

**Correspondence File 1**

**General Purposes & Planning**

**10<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

Blwch Post 1  
Conwy LL30 9GN

## **BETH SY'N DIGWYDD NESAF?**

Byddwn yn defnyddio'r wybodaeth gan breswylwyr a rhanddeiliaid i ddiweddarau ein Map Rhwydwaith Integredig, sy'n dangos llwybrau Teithio Llesol y dyfodol. Gall y rhain fod yn llwybrau newydd sbon neu yn balmentydd a ffyrdd i ni eu gwella at safon canllawiau Teithio Llesol.

Byddwn yn ymgynghori ar y Map Rhwydwaith Integredig cyn y byddwn yn ei gyflwyno i Lywodraeth Cymru ym mis Rhagfyr 2021.

Cofion,

Dylan Jones  
**Rheolwr Traffic a Rhwydwaith**

Dear Clerk,

**We are launching a public consultation on Active Travel routes in Conwy County on Wednesday 12 May.**

We want to find out where residents would like to see better facilities for walking and cycling, and find out what's stopping them from using routes at the moment.

### **WHAT IS ACTIVE TRAVEL?**

Active Travel means making everyday journeys by walking or cycling instead of using transport such as cars or buses. (The term "walking" includes using wheelchairs, mobility scooters and other mobility aids.)

It is a Welsh Government initiative to encourage healthier travel and reduce traffic congestion.

Active Travel includes journeys made to work, school, college, shops and leisure facilities. An Active Travel route has to connect to these places and be suitable for everyday journeys. Active Travel does not cover routes that are only used for leisure or recreational purposes.

More information about Active Travel on the Council website: [www.conwy.gov.uk/activetravel](http://www.conwy.gov.uk/activetravel)

### **ABOUT THE CONSULTATION**

#### **Consultation format**

Because of restrictions on public events, the consultation is taking place via the Welsh Government [Commonplace website](#).

The website includes an interactive map, so residents can pinpoint a specific location and provide feedback via a short form on the issues or what is working well.

Residents without internet access can submit comments by post to:

Active Travel  
Environment, Roads and Facilities  
PO Box 1  
CONWY  
LL30 9GN

### **WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?**

We will use information from residents and stakeholders to update our Integrated Network Map, which shows future Active Travel routes. These can be brand new routes or existing pavements and roads for us to improve to Active Travel guidance standards.

We will consult on the revised Integrated Network Map before we submit it to Welsh Government in December 2021.

Regards,

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Dylan Jones  
Traffic and Network Manager

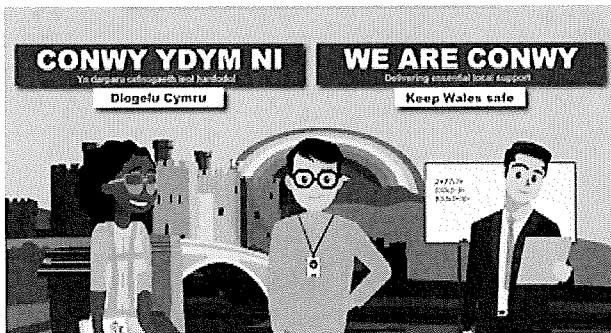
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Good afternoon

On behalf of Abergele Town Council I would like to convey concerns raised by a member of the public regarding the congestion and potential danger caused by queuing traffic for the MacDonaldis Drive Thru' on the western side of the A55.

Members agreed that this situation could cause a serious accident and feel that urgent action is required to prevent the queue backing up onto the roundabout itself where it is stationary and obstructive to other users of the junction.

It was noted at the meeting that CCBC have been involved in trying to find a solution working with the businesses at the location and I would be grateful if you could provide an update for Members on what measures have been applied.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Lorraine Whalley  
Deputy Clerk/Dirprwy Clerc  
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Abergele LL22 7BT  
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## FW: Threeways Roundabout A55

John Rowlands <john.rowlands@conwy.gov.uk>

Thu 20/05/2021 09:20

To: ATC Deputy Clerk <deputyclerk@abergele-towncouncil.co.uk>

Cc: Traffic <traffic@conwy.gov.uk>

Hello Loraine,

Further to your email below in relation to the situation at the Threeways Roundabout, I can confirm that I am currently in discussions with North Wales Police to try and determine a reasonable solution. At present, there is no restrictions on the business use and there is very little that CCBC Highways can do to stop vehicles using the site. The lack of onsite capacity for queuing vehicles is causing vehicles to overflow onto the highway which is causing unacceptable quests and delays on the road network. It is a police matter to enforce free access and any obstruction on the highway, however, we are trying to work with all parties to find a suitable resolution going forward for the long term. We will keep you updated on any progress / discussions that take place.

Regards,

**John A P Rowlands BEng(Hons)**

Peiriannydd Traffic ac Trafnidiaeth / Traffic and Transportation Engineer  
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**From:** Dylan Jones <dylan.jones@conwy.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 19 May 2021 08:23  
**To:** John Rowlands <john.rowlands@conwy.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** FW: Threeways Roundabout A55

Hi John

Posib I ti diweddarau'r Clerc plis?

Diolch

**Dylan Wynn Jones** BEng(hons), I Eng, MCIHT  
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**From:** ATC Deputy Clerk <deputyclerk@abergele-towncouncil.co.uk>  
**Sent:** 14 May 2021 15:29  
**To:** Dylan Jones <[dylan.jones@conwy.gov.uk](mailto:dylan.jones@conwy.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Threeways Roundabout A55

## McDonalds - traffic

Plant, David (Con 1230) <David.Plant@nthwales.pnn.police.uk>

Mon 17/05/2021 09:56

To: ATC Deputy Clerk <deputyclerk@abergele-towncouncil.co.uk>

Good morning , just looked at the incident you reported regarding Threeways roundabout and McDonalds traffic queueing.

This has been going on for months but now lockdown is easing it's obviously getting worse unfortunately. The problem isn't just here either, KFC in Rhuddlan has issues and McDonalds and KFC traffic also now queues up to the roundabout near Tesco in Llandudno Junction on a regular basis causing grid lock.

I don't really have any answers. I have suggested several solutions to highways and been told that they can't implement there for whatever reasons. The signs mentioned are some we have suggested McDonalds erect to try and ask customers not to queue on the roundabout , I'm sure they are ignored but they are not enforceable signs.

The drivers are in effect blocked the car in front of them so they can't be prosecuted for obstruction, if you go into any city centre at rush hour most roundabouts are at grid lock, over years highways have managed the issues with traffic light controlled roundabouts etc .

I did ask if highways could put the yellow boxes on the roundabout but was told they can't be used on roundabouts which is strange as they have no long put them on the 'weekly news' roundabout in Junction?

I have asked our road safety officer to try and assist in some way,. He is actually back off leave today, I also have a meeting with the manager of the Pet Place this week as they have now also fallen out with McDonalds over parking, he has also asked for the council health and safety officer to look into their trading.

Long term this may come down to highways looking at the layout there? I'm not sure if the town council have any more sway with them than myself?

I will keep you updated but unfortunately this appears to be a widespread issue created to some degree by Covid restrictions which we all assumed would abate one the restrictions eased but that doesn't appear to be happening.

Many thanks, PC 1230 Dave Plant, Abergele CBM

Rydym yn croesawu gohebiaeth yn y Gymraeg a'r Saesneg - byddwn yn ymateb yn gyfartal i'r ddwy ac yn ateb yn eich dewis iaith heb oedi.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh and English - we will respond equally to both and will reply in your language of choice without delay.

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**From:** Cllr Mark Bond <[cllr.bond@abergele-towncouncil.co.uk](mailto:cllr.bond@abergele-towncouncil.co.uk)>  
**Sent:** 02 June 2021 20:02  
**To:** ATC Deputy Clerk <[deputyclerk@abergele-towncouncil.co.uk](mailto:deputyclerk@abergele-towncouncil.co.uk)>  
**Cc:** ATC Clerk <[clerk@abergele-towncouncil.co.uk](mailto:clerk@abergele-towncouncil.co.uk)>  
**Subject:** Re: Abergele Slaters and Bee Former Site.

Thank you

Sent from my iPad

On 2 Jun 2021, at 10:07, ATC Deputy Clerk <[deputyclerk@abergele-towncouncil.co.uk](mailto:deputyclerk@abergele-towncouncil.co.uk)> wrote:

Good morning

Thank-you for your e-mail which will be included on the next appropriate Agenda.

Kind regards  
Lorraine

Lorraine Whalley  
Deputy Clerk/Dirprwy Clerc  
Cyngor Tref Abergele Town Council  
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**From:** Cllr Mark Bond <[cllr.bond@abergele-towncouncil.co.uk](mailto:cllr.bond@abergele-towncouncil.co.uk)>  
**Sent:** 29 May 2021 08:18  
**To:** ATC Clerk <[clerk@abergele-towncouncil.co.uk](mailto:clerk@abergele-towncouncil.co.uk)>  
**Cc:** ATC Deputy Clerk <[deputyclerk@abergele-towncouncil.co.uk](mailto:deputyclerk@abergele-towncouncil.co.uk)>  
**Subject:** Abergele Slaters and Bee Former Site.

Hi Mandy just an email regarding our town Abergele, please can this be put on to an agenda for receiving thank you.

I have for some time felt quite disappointed in terms of how the town is currently looking and actually over time now has in fact in places looked particularly 'sad' and 'unkempt'. I'm not sure if other councillors have been approached recently but I know I have in relation to the old Slaters and Bee Hotel sites.

These areas are really lowering our standards as a town and do not Showcase what we have

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particularly well in my opinion. Most tourists will pop to Tesco for shopping, copious amounts of vehicles pass through our town and we are always promoting footfall. The present owners of both these sites really need to be brought to task and asked to tidy up their areas.

If we look at the Bee for a start it looks dismal with all the boarded windows, the facade is dull and given its position on our Main Street it looks unsightly. The rear of the Bee has steel barriers that are falling down, (the ones where the walk through is that most of use as a short cut to Tesco) are now causing a risk. The fencing at the rear of the Bee is missing revealing the very overgrown garden. Rubbish has been dumped there and on many occasions youths can be seen coming out of the garden areas.

Regarding the old Slaters site I have in the past as others have too remarked about the unsightly concrete barriers. It's appreciated and fully understood why these were needed my point really is they just look so dreary and unsightly.

I have received many comments as to what's happening with/to the sites? I have even had friends who passing through Abergele have contacted me asking 'what is happening with Abergele'? It looks a mess!

I find myself unable to offer up a reasonable explanation to such questions. Please can Conwy be approached regarding these concerns, in addition can I kindly ask all County Councillors to address this too. It would be so nice to see what was once a very attractive, tidy town again looking as it should, particularly when one considers we rely on attracting visitors to our town. Thank you.

Regards,

Mark Bond

Sent from my iPad

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**RE: Abergele Slaters and Bee Former Site.**

Cllr Charlie McCoubrey <cldr.charlie.mccoubrey@conwy.gov.uk>

Thu 03/06/2021 13:09

To: ATC Deputy Clerk <deputyclerk@abergele-towncouncil.co.uk>; cldr.andrew.wood@conwy.gov.uk <cldr.andrew.wood@conwy.gov.uk>; cldr.alan.hunter@conwy.gov.uk <cldr.alan.hunter@conwy.gov.uk>; Cllr Mark Baker <cldr.mark.baker@conwy.gov.uk>; Cllr Sam Rowlands <cldr.sam.rowlands@conwy.gov.uk>; Cllr Pauline Heap-Williams <cldr.pauline.heap-williams@conwy.gov.uk>

Cc: Cllr Goronwy Edwards <cldr.goronwy.edwards@conwy.gov.uk>; Cllr. Delyth MacRae <cldr.macrae@abergele-towncouncil.co.uk>; ATC Clerk <clerk@abergele-towncouncil.co.uk>

Hi Lorraine,

The Slaters and Bee site is in private ownership so cannot be considered as "open space". Any other section 106 monies and if successful the Green Gele monies that are available to improve Open spaces will be allocated by the Place plan .

With regards to the eventual proposals for the Slater/Bee site I am sure we will all work hard to ensure that any proposal respects the significance of the site within the town and includes appropriate green space.

In the meantime I am happy to see if any cosmetic improvements can be brought forward to improve the current appearance of the site.

Kind regards, Charlie

**From:** ATC Deputy Clerk <deputyclerk@abergele-towncouncil.co.uk>

**Sent:** 03 June 2021 12:24

**To:** Cllr Andrew Wood <cldr.andrew.wood@conwy.gov.uk>; Cllr Alan Hunter <cldr.alan.hunter@conwy.gov.uk>; Cllr Mark Baker <cldr.mark.baker@conwy.gov.uk>; Cllr Sam Rowlands <cldr.sam.rowlands@conwy.gov.uk>; Cllr Charlie McCoubrey <cldr.charlie.mccoubrey@conwy.gov.uk>; Cllr Pauline Heap-Williams <cldr.pauline.heap-williams@conwy.gov.uk>

**Cc:** Cllr Goronwy Edwards <cldr.goronwy.edwards@conwy.gov.uk>; Cllr. Delyth MacRae <cldr.macrae@abergele-towncouncil.co.uk>; ATC Clerk <clerk@abergele-towncouncil.co.uk>

**Subject:** Fw: Abergele Slaters and Bee Former Site.

Good afternoon

I refer to min no:302/20 f) Placeplan Committee 25th March 2021 below and subsequent e-mail enquiry (*scroll down*) from Cllr Mark Bond.

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*An email from a resident with regard to a proposal for the Slaters site was RECEIVED and CONSIDERED. Members wished to thank the resident for raising this matter and County members confirmed that there is funding in the S106 budget for enhancing the area by improving open green space and will be pushing for Health and Wellbeing of the overall area. Other sites will be addressed as part of the open spaces and Green Gele project.*

Would it possible for you to provide an update as to whether there has been any progress in securing funds from s106 to help improve this open space?

Kind regards  
Lorraine

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Please see email below from Cllr. Wood with a request for the attached to be added to the Town Council's website. As this has not been an Agenda item on the Council to support, I am seeking your observations before adding to the news section of the website. If you have objection to this item being added to the website, please confirm by midday on Monday. If I do not receive any objections the item will be added on Monday afternoon. If any objections are received, I will add to a future Agenda.

kind regards

Mandy

**Mandy Evans**  
**Clerc y Dref/Town Clerk**  
**Cyngor Dref Abergele Town Council**

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**From:** Andrew Wood <[gwrych@woodsmotorcycles.co.uk](mailto:gwrych@woodsmotorcycles.co.uk)>  
**Sent:** 13 May 2021 14:35  
**To:** ATC Clerk <[clerk@abergele-towncouncil.co.uk](mailto:clerk@abergele-towncouncil.co.uk)>; ATC Deputy Clerk <[deputyclerk@abergele-towncouncil.co.uk](mailto:deputyclerk@abergele-towncouncil.co.uk)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Application seeking a change to the definitive map and statement of public rights of way - GWRYCH CASTLE

Dear Mandy,  
I have been asked to forward this by the public and provide the information on the public rights of way applied for with CCBC, attached is all the relevant legal information. As it is on behalf of our local residents, some that support and some that oppose, I would to see it on our website for comments.  
I would normally send it via my CCBC email but it seems to be too large to go through.  
Best regards,  
County Cllr Andrew Wood

----- Forwarded Message -----

**Subject:** Application seeking a change to the definitive map and statement of public rights of way - GWRYCH CASTLE

**Date:** Fri, 30 Apr 2021 14:43:38 +0100

**From:** Andrew Wood <[gwrych@woodsmotorcycles.co.uk](mailto:gwrych@woodsmotorcycles.co.uk)>

**Reply-To:** [gwrych@woodsmotorcycles.co.uk](mailto:gwrych@woodsmotorcycles.co.uk)

**To:** [caroline.turner@conwy.gov.uk](mailto:caroline.turner@conwy.gov.uk), [buildings@gwrychcastle.co.uk](mailto:buildings@gwrychcastle.co.uk),  
[huw.green@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk](mailto:huw.green@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk)

Dear Caroline,  
Please find attached the application for the routes shown on the map as:

- Orange route 1
- Blue route 2
- Yellow route 3

Enclosed are the necessary copies of forms 1, 2 and 3 for the legal application and also my own user evidence shown on form 4 and guidance notes, with a map showing gates etc for the three routes. For clarification and due to ongoing pandemic work restrictions I will endeavour to transfer all or as many documents as possible, electronically, for ease and practicality.  
Best regards,  
County Cllr Andrew Wood

**FW: Application seeking a change to the definitive map and statement of public rights of way - GWRYCH CASTLE**

ATC Clerk <clerk@abergele-towncouncil.co.uk>

Thu 03/06/2021 13:24

To: ATC Deputy Clerk <deputyclerk@abergele-towncouncil.co.uk>

Hi Lorraine

I missed adding this to the Ordinary Agenda, could you add to the next GP&P for a decision by members please?

I will mention to Cllr. Wood at our site meeting this afternoon, and confirm if this is no longer the case.

Kind regards

*Mandy*

Mandy Evans  
Clerc y Dref/Town Clerk  
Cyngor Tref Abergele Town Council

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**From:** ATC Clerk <clerk@abergele-towncouncil.co.uk>

**Sent:** 14 May 2021 13:26

**To:** ATC Admin <admin@abergele-towncouncil.co.uk>

**Subject:** Re: Application seeking a change to the definitive map and statement of public rights of way - GWRYCH CASTLE

Good afternoon

Following my previous email below, I have received several emails requesting that this item is added to an Agenda for discussion before it is added to the website. I will therefore add to the next Ordinary Agenda.

kind regards

Mandy

**Mandy Evans**  
**Clerc y Dref/Town Clerk**  
**Cyngor Dref Abergele Town Council**

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**From:** ATC Clerk <[clerk@abergele-towncouncil.co.uk](mailto:clerk@abergele-towncouncil.co.uk)>

**Sent:** 14 May 2021 12:14

**To:** ATC Admin <[admin@abergele-towncouncil.co.uk](mailto:admin@abergele-towncouncil.co.uk)>

**Subject:** Fw: Application seeking a change to the definitive map and statement of public rights of way - GWRYCH CASTLE

Good morning

**By email only**

To: Organisations –  
information request-  
Haf o Hwyl

17<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Dear colleague,

As you may be aware, I've called for a Summer of Fun ("Haf o Hwyl") for our children and young people this year, as we start to tentatively emerge from the Covid pandemic. You can read more about this call in my published paper [here](#)

Discussions are ongoing with WLGA and the Welsh Government regarding potential additional support for these proposals, and more information will hopefully follow swiftly from the Government once ministerial portfolios have been established.

In the meantime, my team and I are compiling a webpage of planned activities that children and young people can access for free this summer. This includes activities that they can participate in, and also opportunities for volunteering and/or paid seasonal employment for older young people.

**In particular we're looking to feature events for children and young people that are free, and delivered in accordance with the Wales Safeguarding Procedures. If you have events that match these criteria, please feel free to send us a link to a web-page which includes the details of your provision so that we can add it to our enhanced information hub. You can send details to [post@childcomwales.org.uk](mailto:post@childcomwales.org.uk)**

**We'd also be keen to let our website visitors know whether events are delivered through the medium of Welsh, English or are bilingual, and whether they are accessible to children with a variety of needs. We're also interested in hearing from you if there are opportunities for volunteering and/or paid seasonal employment for older young people. Feel free to highlight this information when you email us so that we can share this.**



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Croesawn oheblaeth yn y Gymraeg yn ogystal â'r Saesneg ac mewn amryw o fformatau  
We welcome correspondence in the medium of Welsh and English as well as alternative formats

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We are also planning to encourage schools and community groups to run Haf o Hwyl fun sessions and will be providing workshop materials straight after half term to support them to plan these together with children and young people. We will make sure that you receive these materials so that you can share them with groups you support.

This is a rolling call for information, so if you haven't yet finalised your activities please do not worry, you can send us the information as soon as it becomes available.

I look forward to hearing from you and to our Haf o Hwyl for children and young people right across Wales.

Yours sincerely



Sally Holland  
Children's Commissioner for Wales



THE MOUNT, ABERGELE

Meeting Notes Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2021

CADW, ATC

Present: The Mayor Cllr Hunter, Cllr C McCoubrey, Cllr D McRae Mr I Halfpenney (CADW), Mrs M Evans (Clerk), Mrs L Whalley (Deputy Clerk)

Those present met at the Mount to consider the previously discussed options for discovering more about the make-up of the site and its potential for excavation.

The Mount is a protected Scheduled Monument which forms a 'cul-de-sac' abutting the River Gele. It is protected against development and its uses are limited to public amenity. Only temporary structures (picnic tables/benches/play equipment) are permitted to be installed. It is in the guardianship of Abergele Town Council in perpetuity which has the responsibility to maintain the site consisting of the treatment of invasive species and mowing 3 times per year.

Mr Halfpenney observed that the lie of the land lent itself to targeted survey and stated that there may be some merit in knowing more about the site. However, there is always the possibility that further exploration may not produce much more than is recorded already and may not be regarded as value for money by some. Whilst geophysics have advanced marginally in recent years a geophysical survey may not help to inform on decisions regarding further exploration.

2/3 smaller digs would determine whether a full excavation would be worthwhile and suggested that there are many reputable archaeological firms in the North Wales area who could be contracted to undertake preliminary digs.

Cllr Hunter reminded members that the cost of annual maintenance to the Council was permanent and that that was his concern. Mr Halfpenney indicated that in some circumstances CADW may be able to help financially with the upkeep of a site.

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CADW, ATC

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Meeting with Paul Belford, CPAT Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May (Cllrs: Alan Hunter, Charlie McCoubrey, Delyth MacRae, the Clerk and Deputy Clerk were present)

Mr Belford explained more about Scheduling historical monument for their protection and why proposals to excavate is very often met with caution. Trial digs and excavation can potentially damage a site.

However, there could be merit in doing both a geophysical survey and targeted digs to establish what remains underground. The process in itself is educational and would be of interest to schools and local historical society groups. If there proves to be something of interest at the site it will add value to the history of Abergele. The profile of the site could then be incorporated into local knowledge, tourist literature, signage and local walks/trails.

Funding of £20k would be a good starting point to enable all the investigative processes to take place. CPAT would lead on the project. Demonstrating accessible resources could help persuade CADW to agree to the project. Their next meeting takes place in October.

If the process establishes that there is nothing of historical interest at the site, it can be de-scheduled but this also is a lengthy process.

To summarise, the possible options and outcomes are as follows:

1. Undertake a trial dig to ascertain whether there are any indications of remnants which would help us understand more about the history of site but would not merit a full excavation, any finds would be recorded/photographed/catalogued/researched.  
Restore site.  
Produce tourist information literature, update website, information board and include on circular walks and trails
  
2. If the trial dig indicates that a full excavation would be beneficial
  - a. Restore the site to original.
  - b. Make a plan which incorporates a full community consultation/engagement project involving the public, local schools, community groups, CCBC, CPAT and CADW, opportunities within the project for volunteering, education and development of work skills.
  - c. Produce tourist information literature, update website, information board and include on circular walks and trails
  - d. Obtain costs, seek grant funding/allocate budget.
  
3. If the trial dig indicates that a full excavation would not add value, restore site to original.
  
4. If a trial dig establishes that there is nothing of any historical value, restore to the site and seek to remove Scheduled Monument status.

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