

BLAENAVON TOWN CENTRE TOWNSCAPE HERITAGE PROGRAMME

Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan 2017-2022



Executive Summary

The Blaenavon Town Centre Conservation Area was designated in 1984 and covers 19 hectares around the historic core of the town. The Conservation Area was extended to include Old Queen and Phillips Street in 2011. The Conservation Area includes 26 listed buildings and one Scheduled Ancient Monument – Blaenavon Ironworks which is the *raison d'être* for the development of the town and for the areas wider World Heritage Site status.

This Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan is an update to the original Plan approved in 2011. Its aim is to assist Torfaen County Borough Council in protecting and enhancing the built heritage of Blaenavon – a key area of the Blaenavon Industrial Landscape World Heritage Site - whilst enabling the public to recognise both the benefits of living in a Conservation Area and their own responsibilities for its future management and protection.

The purpose of this document is also to identify those characteristics which make the Conservation Area an area of Special Architectural or Historic interest. The Plan defines and analyses the special character, qualities; and the architectural and historic interest that warrants the Blaenavon Conservation Area designation. The Plan identifies the key assets and issues and outlines recommendations for the management and enhancement of the areas special character in the future.

Management and enhancement proposals are identified including: the identification of properties suitable for local listing; a review of the Conservation Area boundary with recommendations for extensions on the south eastern and south western boundary. Policies for maintenance, repair and new development are also presented.

This document has been prepared in accordance with Welsh Governments guidance as contained in Planning Policy Guidance Wales, Chapter 6 (November 2016), Technical Advice Note 24: The Historic Environment (May 2017), and Managing Conservation Areas in Wales (May 2017).

The Conservation Area was surveyed between March 2017 and April 2017 and this Conservation Area Appraisal & Management Plan will be subject to public consultation during the summer of 2017. Following consultation, Full Council considered and approved the Plan on 17th October 2017. The Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan will be regularly monitored and reviewed to ensure that it remains relevant and that it is contributing towards the sustainable management of the historic built environment for future generations.