





Summary Technical Due Diligence Report

Severn Bridge Social Club, Bulwark Road, Chepstow, NP16 5JX

April 2021

Preface

Identification Photograph:



Property Address:	Severn Bridge Social Club, Bulwark Road, Chepstow, NP16 5JX				
Approximate Area:	Main Building - 1049m ²				
	Detached Unit - 38 m ²				
Date of Inspection:	1 st April 2021				
Inspection Conditions:	Overcast with some sunny spells – Approximately 10°c				
Access Restrictions:	No access to the main Bar area, skittles room and cellar due to potential disturbed asbestos and health and safety concerns. No access was obtained to the cloak room and plant room. No access to main hall roof due to lack of access equipment. Internal inspection undertaken with a torch due to lack of artificial and daylight. Internal areas full of refuse etc.				
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1. Scope of Instruction and Brief

- 1.1 In accordance with your recent instructions, we have carried out an inspection of Severn Bridge Social Club, Bulwark Road, Chepstow, NP16 5JX in order to advise on the forms of construction and current state of repair. We have been instructed to prepare an executive short form report only which briefly describes the site and building(s) and explains the general standard and condition and any principal defects or shortcomings.
- 1.2 We have not commented on minor repairs or redecoration items unless collectively they are having or could have a material impact on properties if not addressed.
- 1.3 We have not commented on loose furniture or equipment or other tenant installations unless otherwise instructed.
- 1.4 We have not provided feasibility advice for future alterations or redevelopment unless otherwise instructed.
- 1.5 We are not instructed to appoint specialist consulting engineers to inspect the engineering services installations. Our building surveyors have undertaken a visual inspection to identify the services present and record the principle concerns.
- 1.6 We have not undertaken a Phase 1 Environmental Audit. However, where further investigation or testing is deemed necessary, this has been recommended.
- 1.7 We have been provided with the following documentation relating to the property which has been considered in the preparation of this report:
 - Asbestos Demolition Survey Report by Leftfield Environmental Limited dated 09-12th November 2020.
 - Proposed Site Plans:
 - o AD_050 July 2020
 - AD_051 July 2020
 - AD_052 July 2020
 - o AD_053 July 2020
- 1.8 Please refer to our standard Terms of Appointment which are included at Appendix C.

2. Brief Property Description

- 2.1 The site is located on Bulwark Road a short distance from Chepstow town centre and a short drive from the M48.
- 2.2 The property was constructed in the early 1960s and is generally single storey with a double height space to the main hall area. The site consists of the main club house, first floor steward's accommodation and a separate detached single-story unit to the north west of the site.
- 2.3 External areas consist of concrete and tarmacadam hard standings as well as a lawned area to the south west elevation. There is a large carpark to the east of the site which wraps around the building from north to south.
- 2.4 The site boundary consists of metal hoop top fencing, low level chain-link fencing, stone rubble wall to the north west as well as low-level timber fencing surrounding the lawned area.
- 2.5 The building is unoccupied and appears to have been for a number of years. It is evident that the trespass, vandalism, and theft has been an issue during this period and all windows and doors have been boarded up in order to prevent any further damage being caused internally.
- 2.6 **Structure and Floors** The building largely comprises a framed structure with a timber deck to roofs, suspended timber upper floors and a ground bearing concrete floor slab.
- 2.7 **Roofs and Rainwater Goods** –The roofs are predominantly of flat roof construction with a relatively modern bituminous felt covering. There are varying roof levels throughout which suggests the building has been altered and extended a number of times throughout its lifetime. Roof lights are located above WCs. We were unable to view the roof to the main hall although we anticipate it to also comprise of a bituminous felt covering. Externally fixed uPVC gutters and downpipes are installed throughout.
- 2.8 **Elevations/Windows/Doors** Masonry external walls are finished with rough cast render, and uPVC shiplap cladding at first floor level to the main hall. Due to age of the building we presume the building to be cavity wall construction. Cavity insulation was exposed to the main hall and internally insulated drylining was noted to the office of the north, west elevation, which is believed to be a later addition. It was not possible to determine the extent of the insulation to the remainder of the building. The windows are a combination of single glazed casement windows and uPVC double glazing, most of which are boarded to prevent unauthorised access. Doors are predominantly uPVC with double glazed panels with an anodised aluminium door set with Georgian wire glazing panels to the main entrance.

- 2.9 Internal Configuration Internal walls are a combination of solid load bearing masonry and lightweight partitioning. The ground floor layout comprises the main hall and bar, numerous toilets, office space, changing facilities backstage area, reading room and cellar. No access was available to the ground floor cloak room and plant room. The bar/lounge area and skittles room were also not accessed due to health and safety concerns. First floor level consists of steward's accommodation including kitchen, living room, bathroom and 2 bedrooms. The first-floor balcony within the main hall consists of a seating area, kitchen, and DJ booth. The separate detached single-story unit consists of two rooms and a WC.
- 2.10 Internal Finishes and fit out There are a variety of floor coverings throughout including ceramic tiles, carpet, and vinyl. These have been laid over asbestos containing floor tiles in numerous locations, as detailed within the asbestos report provided. The wall finishes are a combination of timber and laminated wall panelling, drylining to external walls and ceramic wall tiles within the WCs. The ceilings within the building are a combination of timber panelling, plasterboard, and mineral fibre ceiling tiles. We note there are asbestos containing insulation boards to the ceilings and steelwork encasement, as detailed within the asbestos report provided.
- 2.11 Welfare Accommodation There are male/female WCs and a baby changing facility located to the north east of the building. There are also male/female WCs and a disabled WC to the north west of the building as well as a single WC to the backstage area of the main hall and a bathroom within steward's accommodation. Kitchens are located to the first floor of the steward's accommodation and to the first-floor balcony of the main hall. Sanitaryware and finishes are partially stripped out and / or extensively damaged and none could be utilised.
- 2.12 **MEP Services -** Prohibited access to the plant room and cellar prevented us inspecting the incoming mains. We understand the incoming power has been damaged and there is no power to the building. All wiring within the building has been stripped by vandals and / or stolen. Despite isolated radiators being noted on site, it was evident that the system is no longer operational as the boiler and associated pipework has been removed/striped. Remaining flues suggest that boilers were gas fired and that there is a gas supply to the building. Although fire alarm and emergency lighting installations were noted in the building, these are not operational.
- 2.13 **External Area –** External areas generally comprise tarmacadam surfaces with thermoplastic line markings to demarcate car parking spaces. The site is bounded by a series of fences and walls. Hoop top metal fencing is provided to the north east. A chain-link fence and concrete posts is located to the south, east. Low level timber fencing and brickwork walls are provided to the south, west with a stonework wall noted to the north, west of the site. Access to the car park which appears to be utilised

by residents and shoppers is accessed via the east of the site. There is also a yard to the west side of the building which is laid with paving slabs and enclosed with a timber fence and gate which is currently locked and could not be accessed.

3. Key Findings

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- 3.1 We set out below a summary of our principal observations categorised using the following risk rating/criticality indicator:
 - High Risk critical compliance issues and significant or structural defects requiring urgent resolution or consideration prior to acquisition
 - Medium Risk non-critical compliance issues and significant defects to be considered within the proposed transaction and/or addressed within an appropriate timescale
 - Low Risk for information/routine maintenance and repair items to be addressed within a 10-year timeframe.

	Structure and Fabric	Risk Rating
3.2	The roof coverings inspected appeared to be in a fair condition with only localised	0
	water ingress noted internally. Crazing, rippling, blistering and debonding of lap	
	joints were noted, predominately at the change of level between the bar area and	
	skittles room. We were unable to inspect the roof to the main hall, but we anticipate	
	the condition to be commensurate with other roof areas. These defects would need	
	to be addressed in the short term to ensure the building is watertight and to re-let	
	the building.	
	The upstand detail to the perimeter of building has failed and the cover flashing,	
	most likely to have been lead, appears to have been removed. This is allowing water	
	to enter the property and is causing damage to the internal fabric of the building.	
	The upstand should be redressed, and the flashing refitted in the short term to	
	prevent any further damage to the building.	
3.3	Extensive quantities of debris and waste material have been left on the roof. These	0

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3.4	Rainwater goods have suffered from a lack of maintenance and are blocked	0
	allowing water to run down the face of the building. Damage to gutters to the north	
	west of the hall and disconnected downpipe to first floor accommodation was	
	noted. Rainwater goods should be unblocked and repaired in the short term to	
	prevent further damage to the building fabric.	
3.5	Paving slabs and decking boards have been laid directly onto the flat roof felt	0
	covering surrounding the steward's accommodation. This has resulted in some	
	vegetation growth and the risk of damage being caused to the roof covering. Paving	
	slabs, decking and any vegetation growth should be removed to help preserve the	
	life of the roof. Alternatively, a specialist support system should be installed to	
	support these additions.	
3.6	The external uPVC wall cladding and soffit to the main hall has been damaged and	0
	roughly stripped along the south and south east elevation of the flat roof. The	
	cladding is cracked and worn and overall, in a poor condition It is recommended	
	that a wholescale replacement of all wall cladding should be undertaken.	
3.7	Cracking was noted to the external front and side wall of the skittles room with a	0
	previous repair noted. Further investigations into the cause of these cracks should	
	be undertaken by a structural engineer. A provisional sum has been allowed for	
	within appendix A.	
3.8	Horizontal, tapered cracking was noted to either side of the cantilevered section of	0
	the steward's accommodation which forms the canopy directly above the front	
	entrance. This would suggest that the structural steelwork has deflected, and the	
	first floor has settled at a lower level. Vertical cracking was also noted to the internal	
	wall of the small corner room to the right of the stage which is mirrored externally.	
	Further investigations into the cause of these cracks should be undertaken by a	
	structural engineer. A provisional sum has been allowed for within appendix A.	

	Structure and Fabric	Risk Rating
3.9	The asbestos refurbishment and demolition report details numerous asbestos containing materials within the building. Before refurbishment/ reinstatement works are undertaken it is recommended that all asbestos containing materials within the building are removed. Asbestos insulating board ceilings are present in the bar and hall area which appear to have been disturbed / collapsed. Access should be prohibited until this has been remove and environmental cleaned under licensed conditions. We did not access these areas as a result.	1
3.10	Glazing is smashed to several windows to the south west elevation at ground floor and first floor level. There are also a number of dome roof lights which are either smashed or damaged allowing water to enter the building. The windows are currently boarded or covered and as such are not causing any further damage to the building fabric. However, glazing should be replaced in the short term if the building is to be re-let.	0
3.11	Timber windows to the south east elevation are suffering from wet rot decay. These windows should be replaced with modern uPVC alternatives to match the existing.	0
3.12	The suspended ceilings within the Bar/ lounge have completely failed, exposing the roof deck. If the building is to be re-let full reinstatement will be needed.	0
3.13	The internal elements to the building are tired, dated, failed, vandalised and in an overall poor condition. If the building is to be re-let in the future a full refurbishment will be needed. This would include the replacement of all finishes including internal doors, ceilings, decorations, and floor coverings together with WC's and kitchen refurbishment.	0
3.14	Rough cast render to the external face of the building is damaged/blown and paint is flaking to numerous locations. Works should be undertaken remove blown sections of render and reinstate before undertaking full redecoration.	0
3.15	The stone rubble wall to the north, west elevation has large scale vegetation growth and the mortar joints have failed. Many of the stones have become dislodged leaving the wall in a poor condition. Works should be undertaken in the short term to remove the vegetation and ensure the integrity of the wall.	2

	Structure and Fabric	Risk Rating
3.16	The yard/ outside area to the south east elevation is in poor state of repair with	2
	vegetation growth uneven and poorly set paving slabs. The pergola roof covering is	
	also damaged. Refurbishment of this area would be needed should the building be	
	re-let.	
3.17	The double-glazed uPVC windows within the separate detached single storey unit	2
	are old and in a poor condition. Ironmongery is generally poor, seals are defective /	
	missing and double-glazed units are 'blown' and 'misted'. Consideration should be	
	given to their wholesale replacement.	
3.18	The tarmacadam to the carpark is pitted and warn to isolated locations. Patch	2
	repairs should be undertaken in the medium term to ensure term to avoid further	
	damage to the surface and damage to vehicles.	
3.19	Boundary and yard walls/fences will require isolated repair and redecoration in the	2
	medium term.	
	Engineering Services	Risk
		Rating
3.20	The building has suffered from break ins, theft and severe vandalism which has	0
	resulted in the extensive strip out of electrical wiring. Should the building be re-let a	
	full rewire will be needed. We also understand the incoming mains has also been	
	damaged.	
3.21	The fire alarm and emergency lighting installations to the building varies in	0

- 3.21 The fire alarm and emergency lighting installations to the building varies in coverage. If the buildings are re-let, we would expect a wholesale upgrade of the installations to comply with modern British Standards.
- 3.22 The boilers serving the building appear to have been removed along with radiators and heating pipework which has resulted in a lack of heating to any part of the building. In order to re-let the premises, we recommend a new wet heating system is installed to serve both the social club and steward's accommodation as a minimum.

	Engineering Services	Risk Rating
3.23	The mains water inlet pipe within the baby changing rooms had blown and was	0
	visibly leaking which had resulted in substantial damage to the room and corridor	
	alongside the front entrance. During our inspection, an emergency plumber isolated	
	the incoming supply at the external stopcock however repairs will be needed before	
	the water is switched back on. Copper hot and cold-water pipework has been	
	removed throughout the building.	
	Health & Safety and Property Compliance Matters	Risk Rating
	Fire Precautions	
3.24	The social club will fall under the requirement of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety)	0
	Order 2005 which would require a responsible person to take responsibility for the	
	fire precautions within the building if it becomes re-let. A fire risk assessment has	
	not been seen and as such a fire risk assessment should be undertaken as part of	
	any refurbishment works and prior to occupation.	
	Asbestos Management	
3.25	As the property is a commercial property the Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012	0
	are applicable. A recent Refurbishment & Demolition Survey has been provided	
	identifying numerous asbestos containing materials. This survey should be	
	considered when undertaking any future works.	

Gas & Electrical Safety

3.26 We have not been provided with statutory compliance testing of the services such as gas safety, fixed wire, fire alarm and emergency lighting testing. These would be required prior to occupation of the building and should be provided as part of the new system installations.

	Deleterious Materials	Risk Rating
3.27	Aside from the asbestos issues identified previously, no deleterious materials have	3
	been identified.	

	EPC and Sustainability	Risk Rating
3.28	We have been unable to locate an Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) from the	0
	public database and note that it is unlikely that the building has one. If the property	
	was to be renovated and leased, under the Energy Act 2011, appropriate energy	
	efficiency improvements would need to be made to achieve a rating to a minimum	
	of "E". We recommend that the EPC Recommendation Report is obtained and	
	reviewed with consideration given to energy improvements.	

Legal Matters for Consideration

- 3.29 **Title** We have not been provided with a red line title plan and so are unable to confirm that the physical boundary on site matches. We recommend that a copy of the Title Plan and Register is obtained and reviewed to confirm the extent of the interest.
- 3.30 **Planning and Building Control -** We have reviewed the local authority's planning portal and there are no pending planning or building control applications. Any refurbishment or conversion of the building may require planning and building control approval.
- 3.31 **Neighbourly Matters and Party Wall –** It is likely that the stone wall noted to the north west elevation is a Party wall fence under the Party wall etc act 1996 and is shared with the neighbouring residential properties. This would need to be considered if any works are to be carried out to or around this wall.
- 3.32 **Contracts and Warranty Documentation -** We have not been provided with any Contracts and Warranty Documentation.

	Recommendations for Further Technical Investigations
3.33	We would suggest that a structural engineer is appointed to undertake further investigations into
	cracking noted within the building.
3.34	Due to the site being unoccupied and disused for a period, we would recommend that a CCTV

3.34 Due to the site being unoccupied and disused for a period, we would recommend that a CCTV drainage survey is undertaken to establish its condition before any refurbishment works take place.

Estimated Repair Costs

3.35 We provide below a cost summary of estimated remedial works over the next 10 years. A breakdown including explanatory notes is provided in Appendix A.

3.36 In its current condition most defects noted within the report would be deemed as high risk as without undertaking these works the building is unsafe and cannot be occupied.

	Immediate/Short Term (0-1 Years)	Medium Term (2-5 Years)	Long Term (6-10 Years)	Total £
Structure and Fabric	£835,963	£22,534	£130,440	£988,936
General ltems	£4,850	£11,281	0	£16,131
Total (£)	£840,813	£33,815	£130,440	£1,005,067

Note:

- Budget costs only we recommend that detailed specifications are prepared in order to obtaincompetitive prices from suitable contractors
- Overheads, profit, and preliminaries included
- Temporary access included
- Professional fees excluded
- Statutory fees excluded
- Inflation and/or extraordinary expenses excluded
- VAT excluded
- Figures quoted at 1Q2021
- Day to day cyclical maintenance excluded unless other stated

Conclusion and Suitability for Purchase/Sale

3.37 The building was previously utilised as a social club however it would appear the building has been unoccupied for a number of years and has suffered from lack of maintenance, vandalism, and theft, leaving the property in a very poor condition.

- 3.38 Generally, the external fabric of the building is in a fair condition however roof repairs, cladding replacement and structural repairs are required in the short term. The internal fabric of the building is dilapidated, and all elements and finishes require removal and replacement. This appears due to age, vandalism and theft.
- **3.39** The Dilapidated condition, fire safety breaches and disturbed asbestos to significant areas of the building make the building a significant H&S risk to occupants and access should be prohibited.
- 3.40 We do not consider the building to be in a suitable condition or standard. In its current condition the majority of works noted within the report would be deemed as high risk as without undertaking these works the building cannot be occupied. To secure a re- let, significant refurbishment works would need to be undertaken at considerable expense.
- 3.41 We have been unable to locate an Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) from the public database and note that it is unlikely that the building has one. If the property was to be renovated and leased, under the Energy Act 2011, appropriate energy efficiency improvements would need to be made to achieve a rating to a minimum of "E". We recommend that the EPC Recommendation Report is obtained and reviewed with consideration given to energy improvements.
- 3.42 If this is the case, the buildings will be affected by the recent implementation of The Energy Act 2011, which prohibits the leasing of properties with a rating of below an "E" from 1 April 2018, until appropriate energy efficiency improvements have been made. We recommend that EPCs are undertaken as soon as possible to confirm the position. If our assumptions are correct consideration should be given to implementing an Energy Audit or reviewing the EPC Recommendation Report with a view to adopting an Energy Strategy for the building and thereby managing the potential risk of holding a low energy rated building which will restrict your ability to re-let.

Appendix A

Schedule of Works and Budget Costs



20/04/2021

Severn Bridge Social Club, Bulwark Road, Chepstow, NP16 5JX

Schedule of Estimated Costs

ltem	Work Description	Total £	Short Term 0-1 yr.	Medium Term 2-5 yrs.	Long Term 6-10yrs
<u> </u>					
	e & Fabric	7.50.4	7.504		
1	Allowance for 186sqm (20%)	7,594	7,594		
	to undertake patch repairs to roof and reseal lifting felt.				
2	Long term allowance for re-	130,440			130,440
	covering roof	,			
3	Refit flashing upstand using a proprietary flashing system.	2,124	2,124		
4	Unblocked rainwater goods and undertake isolated repairs.	651	651		
5	Replaced smashed glazing with new.	290	290		
6	Remove and replace 4no timber casement windows with new PVCu double glazed windows.	1,200	1,200		
7	Allowance for 116sqm (40%) of external render repair works	11,634		11,634	
8	Wholescale external redecoration of building.	8,289	8,289		
9	Replace 3no. windows to detached single store unit.	900		900	
10	Remove debris from roof and external site in general.	660	660		
11	Remove paving slabs, decking and vegetation growth from the roof. Provisional allowance for repairs.	2,000	2,000		
12	Wholescale replacement of all wall cladding and soffit.	17,255	17,255		

Total £		1,005,067	840,813	33,815	130,440
Total £	General Items	16,131	4,850	11,281	-
Total £		988,936	835,963	22,534	130,440
	allowance for repairs				
	and advise on condition. No				
	to inspect the cracks noted				
22	Appoint structural engineer	2,500	2,500		
	Commission EPC assessment	.,			
21		1,000	1,000		
	repairs				
	drains. No allowance for				
20	CCTV survey of below ground	1,000	1,000		
	Cut back/remove all external vegetation to site.				
19		350	350		
	Undertake patch repairs to tarmacadam carpark.				
18		6,214		6,214	
	walls/fences.				
	Allowance for repairs to boundary and yard	-,		_,	
17		5,067		5,067	
General					
	services (budget allowance)				
10	incoming power and water	10,000	10,000		
16	allowance) Undertake repairs to	10,000	10,000		
	conditions <u>(budget</u>				
	clean under licensed				
	asbestos and environmental				
15	E/O for removal of disturbed	25,000	25,000		
	fixed wiring and heating				
	refurbishment. Reinstatement of all electrical				
	WC's and kitchen				
	floor coverings together with				
	ceilings, decorations and				
	including internal doors,				
	reinstatement of new finishes				
14	finished to all areas. Full	700,500	700,900		
14	Full strip out of all internal	760,900	760,900		
	and allow to refit to match				
13	Strip out yard area (slabs, pergola, fencing, planters)	10,000		10,000	

Notes

Budget costs only – we recommend that detailed specifications are prepared in order to obtain competitiv Overheads, profit and preliminaries included Temporary access included Professional fees excluded. Statutory fees excluded. Inflation and/or extraordinary expenses excluded. VAT excluded. Figures quoted at 1Q2021 Day to day cyclical maintenance excluded unless otherwise stated

Appendix B Photographic Schedule

Photo No	Photograph Description	Photograph
	External Photos	
1.	Main entrance, south west elevation.	
2.	South east elevation.	
3.	South east elevation and timber fencing to yard.	
4.	North west elevation.	

Photo No	Photograph Description	Photograph
5.	North west elevation.	
6.	North west elevation.	
7.	North east elevation.	
8.	Detached single-story unit.	

Photo No	Photograph Description	Photograph
9.	Entrance to separate detached single-story unit.	
10.	Rear elevation of separate detached single- story unit.	
11.	Timber fence to read yard.	
12.	Yard to south east elevation.	

Photo No	Photograph Description	Photograph
13.	Crack to wall, mirrored internaly.	
14.	Rot to timber casement windows to south east elevation.	
15.	Horizontal cracking to entrance canopy.	

Photo No	Photograph Description	Photograph
16.	Missing paving slabs and blown plaster to low level wall to front entrance.	
17.	Damage to timber fencing surrounding lawned area.	
18.	Stone rubble wall to boundary.	
19.	Vegetation growth to stone wall.	

Photo No	Photograph Description	Photograph
20.	Damage to render.	
21.	Rainwater goods overflowing and damaging render.	
22.	Car park to north east elevation.	

Photo No	Photograph Description	Photograph
23.	Damage to macadam hard standing.	
24.	Crazing to macadam hard standing.	
25.	Roof covering above bar and skittles room.	
26.	First floor of south west elevation.	

Photo No	Photograph Description	Photograph
27.	Damaged cladding.	
28.	Yard to north east elevation.	
29.	Damage to timber fencing on fire exit rout.	
30.	Damage to sky light.	

Photo No	Photograph Description	Photograph
31.	Debris to roof.	
32.	Debris to roof.	
33.	Upstand detail allowing water to enter the property.	