Grove threw something at a taxi as it drove past not causing any damage.

Log 444 05/11/16 18:06 hours: Around 30 youths with fireworks purposely aiming at windows of houses on Cardiff Road by the Maesglas shops.

Log 474 05/11/16 18:36 hours: Around 30 youths hiding behind the Wai Wai Chinese takeaway at Maesglas shops on Cardiff Road. They are throwing fireworks and one just hit a car but undamaged.

Log 641 05/11/16 21:29 hours: [REDACTED] house window has gone through on Maesglas Avenue and the youths responsible are hanging around the lane at the back of the property.

Log 674 05/11/16 22:06 hours: There are 30 or more kids in the back lane behind Maesglas Crescent throwing fireworks into the back gardens and kicking fences to the main road.

Log 384 06/11/16 17:19 hours [REDACTED] heard a crack last night but today realised that the top of the bedroom window at the front of the property has been cracked. There were youths in the area at the time so possible they were responsible.

Log 576 07/11/16 20:40 hours: 10 youths in the lane behind [REDACTED] house on Maesglas Avenue aiming fireworks at houses and one just landed in [REDACTED] back garden. They were also putting fireworks under cars in Buxton Close.

Log 374 09/11/16 18:29 hours: Around 30 boys aged 14-15 years were on Bideford Road near the garages by Winchester Close kicking off. One was heard to say Ill get you in a minute and some went to the lane behind the shops.

Log 473 09/11/16 20:42 hours: 16-17 youths lighting fires in the lane to the rear of Maesglas Avenue, being noisy and disruptive and putting drawing pins down on the lane.

303 10/11/16 15:57 hours: There are a large group of youths outside Maesglas shops on Cardiff Road, eggs and flour were thrown at the callers vehicle. This is an ongoing problem which causes them a great amount of distress and affects the business.

Log 366 11/11/16 17:32 hours: 2 youths taking down council fencing and parts off bikes on Maesglas Crescent. They had taken a significant part of the fencing and set panels alight in the park area to the rear of the crescent.

Log 118 14/11/16 10:28 hours: Whilst driving along Maesglas Road, 3 children threw a stone at the [REDACTED] car causing damage to a window.

Log 284 20/11/16 12:52 hours: Sometime over night [REDACTED] vehicle parked on Maesglas Avenue had been scratched on purpose. [REDACTED] thinks it was kids hanging around in the street overnight.

Log 365 20/11/16 14:51 hours: [REDACTED] on Maesglas Avenue is a repeat victim of Antisocial behaviour and there were 20 youths outside [REDACTED] property launching missiles at [REDACTED] house including bottles and rocks, also trying to damage [REDACTED] car.

Log 512 23/11/16 19:42 hours: [REDACTED] Cardiff Road, a group of youths hanging around called [REDACTED] an Islamic Beast. [REDACTED] on a previous occasion has been called ISIS.

Log 360 27/11/16 16:05 hours: Sometime over night [REDACTED] had been scratched in 3 different places when parked on Maesglas Road. It was believed that the local youths that hang around in the area were responsible and this sort of thing has happened to [REDACTED] on many occasions.

249 08/12/16 15:19 hours: 8 boys around 15-16 years old had just been trying to roll a car over. When they were shouted at, the youths ran off.

Log 484 13/12/16 20:02 hours: A large group of around 15 youths aged around 15 years were hanging around outside their house on Maesglas Avenue and near the shops, they had been there for around 3 hours. The caller is too scared to leave [REDACTED] house or ask them to leave and [REDACTED] could not get to sleep because of them.

Log 325 15/12/16 15:58 hours: A male youth had been seen in the area with large amounts of cash and drugs outside the shops on Cardiff Road junction with Maesglas Road.

Log 329 16/12/16 16:35 hours: 3 youths aged around 13 years were banging on the windows of Maesglas Junior School. When the caller asked them to move on they said f\*\*\* off and c\*\*\*

Log 269 28/12/16 15:23 hours: There were 8 youths around 16 years old playing football on the junior school grounds and despite being asked to leave, the youths refused.

Log 72 02/01/17 08:49 hours: [REDACTED] Maesglas Avenue on 31/12/16 at 16:45 hours, there were 3 girls around 16 years sat on [REDACTED] wall. When [REDACTED] got out of the car they said "f\*\*\*ing immigrant" and also damaged a waste bin.

Log 238 08/01/17 14:52 hours: Caller had [REDACTED] wing mirror kicked off sometime overnight which had happened many times before.

Log 441 13/01/17 19:39 hours: A local youth threw eggs at the victims window not causing any damage.

Log 340 15/01/17 16:12 hours: [REDACTED] called to say a group of youths had thrown stones at [REDACTED] car causing damage, outside Maesglas shops on Cardiff Road.

Log 372 16/01/17 17:49 hours: Problems with youths around 18-19 years old as they are hanging around outside the Chinese takeaway on Cardiff Road acting intimidating and causing an obstruction.

Log 172 25/01/17 12:26 hours: There are 4 youths tearing around in the streets Maesglas Avenue, Road and Crescent in a vehicle doing handbrake turns and nearly hitting another car. The youths were around 16 years old and the vehicle was believed to be stolen.

Log 499 25/01/17 22:45 hours: There are 5 youths outside Maesglas shops on Cardiff Road blasting a ghetto blaster for an hour and taking drugs.

Log 361 26/01/17 18:06 hours: 20 youths have gathered by the Wai Wai Chinese at Maesglas shops on Cardiff Road and also the lane behind. They will not move out of peoples way when they are trying to pass and are very intimidating.

Log 516 30/01/17 19:53 hours: A report received of 5-6 youths hanging around outside the Wai Wai takeaway at Maesglas shops on Cardiff Road, banging the window and being a general nuisance.

Log 231 09/02/17 13:44 hours: A male youth was dealing drugs in the Maesglas Grove. Money was exchanged for what was believed to be drugs. This is an ongoing problem.

Log 399 09/02/17 17:43 hours: Youths [REDACTED] (Maesglas Avenue) also hanging around in the lane to the rear of Cardiff Road shops, shouting and swearing, leaning on cars, smoking cannabis. They are aged between 13 and 20. [REDACTED] has asked them to move before but they return and [REDACTED] is scared.

Log 575 12/02/17 21:46 hours: Group of kids causing problems outside Maesglas shops on Cardiff Road and threw a can [REDACTED].

Log 532 13/02/17 21:19 hours: Ongoing issue with youths, they are in Maesglas Avenue kicking a ball, smoking weed and being extremely loud. Throwing rubbish into the [REDACTED] garden and waking t [REDACTED].

Log 390 14/02/17 18:30 hours: In Maesglas Avenue, youths have thrown eggs at [REDACTED] window. Unsure who did this but it has happened before.

Log 318 17/02/17 14:49 hours: Caller had to walk through a gang of about 30 teenagers who were in the lane to the back of Cardiff Road Shops near Maesglas Avenue. They were smoking cannabis. They refused to move so the caller had to push his way through and they will probably be dealing this afternoon.

Log 478/ 17/02/17 18:25 hours: There were males and females around 15 to mid 20's playing a stereo really loudly, smashing glass in the lane and throwing cans into the [REDACTED] garden near Maesglas Avenue and back of Cardiff Road. They are also smoking weed.

Log 540 17/02/17 19:51 hours: 12-15 youths around 15-16 years old are hanging around outside Maesglas shops, Cardiff Road hanging around asking people to buy alcohol for them. The hsop had to stop selling alcohol completely to other customers as they were not sure if it was for the kids or not.

Log 342 20/02/17 15:33 hours: Group of youths hanging around in Maesglas Avenue and the lane behind the shops on Cardiff Road. They are playing loud music and being disruptive. [REDACTED] could not walk past as there were so many and they were in the way and all on push bikes.

Log 235 21/02/17 13:44 hours: 2 boys are fighting on the corner of Maesglas Avenue and Maesglas Road and other youths were watching from the lane. This happens every school holiday.

Log 529 21/02/17 21:48 hours: There are youths on Bideford Road by the community centre shinign a high powered laser into passing vehicles.

Log 308 27/02/17 15:45 hours: [REDACTED] was walking through the lane at the back of Cardiff Road shops to Maesglas avenue when [REDACTED] came by a group of 15 youths on bikes. They were shouting, swearing, smoking cannabis and possibly a deal going on.

Log 436 27/02/17 19:21 hours: Boys on an off road bike riding up and down Maesglas Crescent causing a nuisance, no number plate.

Log 568 03/03/17 21:35 hours: There are around 50 youths fighting at the end of Maesglas Road coming out of the club.

Log 478 09/03/17 18:39 hours: The night before last [REDACTED] vehicle was damaged by the wing mirror being kicked off. The car was parked on Maesglas avenue junction of Maesglas Road near Cardiff Road. It is believed the local youths are responsible as they were seen hanging around.

Log 551 10/03/17 20:47 hours: South Wales Fire and Rescue called stating there was a motorcycle on fire in Maesglas Avenue. There is a periodic problem with youths setting fire to vehicles etc in the locality west of Newport.

Log 277 11/03/17 13:03 hours: A male aged 16 years is riding a petrol go kart who was nearly knocked over by [REDACTED]. Other vehicles are having to brake hard because of it and there are also other youths hanging around Bideford Road junction of Winchester Close who are dealing.

Log 279 11/03/17 13:07 hours: 12 youths in the street with a go kart and a motorbike, right in the middle of the street

Log 406 11/03/17 16:49 hours: There is a bike in the community centre on Buxton Road which is on fire and there were no persons around it. A further call was taken stating that local youths were interfering with the fire crew who asked for police attendance. A group of 40 had gathered. The fire was set alight next to storage containers which were damaged.

Log 487 11/03/17 18:17 hours: 6 youths aged 11 to 14 years on the roof of Maesglas Junior School.

Log 547 11/03/17 19:49 hours: After the fire on Bideford Road the youths were shouting abuse at elderly residents of the complex and also throwing stones at the caretaker.

Log 327 12/03/17 14:50 hours: A boy is driving a petrol go kart up and down Buxton Close. The caller was worried that he was going to kill someone as he was on the road. There was a group of lads around 16 years videoing it and then they disappeared into Winchester Close.

Log 358 12/03/17 15:46 hours: There is a gang of children climbing all over Maesglas Junior School.

Log 458 15/03/17 18:14 hours: There are 10-15 youths at the end of Maesglas Avenue smoking drugs, [REDACTED] could smell the drugs as [REDACTED] passed them earlier in the evening. They were also passing white packages around in exchange for money.

Log 511 15/03/17 19:17 hours: A large gang of youths causing issues on Winchester Close throwing stones near the community centre.

Log 565 15/03/17 20:16 hours: Approx 8 youths just ran up Maesglas Crescent towards the shops and as they passed the callers house, threw a lot of stones hitting the house and cars causing chip marks.

Log 50 24/03/17 06:40 hours: Callers 2 cars have been damaged overnight on Bideford Road, one window being damaged on each. No idea who did this.

Log 261 24/03/17 14:41 hours: Group of youths on bikes behind the shops on Cardiff Road and they are possibly dealing drugs.

Log 392 29/03/17 17:43 hours: There are 7 males in the bus stop outside the Wai Wai takeaway, Maesglas shops who appear to be using drugs. They are also smoking cannabis.

Log 309 04/04/17 14:57 hours: [REDACTED] window has been smashed on Maesglas Avenue and it possibly happened on Saturday night. Nothing was seen however there were pebbles in the garden but possibly not big enough to cause the damage.

Log 505 04/04/17 18:24 hours: Group of 6 youths aged approx. 12 years in the school grounds and when the caller asked them to move on, they were shouting and swearing at [REDACTED]

Log 606 06/04/17 22:19 hours: Big gangs are intimidating, they are riding bikes and doing wheelies causing harassment alarm and distress, on Maesglas Road, Avenue and Cardiff Road.

Log 181 08/04/17 10:33 hours: [REDACTED] stated that sometime overnight someone had smashed the outer pane of glass on their double glazed window. No persons were seen at all.

Log 268 08/04/17 13:27 hours: a group of youths on scooters and push bikes have moved a settee into the middle of the lane to the rear of the shops on Cardiff Road, preventing members of the public from getting passed.

Log 444 09/04/17 17:55 hours: Caller asked can something be done about the unruly youths. They hang around the rear of the shops, Maesglas Avenue and the surrounding area and the whole situation is getting out of hand with the mess and drug abuse, blocking paths and antisocial behaviour.

Log 439 15/04/17 20:15 hours: Caller heard 2 people talking and they said someone had chased them with a knife. The caller believed they were drug dealers and were always hanging around [REDACTED] Maesglas Avenue.

Log 509 16/04/17 21:46 hours: 4 youths around 15 years old have been on site of the school grounds throwing objects at the windows causing one to crack.

Log 295 17/04/17 14:36 hours: A large group of 10 kids are back at the school on Maesglas Road playing football in the grounds.

Log 360 17/04/17 16:44 hours: 7 youths are throwing stones at Maesglas Junior school windows causing no damage.

Log 258 20/04/17 14:00 hours: a young male is shooting a pallet gun and has hit the window of the community centre on Bideford Road causing damage.

Log 290 21/04/17 14:33 hours: There are 7-10 bikes in Maesglas Grove pulling wheelies and also taking drugs ie cannabis.

Log 481 22/04/17 19:42 hours: There are 30 youths in the lane behind Maesglas shops on Cardiff Road. They are setting fire to crates and throwing stones at cars, drinking and smoking weed. The [REDACTED] person felt very scared.\*\*\*\*\*

Log 490 22/04/17 20:01 hours: 20-30 youths setting fires on Buxton Close and also had off road bikes. They managed to get 2 fires burning so South Wales Fires and Rescue attended. The youths were still hanging around therefore SWFR required police attendance.

Log 283 23/04/17 13:21 hours: Youths are by the shops on Cardiff Road riding off road bikes in the area and on pedestrian footpaths, smoking cannabis and drinking.

Log 524 23/04/17 19:25 hours: 16 youths were hanging around in the lane to the rear of the shops on Cardiff Road near Maesglas Avenue. They are lighting fires and causing a general nuisance

Log 179 24/04/17 12:20 hours: Car screeching around the estate including Maesglas Avenue and youths too young to drive were seen in the vehicle.

Log 375 24/04/17 17:14 hours: Another report of the same vehicle driving at high speeds in the Maesglas estate.

Log 256 26/04/17 14:10 hours: There were a group of 6 boys aged 19-20 years in the [REDACTED] garden on Buxton Close selling drugs refusing to leave. When they were asked to leave, the [REDACTED] was punched in the chest.

Log 426 26/04/17 18:34 hours: The victim of the previous incident on Buxton Close stated the youths were back and there were now 10 of them throwing stones at [REDACTED] house and had an angry dog. Police arrested one youth.

Log 578 07/05/17 21:34 hours: 2 youths riding one scooter with no lights, no helmets and wearing dark clothing, [REDACTED] almost hit them.

Log 468 10/05/17 19:14 hours: Report of a large gang of youths near to the shops on Cardiff Road near Maesglas Avenue, blocking the lane, intimidating residents and dealing drugs. The group were 20-40 strong on bikes and mopeds.

Log 341 12/05/17 16:36 hours: A local resident was out walking with [REDACTED] as [REDACTED] went through the lane to the rear of the Cardiff Road shops near Maesglas Avenue. A male on a motorbike sped past them at high speed just missing the [REDACTED]

Log 230 13/05/17 13:31 hours: There are boys throwing things in the [REDACTED] garden and stones at the windows.



Log 302 13/05/17 15:26 hours: A youth has been riding a scooter up and down Maesglas Road, pulling wheelies all day and night. He is with a group of females sat drinking on the wall. It is causing noise, is dangerous and obstructing the pavements and the caller is fed up.

Log 362 13/05/17 16:55 hours: There are 30 boys aged 16-20 years outside the [REDACTED] house on Buxton Close. The [REDACTED] could not leave the house as when they do, they throw stones at [REDACTED] and the house. This has been going on for more than a year.

Log 405 17/05/17 19:52 hours: A motorcycle is being driven as speed along Maesglas Road. It is being driven up and down the road on one wheel, so fast someone is going to get hurt.

Log 601 24/05/17 21:16 hours: There are 28 youths aged 15-25, mostly males but a few females too. All in the lane to the rear of Cardiff Road shops near Maesglas Avenue, a strong smell of cannabis was coming from the group which was going through the callers windows.

Log 577 25/05/17 21:14 hours: There are 30-40 boys and girls causing a nuisance by throwing bottles at cars. One of the bottles hit a car wheel, believed to cause no damage.

Log 313 27/05/17 13:29 hours: Youths gathering in the lane by Buxton Close and the rear of the shops on Cardiff Road causing issues, smoking weed and drinking. There are usually 30 or so aged 15-20 years old.

Log 589 27/05/17 22:50 hours: 4 boys aged 14-15 years are trying to break into Maesglas Junior School, they were climbing across the roof, jumped down and something smashed.

Log 386 28/05/17 17:42 hours: Ongoing problems with youths gathering, 40 or so of them of all ages. They are running through Buxton Close, into the lane behind Cardiff Road shops and behind Maesglas Avenue, drinking, dealing and being a nuisance. They also gather in Cefn Adda Close on push bikes, mopeds and near the community centre.

Log 584 29/05/17 20:47 hours: Approx 12 youths were outside the callers address on Maesglas Avenue, smoking cannabis, drinking, causing noise and trouble. The youths regularly drop empty drug bags, bottles and cans in the street and there are also disturbances. The caller was worried for their safety as this is an ongoing issue.

Log 344 30/05/17 15:34 hours: Caller [REDACTED] reported the wing mirror of [REDACTED] vehicle having been kicked off sometime overnight. There is also an ongoing youth annoyance issue including rubbish being thrown into their garden.

Log 470 30/05/17 18:28 hours: a gang of around 15-20 youths have been hanging around Maesglas Avenue since 09.30 hours, playing loud music, smoking weed and littering.

Log 585 31/05/17 21:58 hours: Approximately 8-10 youths are in the lane behind Cardiff Road shops and Maesglas Avenue, fighting, smashing bottles and laughing.

Log 58 01/06/17 03:12 hours: South Wales Fire and Rescue called to say there was a deliberate ignition of a motorised scooter in the back lanes behind Maesglas Avenue.

Log 441 01/06/17 17:35 hours: Approximately 6 youths aged between 16 and 23 years in the back lane of Maesglas Avenue causing a nuisance. They were riding mopeds on the lane and also a strong smell of cannabis.

Log 107 02/06/17 08:49 hours: Caller stated that there were a lot of youths outside [redacted] address on Maesglas Avenue the previous day and when police arrived, they all disappeared. They came back after police left and when the [redacted], they were called a grass, snake and a whole load of abuse was shouted in his direction. This person feels extremely vulnerable and intimidated.

Log 239 03/06/17 11:38 hours: A vehicle parked on Bideford Road was damaged sometime in the day by having both wing mirrors smashed.

Log 411 09/06/17 19:02 hours: Around 10 youths aged 11-14 years are on Maesglas Junior School grounds trying to climb the roof. Last week damage was caused to roof tiles and when they are asked to move, they shout a load of abuse.

Log 43 13/06/17 04:59 hours: Sometime overnight the victims vehicle had been broken into on Maesglas Avenue near the shops. Items were taken and youths were seen to be hanging around the previous night. Unknown if this was related.

Log 353 15/06/17 15:47 hours: 15 males around 16-18 years old were told to move on from Maesglas Avenue but then gathered on Bideford Road. They had been breaching a protection order when asked to move.

Log 475 15/06/17 18:49 hours: There are 10 youths in Maesglas Junior School grounds and there is a dispersal notice in place. Kids playing football were moved on.

Log 372 16/06/17 14:34 hours: There are approx. 15 youths in the lane behind Cardiff Road shops near Maesglas Avenue causing problems. They are on a moped and a motorbike pulling wheelies, smoking cannabis and there is a dispersal order in place.

Log 604 20/06/17 20:24 hours: There are 30 youths in Maesglas Avenue from 14-20 years old throwing bottles, shouting and using bad language.

Log 586 22/06/17 20:37 hours: 2 girls were on the roof of the junior school but believed no damage was caused.

Log 357 24/06/17 16:19 hours: There are around 20 youths aged between 14 and 20 hanging around on Maesglas Avenue near the shops causing a nuisance, smoking cannabis and throwing rubbish in gardens. The caller received abuse when challenging their behaviour

Log 415 25/06/17 17:44 hours: In excess of 20 youths congregating in the lane at the back of Cardiff Road shops near Maesglas Avenue, messing around on the road, leaving rubbish there and intimidating residents.

Log 378 27/06/17 17:16 hours: South Wales Fire and Rescue reported there was a deliberate fence fire on Maesglas Avenue which then affected a shed.

Log 219 29/06/17 12:44 hours: Youths are making a habit of sitting outside [REDACTED] on Maesglas Avenue late in the evening with a stereo which disturbs the family.

Log 528 30/06/17 19:45 hours: 12 youths being a mix of boys and girls are gathering outside the [REDACTED] which distresses the [REDACTED]. This is happening around 3 times a week.

Log 484 01/07/17 19:17 hours: A large quad bike and 2 mopeds have been riding in the Maesglas area erratically.

Log 502 02/07/17 19:29 hours: a quad bike is riding up and down Bideford Road on the grass and pavements ridden by 2 lads.

Log 530 06/07/17 19:41 hours: 50 youths are being a nuisance in the shops on Cardiff Road. The caller asked them to move on to which one replied "f\*\*\* off and drop dead"

Log 604 06/07/17 21:57 hours: Youths are in Maesglas Avenue throwing stones, swearing, racing up and down on off road bikes. This is happening all of the time and the caller was getting upset.

Log 615 06/07/17 22:10 hours: A large group of 20 youths between 14 and 18 years old were gathering at the top of Maesglas Avenue by the lane causing a nuisance, blocking the road and stopping cars passing. They were also using a motorbike with no registration number. The caller has to go out every morning and clean up after them.

Log 173 07/07/17 10:58 hours: A group of 8 males between 18 and 20 years old are congregating in the lane behind Cardiff Road shops near Maesglas Avenue using mopeds and off road bikes causing a nuisance. They use the garages off Winchester Close to store the bikes.

Log 192 08/07/17 10:38 hours: The callers car has been broken into 3 times in the last 2 weeks, sometime overnight and he believed he was being targeted due to [REDACTED]

Log 246 14/07/17 13:46 hours: There is drug dealing going on in the lane behind Cardiff Road shops and Maesglas Avenue. There were around 12 males in the lane being a nuisance and 1 on a motorbike racing up and down at speed.

Log 336 18/07/17 15:32 hours: two motorbikes and a quad were racing around the estate including Maesglas Avenue.

Log 107 22/07/17 06:56 hours: Sometime overnight the [REDACTED] vehicle had been entered but no damage was caused. House keys, wallet and bank card was taken and money spent [REDACTED]

Log 206 01/08/17 12:38 hours: Off road bikes were heard in Maesglas Avenue all morning. They were concerned that as there were children in the area there might be an accident.

Log 507 04/08/17 19:25 hours: The caller reports there was a long ongoing issue with groups of youths [REDACTED] but the youths are back outside in Buxton Close causing the caller to feel intimidated.

Log 304 05/08/17 14:12 hours: Youths were back outside gathering in Buxton Close. Around 9 of them aged 16-20 years and had motorbikes.

Log 386 05/08/17 16:58 hours: Group of 6-8 youths throwing things ion residents gardens at Buxton Close.

Log 514 07/08/17 20:00 hours: 20 youths on bikes acting like morons, doing wheelies and riding into traffic on Maesglas Avenue and the general area. They are being intimidating as the congregate around the shops.

Log 168 08/08/17 11:52 hours: There are around 30 youths outside the [REDACTED] address on Buxton Close shouting abuse and has been ongoing for years.

Log 246 14/08/17 14:13 hours: Youths are out in Buxton Close again throwing items.

Log 324 14/08/17 16:34 hours: There are 6 youths in the garden of the [REDACTED] address on Buxton Close.

Log 194 15/08/17 12:59 hours: Around 10 youths in the lane behind Cardiff Road shops and Maesglas Avenue, smoking drugs and playing loud music.

Log 337 22/08/17 15:52 hours: Youths on the road and pavements riding their bike dangerously and one was on a full quad bike. There were young children in the area playing and its quite dangerous for them.

## **Appendix B**

Newport City Council Community Safety Warden Service – evidence provided in support of the application.

IN THE NEWPORT (GWENT) COUNTY COURT  
NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL & GWENT POLICE

STATEMENT OF Barbara Watts dated: 9/10/2017

I, Barbara Watts of NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL, will say as follows:-

1. I am employed as an Antisocial Behaviour Liaison Officer by Newport City Council and am duly authorised to make this statement on their behalf.
2. My role includes identifying Hotspot areas of Antisocial Behaviour, identifying the causes and developing sustainable solutions. I work alongside the Community Safety Wardens who have a response service that responds to calls relating to Antisocial Behaviour In the area of Newport.
3. One such area that has caused great concern is the Maesglas Shops area of Newport. The Antisocial Behaviour has had a detrimental effect on the quality of life of local residents in the vicinity, and those working and visiting the local area.
4. From the 'Uniform' database that we use, I have been able to collate the calls that we have received about this area in relation to Antisocial Behaviour.
5. The Community Safety Wardens Service has received 21 calls since 29.09.2016 to 02.10.17; these calls are specifically related to Antisocial Behaviour relating to incidents of youths congregating in various streets causing a nuisance, drinking, dealing drugs, smoking cannabis, setting fires, littering and obstructing pedestrians/vehicles.
6. I have summarised the contents of the Community Safety Wardens logs as follows:-

Log No. 16/10256/ABGNPO – 29<sup>th</sup> September 2016 - Call relating to a group of seven males, five on foot and two on bikes. No identities known and all wearing dark clothing their hoods pulled up over their faces. Information passed to Police.

Log No. 16/10257/ABGNPO – 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016 - Call relating a large group of males congregating in the area of the lane adjacent to 1 Maesglas Avenue. No identities known and all wearing clothing deliberately to obscure their faces.

Log No. 16/11407/ABGNPO – 30<sup>th</sup> October 2016 - Call relating to a gang of approximately 20 youths causing problems, drinking, smoking drugs and throwing rubbish around.

Log No. 16/11478/ABGNPO – 31<sup>st</sup> October 2016 - Call relating to large group of approximately 30 youths congregating on Maesglas Avenue appeared to be intentionally blocking the road and obstructing vehicles and foot traffic.

Log No. 17/01065/ABDRSA – 28<sup>th</sup> January 2017 - Call relating to youths dealing and taking drugs – Measglas shops, Community Centre and the lane off Maesglas Avenue.

Log No. 17/02729/TVINIP – 12<sup>th</sup> March 2017 - Call relating to a group of youths running around the roof tops of Maesglas Primary School.

Log No. 17/03552/ABGNPO – 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017 - Call relating to gang of youths being a nuisance in the lane, Maesglas Avenue

Log No. 17/03778/ABGNNPO – 9<sup>th</sup> April 2017 - Call relating to gang of youths smoking 'wacky backy' and being a nuisance littering and throwing rubbish everywhere near Maesglas Avenue and the shops.

Log No. 17/04262/ABDRPU – 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2017 - Call relating to youths gathering in the lane, lighting fires, drinking and throwing rubbish everywhere at the rear of Maesglas Avenue.

Log No. 17/04555/ABGNPO – 29<sup>th</sup> April 2017 - Call relating to youths drinking, smoking 'wacky backy', throwing rubbish and breaking bottles in the lane near the shops.

Log No. 17/04885/ABGNPO – 10<sup>th</sup> May 2017 - Call relating to youths hanging about making a mess and obstructing the lane making it difficult to get passed. Motor scooters parked everywhere. Pushbikes obstructing pedestrians in the area of the lane and near the Chinese Shop.

Log No. 17/04887/ABGNPO – 10<sup>th</sup> May 2017 - Call relating to youths being a pest in the lane and surround area of Maesglas.

Log No. 17/06917/ABGNPO – 4<sup>th</sup> July 2017 - Call relating to gangs of youths drinking, smoking and throwing rubbish everywhere.

Log No. 17/07581/ABGNPO – 20<sup>th</sup> July 2017 - Call relating to youths on bikes, motor scooters, gathering half way up access lane near Maesglas Avenue.

Log No. 17/08749/ABNVEH – 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2017 - Call relating to a small dark coloured motor bike with no number plates, racing up and down Maesglas Road and Maesglas Avenue late at night.

Log No. 17/08922/ABGNPO – 26<sup>th</sup> August 2017 - Call relating to antisocial youths gathering in the lane smoking drugs and drinking.

Log No. 17/09334/ABDRSA – 7<sup>th</sup> September 2017 - Call relating to drugs being sold in alleyway on Measglas Avenue.

Log No. 17/09981/ABGNPO – 24<sup>th</sup> September 2017 - Call relating to rubbish being thrown into the lane.

Log No.17/100009/ABGNPO - 25<sup>th</sup> September 2017 - Call relating to a large group of boys hanging around smoking and racing scooters/bikes up and down the path. Youths blocking the path, shouting and swearing.

Log No.17/10097/ABGNPO – 26<sup>th</sup> September 2017 – Joint Police/City Wardens Operation ‘MOSCOW’ in the Maesglas area. Report of several groups of youths spoken to and dispersed from the area.

Log No. 17/10312/ABGNPO – 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017 – Joint Police/City Wardens Operation ‘MOSCOW’ in the Maesglas area continued. Several groups of males observed between the ages of 14 and 15 – not causing any nuisance.

I produce these logs, copies attached as Exhibit Ref. No. BW/01.



## **Appendix C**

Newport City Homes – evidence provided in support of the application

Newport City Homes - Maesglas Avenue

The lane by Maesglas Action has been an issue for Newport City Homes for several years. The result is that the community is badly affected by the behaviour of the people that use this area on a daily basis and particular tenant's lives are so negatively impacted that they having to be moved out of the Maesglas to areas where these people do not know where they are due to the verbal abuse, acts of violence and threats they have received. This is causing an issue for NCH as it will make these properties hard to re-let, we know that unless serious action is taken to prevent the lane being used in this way all tenants living in these homes will experience issues here and request to move at some point. Tenants living further up the road and in other parts of Maesglas have also reported issues but many are concerned about coming forward to report issues due to fear of reprisals.

Dome camera installed Sent: 30 September 2016 below is account from engineers at Advanced electrical solutions

*"When we arrived in Maesglas we were instantly bombarded with stones, bricks and eggs and time was not on our side. We contacted Newport City Homes to inform them of the hostility we had met and proceeded to install this with tech bolts just to get the camera installed. These tech bolts have a rubber washer on the inside to stop any water ingress. I do understand this probably wasn't the correct method but felt under the circumstances if we hadn't installed when we did that possibly one of us could have been injured or the violence escalating and one of the pedestrians waiting for a bus could have been struck with one of these objects.*

Nolan Orford

Managing Director

Below is a list of incidents / issues:

2014 -2016	██████████ Maesglas Avenue	The tenants of ██████████ Maesglas Avenue were transferred to another property due to the issues they reported over several years in relation to the people hanging out in the lane between Maesglas Avenue and the community centre. They were offered a priority move as their rehousing request went to the council panel and moved out in June 2016. The tenants reported vandalism to their property, this group of people urinating in lane outside the property, dealing and using drugs here and general nuisance such as noise.
June 2016 -- present	██████████ Maesglas Avenue	The property was re-let to a new tenant. ██████████ was aware of the activity in this area but thought that as ██████████ was from Maesglas and knew a lot of these people as acquaintances

█ would be able to address the issues and leave █ in peace. Unfortunately these issues have escalated and the tenant has had issues since the first day of living here.

- There are 25-30 people congregating in the lane just outside █ Maesglas Avenue every day from 9/930am to 12am daily
- They are there either on pushbikes, mopeds or parked up in cars revving their engines on and off all day
- They play music loudly from their cars or bring their own sound systems which they have set up on the █ garden wall
- They deal drugs from this location so cars pull up and stop outside the lane regularly
- Drug bags are left in the lane or chucked into the █ garden
- They smoke cannabis all day in the lane so the █ cannot open █ windows due to the smell
- The level of noise is so high from the lane that the █ cannot hear █ TV above the noise
- They leave all their rubbish behind including glass bottles which are often smashed onto the ground
- They have thrown eggs at the front door of this property
- They have brought their own sofa and armchairs to the area to sit down on
- When the █ has been away they have used █ back garden to congregate in and were witnessed sitting on █ trampoline
- They block the entrance to █ front garden and do not move out of the way when █ is entering and leaving
- █ has had bikes stolen from █ garden
- █ were beaten up by them when they confronted them
- █ car was written off when it was drive into by one of this group
- █ is verbally abused on a daily basis either outside █ property or when █ is seen in the area
- On a personal level the █ are living in fear, they are trying to move urgently and do not like to be in the house on their own. They stay away as much as possible.

20/06/2017	Maesglas Avenue	<p>Two CCTV cameras were fitted to [redacted] property on 20<sup>th</sup> June this year. The group of people initially moved further down the lane to be out of sight of the camera, they also started to use the area by the bus stop more frequently but the camera does not seem to be a deterrent, they are still dealing in the lane and do not seem to be concerned about being caught on camera. On the day it was installed they were overheard threatening to knock the camera off with a scaffolding pole. The [redacted] was concerned that the pole would end up going through one of the bedroom windows.</p> <p>Below is a list of incidents that were downloaded from the camera:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 20/6/17 – images of youths congregating in lane</li> <li>• 20/6/17 – images of youths congregating in lane</li> <li>• 6/7/17 - images of youths abusing tenant</li> <li>• 11/7/17 - images of youths ASB and criminal damage to vehicle and theft</li> <li>• 3/8/16 - Incidents of ASB and assault and weapons (one of group was carrying a large knife in the lane, it was dropped in land behind shops)</li> <li>• 15/8/17 – verbal abuse caught on camera and information provided to the police</li> <li>• 17/8/17 – Anti social behaviour 530-605pm, information given to police</li> <li>• 11/9/17 – criminal damage to CCTV cameras, the cameras were knocked off [redacted] Maesglas Avenue by a scaffolding pole, this was caught on cameras which survived damage and we re-affixed to property</li> </ul>
January 2016 - present	Maesglas Avenue	<p>The [redacted] Maesglas Avenue contacted Newport City Homes in May 2016 to report ongoing issues in the area including people causing nuisance and annoyance outside [redacted] property (this is the same group of people that use the lane), verbal and racist abuse directed at [redacted] vandalism to [redacted] car and people sitting on [redacted] garden wall and littering [redacted] garden on a daily basis.</p> <p>[redacted] reported the incidents below to Newport City Homes and the police:</p> <p>2/1/17 – racist and verbal abuse, damage to bin caused by youths congregated outside [redacted] property</p> <p>8/1/17 – [redacted] car wing mirror kicked off</p> <p>9/3/17 – car wing mirror kicked off</p> <p>30/5/17 – youths dumping rubbish outside [redacted] property, wing mirror knocked off</p> <p>13/06/17 – car window smashed and sat nav stolen from [redacted] car</p> <p>15/6/17 - car window smashed and youths throwing bottles outside his property</p>

		<p>30/6/17 – youths gathering outside [redacted] property and sat on [redacted] garden wall, and causing [redacted] distress</p> <p>8/7/17 – car window smashed, money, purse and bank cards stolen from glove compartment</p> <p>22/7/17 – car entered, alarm wires pulled out, and cigarettes stolen</p> <p>[redacted] believes that the people that hang around outside [redacted] property and in the lane are the ones damaging [redacted] car. One of this group was caught on the CCTV camera tampering with [redacted] car which confirms what the [redacted] is thinking is going on.</p> <p>The [redacted] has been offered a CCTV camera but has refused as [redacted] is fearful of it causing further issues for [redacted] and [redacted] family and repercussions.</p>
July 2017 – present	[redacted] Maesglas Avenue	<p>[redacted] who has been advised and supported by Newport City Homes regarding his concerns about what goes on in Maesglas Avenue in the lane, and around the shops. [redacted] reported to us regular drug dealing by these people, drinking, people having sex in the lane, and motorbikes going up and down lane and end of Maesglas Avenue.</p>