



Linney Riverside Park Consultation Questionnaire

Over the last few months we have been undertaking a feasibility study into the options available for redevelopment of Linney Riverside Park. This has involved a wide variety of public bodies and advisers, including The Environment Agency, Canoe England, Shropshire Council, a variety of play area designers and advisers on field drainage and river bank erosion.

The feasibility study has identified the challenges associated with the site and the limited options we have with regards improving it. Based on past consultations we have identified a number of priorities for the site, including improved drainage, a new play area, improved car parking and rowing boat rentals. It is the intention of this consultation to investigate if these priorities remain the same, how consultees believe we should implement these priorities and if further amenities are required.

The project has been planned into six broad phases, some of which are essential remedial works and are required before any further work can be undertaken, but the remainder we would greatly appreciate your comments and feedback on.

Phase 1: Canoe Access Project

The Teme at Ludlow has been selected by the environment agency, alongside three other rivers, to be part of their 'canoe access project', this is an agreement governing canoeing/kayaking on certain stretches of the river, namely between Linney Riverside Park and Temeside. They have given us funding to provide signage along the route giving advice on safe, responsible and courteous use of the river. In addition they will be funding a new jetty at Linney Riverside Park as a launching point for both canoeing and the proposed rowing boat rentals. The final element will be an electronic river level monitoring system that will stream live on to our website, allowing users to check if the river is safe for boating. This project is fully funded by the environment agency and has already been pre-agreed.

Phase 2: River Bank Works

Early on in the feasibility study it became apparent that the Linney was suffering from serious river bank erosion, with around 9ft of bank having been lost to the river over the last 5 years. Clearly this needs to be remedied before any investment in the site can take place. The proposed solution is a bio-engineering one, this will have limited visual impact and because it incorporates only organic components, it will not lead to any issues further downstream. We have had the site assessed and are in the process of appointing a contractor, we hope to have this phase complete by early summer.

Phase 3: Play Area

The key priority for the project is to install a new play area on the site. The current one is in dire need of replacement and has suffered greatly from being located in the direct path of the flood water that regularly flows through the site. The feasibility study has suggested that the best location for the play area is closer to the river in the centre of the site, directly adjacent to the car park. This will have twin benefits in that it will allow easy access to the site, even when the area is water logged and it will be away from the main destructive force of the water.

In order to fund this we have applied for a grant from the Play Builder Scheme, administered by Shropshire Council. In line with the terms of this grant we will be consulting directly with the kids who will use the site, as to what equipment they would like and are currently in the process of going into schools and doing this. However, we have been advised that there is competition for these grant and we need the whole town to get behind us and prove that there is a clear and present need for the existing play area to be replaced.

1. Do you think play provision at the Linney is sufficient?

Yes

No

2. Do you take your children to use the play equipment at the Linney at present?

Yes

No

3. Would you take them to use the equipment if it were replaced?

Yes

No

4. Do you think there is a clear and definite need for the play area at the Linney to be substantially improved?

Yes

No

Comments

Phase 4: Field Drainage

One of the main issues with the site is that it is not usable due to being water logged at certain points of the year. Unfortunately the feasibility study has highlighted that installing drainage sufficient to keep the entire area dry is not possible.

Therefore we would like to know if there are any particular areas that you feel require improved drainage, bearing in mind this is already proposed for access to the new play area.

Phase 5: Concession/Ticket Booth and Picnic Area

As part of the proposed scheme, at times when the river is safe, we would like to restart boat rental operations at Linney Riverside Park. In order to run these a new ticket booth will be required. We are proposing to use the building adjacent to the toilets for this purpose.

1. Would you use the rowing boats at Linney Riverside Park?

Yes

No

2. To asses if we can afford to restart boating operations we need to know what the maximum amount you would be willing to pay for one hours rental of a rowing boat (Seats 2-4)?

- Up to £5.00
- £5.00 - £7.50
- £7.50 - £10.00
- £10.00 - £12.50
- Over £12.50

3. Would you like drinks and snacks to be offered at the ticket hut?

Yes

No

What range would you like to see offered (E.G. Ice-cream, sandwiches, cans and chocolate only etc)?

4. It is proposed that we will provide picnic benches on the site; would you use picnicking facilities at the Linney?

Yes

No

5. Is there any particular location on the site where you would like picnic benches to be located?

6. What other facilities would you like in the picnic area (E.g. Water supply, umbrellas etc)?

Phase 6: Car Park

It is envisioned that the size of the car park will be increased and the surface improved with a more permanent, eco-friendly material.

1. Do you use the existing car park at the Linney?

Yes (Go to Q.2)

No (Go to Q.3)

2. Are you normally able to find a space to park in (Please Circle) –

Summer Y/N

Winter Y/N

3. In light of the proposed scheme, do you think it will be necessary to extend the car park?

Yes

No

4. Currently the surface of the car park is loose gravel/dirt; do you think you would use the car park more if the surface was better quality?

Yes

No

Questions Pertaining to Wider Site as a Whole

Over and above the provision of a picnic area, boating, concession/ticket office, car park and new play area, what other amenities would you like to see at the site? (Please mark the option in order of priority)

	1	2	3	4	5	6
Football Pitch						
Putting Green						
Nature Area						
Boating Pond						
Multi-sport Pitch (ball games area)						
<i>Other</i>						

If *other* was selected above, please indicate what you what kind of facility you would like to see provided at The Linney:

If you have any other comments on the project please include them below:

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for the respondent to provide any additional comments on the project.

Please return completed questionnaires to:

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