

## Impact Assessment - First Stage

### 1. Details of the initiative

**Initiative description and summary:** Vale of Neath Hub at Resolven Canal Car Park.

The project involves the renovation of the existing public convenience building to create a café space, refurbished public convenience facilities (1 male, 1 female and 1 disabled) and a digital visitor information point.

**Service Area:** Property & Regeneration

**Directorate:** Environment

### 2. Does the initiative affect:

	Yes	No
Service users		x
Staff		x
Wider community	x	
Internal administrative process only	x	

### 3. Does the initiative impact on people because of their:

	Yes	No	None/ Negligible	Don't Know	Impact H/M/L	Reasons for your decision (including evidence)/How might it impact?
Age		x				The proposals will have no impact
Disability			x		L	The proposed refurbishment to the public convenience provision will create 1 new disabled toilet, a direct replacement for the 1 existing disabled toilet.

						<p>During construction the toilet building will need to close, however alternative, temporary provision will be provided on site for the duration of the works.</p> <p>The facility is already accessible via wheelchair and pushchair friendly ramps. The project will also deliver an accessible café on site.</p>
Gender Reassignment		x				The proposals will have no impact
Marriage/Civil Partnership		x				The proposals will have no impact
Pregnancy/Maternity		x				The proposals will have no impact
Race		x				The proposals will have no impact
Religion/Belief		x				The proposals will have no impact
Sex	x				L	<p>The proposed refurbishment to the public convenience provision will reduce the number of toilet facilities from 3 male and 3 female to create 1 male and 1 female toilets.</p> <p>Usage surveys of the toilets undertaken during October 2016 and September 2017 indicate that usage levels at this site is low in comparison to other public toilet provision in the county at; 2,436 males, 390 females, 29 disabled uses in September 2017.</p> <p>The higher figure for the number of male uses could be attributable to the nature of the antisocial behaviour which has previously been experienced at this site.</p> <p>It is envisaged that the provision of 1 disabled (unisex), 1 female and 1 male toilet will meet existing demand in addition to further increases in demand as a result of establishing the site as a visitor location.</p>

						During construction the toilet building will need to close, however alternative, temporary provision will be provided on site for the duration of the works.
Sexual orientation		x				The proposals will have no impact

**4. Does the initiative impact on:**

	Yes	No	None/ Negligible	Don't know	Impact H/M/L	Reasons for your decision (including evidence used) / How might it impact?
People's opportunities to use the Welsh language		x				The content within the digital information point will be in both Welsh and English.
Treating the Welsh language no less favourably than English		x				The content within the digital information point will be in both Welsh and English.

**5. Does the initiative impact on biodiversity:**

	Yes	No	None/ Negligible	Don't know	Impact H/M/L	Reasons for your decision (including evidence) / How might it impact?
To maintain and enhance biodiversity		x				The proposals will have no impact
To promote the resilience of ecosystems, i.e. supporting protection of the wider environment,		x				The proposals will have no impact

such as air quality, flood alleviation, etc.						
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**6. Does the initiative embrace the sustainable development principle (5 ways of working):**

	Yes	No	Details
<b>Long term</b> - how the initiative supports the long term well-being of people	x		This project will enable the authority to create a sustainable use for the existing building, safeguard the public convenience facility, create jobs and encourage the growth of the tourism economy within the area. The overall aim of the capital investment at this site is to encourage more visitors to the Vale of Neath, its canal network and waterfalls.
<b>Integration</b> - how the initiative impacts upon our wellbeing objectives	x		This project will enable the authority to create a sustainable use for the existing building, safeguard the public convenience facility, create jobs and encourage the growth of the tourism economy within the area. The overall aim of the capital investment at this site is to encourage more visitors to the Vale of Neath, its canal network and waterfalls.
<b>Involvement</b> - how people have been involved in developing the initiative	x		This project has been identified as a priority within the Neath Port Talbot Destination Management Plan which prioritises projects for delivery to achieve the growth of the tourism sector in the local economy. This project has been subject to consultation with members of the NPT Destination Management Steering Group which includes representatives from the public sector and tourism sector within NPT.
<b>Collaboration</b> - how we have worked with other services/organisations to find shared sustainable solutions		x	Not applicable.
<b>Prevention</b> - how the initiative will prevent problems occurring or getting			In recent years the public convenience facilities at Resolven Canal Car Park have been subject to instances of anti-social behaviour. By investing

worse			in the site and creating a permanent presence through the on-site cafeteria it is envisaged that this issue will be abated.
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**7. Declaration - based on above assessment (tick as appropriate):**

A full impact assessment (second stage) <b>is not</b> required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reasons for this conclusion	
The proposed works will not have any adverse impact on people with protected characteristics. The overall project has a positive impact on wellbeing objectives.	

A full impact assessment (second stage) <b>is</b> required	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reasons for this conclusion	

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