

Consultation Series 2

Location	Question 1: Taking ideas from the workshops with the local community we have put together this masterplan. What do you think of it, have we missed anything	Question 2: Are these the right priorities for landscape management	Question 3: Which of the future projects interests you most? Have we missed anything from our discussions
Garndiffaith Millennium Hall	Great way to start getting people involved and using the British. The Friends of Group needs to think about where its priorities are in terms of interpretation signage	Cwmsychan Valley and the wetlands are priorities	Top priority would be linking in to Cwmsychan circular walk. Accessing the British project (particularly notice boards). Low priority would be road improvements
Garndiffaith Millennium Hall	Priority is lakes and walks very welcome. Interpretation boards are key in early stages	Valleys approach is sound. Happy with landscape management proposals	Friends of Group to help with projects and funding for building conservation in the early stages. Then heritage trails and entrance to the British, then landscape corridor and discovery trail
Garndiffaith Millennium Hall	I think this look good. Definitely the way forward. (It worked at Garn Lakes why not at the British)	We think so. Tighter Controls for fly tipping etc	The general improving of the British site to form a better appearance and area for recreation plus upgrading of buildings
Garndiffaith Millennium Hall	Ensure flooding is addressed. The masterplan is generally a good idea. ETM building could be a leisure facility though. Allotments? Ok to see some housing but not too many as road network will not cope.	-	Flood Management. Extending signpost walking route beyond Biug Pond up to the bits overlooking the Balance. Good view of the Coity and Folly. Promote longer walks around the site to provide footfall
Garndiffaith Millennium Hall	Seems a good approach to phasing the works and packaging into discrete, achievable projects	Wetlands will be very beneficial for wildlife as well as a wide range of people local and visitors. Couldn't see mention of interpretation on site or online to explain wildlife and management	Landscape biodiversity project Wetlands
Garndiffaith Millennium Hall	The masterplan is good and I shall look forward to hearing more about both housing and energy	If it were possible ti would be nice to see more woodland as well as picnic areas and an open air theatre for plays and concerts. Additional parking may be a requirement for that	They are all interesting but as I have already said it would be good to see how the plans for housing and renewable energy progress.
Garndiffaith Millennium Hall	My overall impression of the latest masterplan is that it is the best of all the previous proposals and I very much look forward to seeing its implementation as soon as possible. How much time has been spent studying old historical plans / records (e.g. Gwent Archives, coal authority etc?)	Seems to be fine as far as I am concerned. I can't think of anything missed. It seems to be very comprehensive	Most interesting to me is that most of the area is to be landscaped and to embody a number of ecological and environmental improvements. I am also very interested in industrial archaeology and this in itself if conserved properly can enhance the area
Garndiffaith Millennium Hall	I agree with the masterplan but covernants and protection need to be in place to avoid development creep which has happened throughout Torfaen		Protection of nature. For too long the site has been a victim of human behaviour . If it is possible the connection of the Blaenavon Railway to the big arch would be a major tourist attraction. The lido could be filled to a water depth of just a few dfeet. This would encourage wildlie and would not require costly redevelopment of the wall.

Garndiffaith Millennium Hall	Really excited by the proposals	Yes - providing we are not over-developed by housing	Buildings and the Arch Landscaping
Garndiffaith Millennium Hall	Worried about traffic from new housing and how the network will cope. Are there school places	No response	No response
Noddfa Chapel	The first stage look achievable which is a positive step	I agree that it's right to have a plan to work out in the future with a step by step approach	The countryside and Environment Sustainable energy
Noddfa Chapel	The proposals appear to be very promising. Clearly the initial step is to make the area safer and it is very pleasing to see the plans have focussed on being realistic rather than overly ambitious	There appears to be a clear plan of gradual development and it is understandable that it is very much dependent on funding	The whole scheme is very promising and all aspects appear to have been brought into the vision. As local residents we have learned to be distrustful of extravagant promises and look forward to seeing incremental development
Noddfa Chapel	This is a great short term and long term vision, wonderful to see that the wider community are being involved and consulted	Yes [right priorities for landscape management]	Wetland bird hides and glamping sites The unemployed being involved via the job centre
Noddfa Chapel	Good plan. Everything seems to be a working progress. Great idea to provide cycles	A (Cwmsychan) and B (Cwmbyrgwm Tips)	Make it dog friendly. Wild areas to develop more information. 3, 11, 12, 6, 9
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Noddfa Chapel	I think its excellent. I appreciate the phased approach. Phase 1 has surpassed expectation	Wetlands	Surprised at housing provision. I expected more
Talywain OAP Hall (Workshop)	Don't spend any more money on investigating where there "may" be danger. Don't mess with what is not dangerous. This site should not be "gentrified" - visiting this site should not be like visiting Cwmbran, it should be exciting. I don't like the idea of fencing off site while expensive contractors blow public funds doing what water would do for free		Get a portacabin café set up near engine house for contractors and visitors to eat . Encourage adventure and semi legal exploration. Visitors should be able to take risks. People have been managing their own risks on this site and in the rest of gwent for generations. There are few places left to do this. Don't make this site so safe it loses all its advantage Water - bringing the water back to the surface using boring contractors is unimaginative, expensive and unsustainable. The water will find its own way eventually, why not now. What a great experiment it could be to block the underground culverts and see what happens, get students and unis involved and televise it and spend 1/4 of the cash near the tunnel to protect any damage to homes. Let the water do the work, visitors would come to see what happens next.

Talywain OAP Hall (Workshop)	The ponds are crucial to improving the area and increasing wildlife. Walkways asap to increase public use, care and involvement		Heritage trail Reopen blocked bridle ways and footpaths Landscape channel Cwmsychan Valley Happy with the projects but slightly concerned how the water channels are proposed re. engineering
Talywain OAP Hall (Workshop)	No - this seems quite complete	Nothing evident missing	Entrance to the British; ironworks heritage trail; accessing the British; road improvements
Talywain OAP Hall (Workshop)	Happy with the masterplan. Not happy with housing, not safe	Yes - I think its lovely	Ironworks Trail; Trekking centre
Talywain OAP Hall (Workshop)	I think its very good that you are making certain areas safe and bringing the water to the surface. In future I would hate to see any houses being put on the British, we need to protect heritage and rural areas, having more houses will just make it like anywhere else.	No response	I think the community food growing zone is an excellent idea; we need to sustain the natural environment and help it to grow. Not commercialising everything we need to keep our heritage and landscapes not develop on them Solar energy is good if out of sight. If it is close to Elizabeth Row it would ruin the landscapes and the picturesque views. I don't think the discovery trail hub is a good idea; its fantastic that children can walk outside and play this is rare. If development happened too many people would come and it would just be another housing estate
Talywain OAP Hall (Workshop)	The watercourses and culverts need to be unblocked. Create ponds Blanegafog and surface water to be kept separate from the mine water		I don't want any housing development undertaken under any circumstances. This is an industrial heritage area which must be kept as a rural area. Green energy Mine entries need to be made safe, ponds established; listed buildings need urgent attention.
Talywain OAP Hall (Workshop)	Don't like development at Abersychan House. Like the idea of a Friends of Group	Happy with landscaping. Concerned that listed buildings need work asap	Heritage, landscape corridor, green energy
Talywain OAP Hall (Workshop)	Big improvement on previous plans - glad there isn't going to be large housing are although the smaller the better	Will there be involvement with local schools - nature, history as part of the heritage trail	Accessing the British Trekking centre Ironworks - heritage trail & café Landscape Corridor Community Food growing

Talywain OAP Hall (Workshop)	The concept of a masterplan is very good. It demonstrates a broad range of ideas that could prove to be successful	Yes - priorities have been addressed largely - but I have some reservations will the site be secure and deter anti-social behaviour (especially motorbiking + flytipping)	A key component of the plan is to involve a volunteer group. This will need a focus in order to be successful. It will need a "hub" on the site. This is an excellent first step and the Council is to be congratulated on this - as it is good for the landscape, good for wildlife and very good for people.
Talywain OAP Hall (Workshop)	-	-	Any wildlife enhancement priority / ponds etc. Bird hides, bee keeping, café bike hire, heritage trail
Talywain OAP Hall (Workshop)	Everything I've learnt about the proposals for this site is promising and long overdue. I'm pleased that public access will be catered for and encouraged. There is a huge demand for walking tracks, mountain and wild area linking trails and backpacking walks. Our areas can provide all of this. I think Torfaen should wake up to the beauty of its wild areas and old workings.	No response	Start looking at the tourist potential of this area. Why not provide open air swimming ponds, camping sites, play parks, zipwire and obstacle courses. This kind of passtime activity is becoming ever more popular. Lets capitalise on it - we have the perfect environment for it
Talywain OAP Hall (Workshop)	The plan looks promising. An early start would keep interest running	No - the provision of lakes is inspirational. Water features attract support from all ages	Potential development Much of the heritage buildings have been destroyed which is a shame
Talywain OAP Hall (Workshop)	Anything has to be better than it is now	Nothing to add	The first phase making it safe The covering of the loose coal dust that flies everywhere
Talywain OAP Hall (Workshop)	Nothing missing that I can think of	On the whole yes	Landscape management Livestock area Heritage interpretation and trails
Talywain OAP Hall (Workshop)	A very comprehensive plan. Litter etc on pathways near to ETM building should be addressed and damage caused by cycle riders	Clearing of overgrown grass from Big Arch entrance	The reinstatement of ponds etc from the northern entrance
Talywain OAP Hall (Workshop)	Much better than the last plans for the British. Hope they get all the money to finish the product	-	The project which I think is most interesting is the wetlands and landscape corridor Solar panels and windfarm are the best idea
Talywain OAP Hall (Workshop)	Masterplan is quite comprehensive if money can be made available to achieve in a reasonable time.	Consideration will need to be given to ongoing maintenance and protection from vandalism.	Encourage wildlife to the area walking trails Pleased that solar and wind power will be considered
Talywain OAP Hall (Workshop)	Masterplan is quite well worked out. Need time to digest fully	In the main yes	Wetlands
Talywain OAP Hall (Workshop)	I like the masterplan. It is what the area needs - regeneration + left natural	These priorities if done right will bring in tourists.	Entrance to the British;

			Maximising the cycling opportunities. I think it is important right on the cycle route with loads of world class mountain biking around south wales. We need some of that custom promoting safe, family cycling would interest people
Talywain OAP Hall (Workshop)	Site safety is key so that's good to see.	-	
Talywain OAP Hall (Workshop)	we agree with it all - the sooner the better	-	-
Talywain OAP Hall	No, the plan is good. Would be nice to see it come to fruition	No	Entrance to the British and Ironworks Café and heritage trail
Talywain OAP Hall (Liaison Group Meeting)	Paths for walkers and cyclists are mentioned under "some possible early projects". Some walkers e.g. the elderly and those with disabilities (not necessarily registered disabled or wheelchair users) find cyclists intimidating even if they do not intend to be and to encourage walkers there should be some pedestrians only paths including from roads and car parks	-	Like the sound of the ironworks heritage trail and café and the trekking centre
Young People Session 1 (Noddfa 5-11 yo)	It's a good idea to get the mine shafts filled in, it will make the area safer	Put up signs with information on so people can learn about the area.	Put things there for children to do like a park
Young People Session 1 (Noddfa 5-11 yo)	Most people liked the idea of the ponds although they had a few suggestions: - You could put fences around the ponds to make them safer so that people don't fall in - You could put rocks around the ponds - Put lifebuoys around the ponds for safety		Planting more trees and plants will attract animals there Put paths in so that people in wheelchairs can use the area. Make the paths out of natural resources so it fits in with the environment
Young People Session 1 (Noddfa 5-11 yo)	-	Make a group so that people can help	The café idea was popular
Young People Session 1 (Noddfa 5-11 yo)	-	Local schools can help	The children liked the idea of a heritage trail and suggested that any activity around heritage should be free
Young People Session 1 (Noddfa 5-11 yo)	-	-	Have somewhere for us to ride our bikes
Young People Session 1 (Noddfa 5-11 yo)	-	-	Have a plant scheme there
Young People Session 1 (Noddfa 5-11 yo)	-	-	It would be good to have somewhere for us to grow things
Young People Session 1 (Noddfa 5-11 yo)	-	-	I'd like to be able to walk my dogs there
Young People Session 1 (Noddfa 5-11 yo)	-	-	We need to make sure that there are dog poo bins there
Young People Session 1 (Noddfa 5-11 yo)	-	-	Install a skate park and bike track
Young People Session 1 (Noddfa 5-11 yo)	-	-	Put in an obstacle course or somewhere children can play
Young People Session 1 (Noddfa 5-11 yo)	-	-	Form a charity to raise money for this
Young People Session 1 (Noddfa 5-11 yo)	-	-	You could have a wind farm there or something similar to provide energy for growing food
Young People Session 1 (Noddfa 5-11 yo)	-	-	I'd like to see a community farm there
Young People Session 2 (Garnsychan YC 13-16 yo)	Liked the idea of ponds	Flowers	Heritage trail and café
Young People Session 2 (Garnsychan YC 13-16 yo)	Unanimous yes to the ideas - "this is better than what is there"	Mountain Bike Trail	Accessibility
Young People Session 2 (Garnsychan YC 13-16 yo)	Would like to have something there for young people to do - e.g. Park		Mountain bike trail 4 young people didn't want any houses

Young People Session 2 (Garnsychan YC 13-16 yo)	Please do a talk in school	On the whole - happy with plans	Support the Friends of Group - get the youth clubs and schools involved
Young People Session 3 (Garnteg School 5-11 yo)	Nothing missing	Nothing missing	Great for the local community and will attract jobs and tourists
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Young People Session 3 (Garnteg School 5-11 yo)	Most liked the ideas of the ponds. They felt it would bring more wildlife and diversity to the area and that plants in the water will help to make sure that the water is clean.	A friends of group would be a good way to manage the site and a few expressed an interest in joining such a group	Tunnel entrance
Young People Session 3 (Garnteg School 5-11 yo)	Children like walking and exploring the area and think it's a great place to walk dogs	Many of the children discussed the use of motorbikes in the area and felt it would be good to put a dirt track there so that these people can still use the area	The café idea was popular
Young People Session 3 (Garnteg School 5-11 yo)	Most thought the plan to cover mineshafts was a great idea as it will make the area safe. This in turn will mean more people may visit the site and they'll feel safer walking around it. 'Covers on the mineshafts is a good idea because people wont fall and get hurt'.		They felt that cleaning the tunnel entrance was a good idea as it would make the space more welcoming The children suggested having a path and cycle track around the ponds and wider areas.
Young People Session 3 (Garnteg School 5-11 yo)	One young boy didnt feel it was a good idea as too many covers could make the place look ugly. He wanted the area to be safe but suggested making sure the covers fit in with the history of the area.		The site could be used for a lot of activities such as camping, horse riding, a farm, cycling and fishing
Young People Session 3 (Garnteg School 5-11 yo)	The children would like to see a park		
Online	Yes any water under big arch is not overseen by houses being in mind you can drown in next to no water , and already been loss life on site in past any water in big arch area really stupid idea on top where houses have plain view not so bad as for car park under arch , there s drug dealing , dogging , fly tipping , cars burnt out now how you going to stop that ,? Really need meeting with David leech as it's saying something about separate access to property's , ideas great but practically won't work	Not been able to attend and not been kept informed really	Yes leaking gas main less than 600mm from surface , sewage pipe less than that , you will find area contaminated with various horrible things
Online	-		
Online	The ideas are projects are great but all are manly reliable on vast amounts of money being available from lottery and other sources. The plan to reclaim the british derelict land of contamination and its 100s of many mine shafts through grouting does pose many risks .Where Grant funding principles may not be acceptable .	Unsure .	No
Online	Security - the big arch is a haven for drug dealers and car burn outs.	Accessing the British look a great project. Fitness route?	Yes, all look great
Online	-	It all sounds fantastic, having lived locally all my life, I can see this would be a much needed improvement to Abersychan /Pentwyn areas, also the old industrial workings are unsafe!!!	

Online	Involving private businesses, such as campsites, lodge rentals, caravan parks or other accommodation to help subsidise the upkeep of the land once some work has begun. Tenders for a cafe / restaurant, activity area, mountain bike trail or other 'experience' based attractions. This would help make the area sustainable in the longer term. Bike park wales, and other examples in places such as New Zealand could be good reference points for clues as to how to generate interest in these type of ideas. Something for a younger audience as well as an older one.	Green energy, the development of a limited number for homes to help pay for some of the work and the various 'trails' would link in with wider routes. Discussion with private companies / potential new businesses seems to be missing, although I appreciate its early days.	
Online	It all looks very impressive and would be a attractive asset to the local area.	They all look very interesting and would enhance the local area immensely.	Yes - lots covered.
Online	-		
Online	<p>The detail design presented is a very thorough assessment of the type of schemes that would benefit this area.</p> <p>Care must be taken when altering water courses, so that the resultant new route of the stream is in sympathy with the environment.</p> <p>The streams must not be filled with over-large boulders.... this, I think, may discourage repopulation by dippers. The latter, maybe, need small pools in the stream beds in which to hunt for the water-bourne food sources they require.</p> <p>It is good that there is a will to tackle this derelict 1,300 acre site. I hope, in the current difficult financial climate, and our exit from the EU (and the lack of any EU funding which has been of major help to our valley over many years) will not hold up the implementation of these well-thought plans.</p>		
Online	Leave the whole site as a wildlife reserve and community forest.	None	Plant woodlands
Online	There are some mountain bike trails leading from the black patch to the abandoned buildings below - could these be formalised & extended to provide mountain bike trails similar to Leigh Woods / Ashton Court in Bristol?	Like the idea of developing some of the land - sales from this will help to pay for the development of other areas and will lift the general feel of the area	
Online	-	Improving access and opportunities for walking/cycling.	
Online	-		
Online	Yes knock the shit down. Build houses. The place is full of needles and junkie shit. It once was a great place now its a run down shitty fucking dump. There even been human bodys buried there....	None all shit. Do a favour and knock that shit down.	Come here and ill personally tell you why..
Online	Horse riding and carriage driving should both be provided for. The cycle routes are more than adequate to incorporate both. I note the each stage of the plan states access for all.	Bridle ways and carriage driving routes which could be incorporated into the cycle path plan.	Removing poisonous weeds RAGWORT for one that can poison animals and people and is a controlled weed in green land spaces.

Online	No but the site needs to be managed unlike other sites like Blaensychan which suffer from uncontrolled vegetation growth and unacceptable levels of dog fouling. That site is loosing species of butterflies due to no management. The British site is bigger. Where will the long term management and fouling enforcement come from?	Conservation and biodiversity	
Online	<p>Let as much of it go back to nature. Do not build houses, schools or Factorys.</p> <p>Let the people of Talywain enjoy the British.</p> <p>Make sure you have a gate to lock for carpark otherwise you are asking for rubbish to be dumped, cars to be set alight etc.</p> <p>Will you in the future be making it a NO dog walking area.</p> <p>Ever Notice board ie the one by Talywain Post office has been removed due to vadilism</p> <p>Why waste money.</p> <p>who is going to Police this area to stop motorbikers riding around.</p> <p>Do not build houses on this land, let the people of talywain enjoy it.</p>	<p>Will the ponds be having fish for the local fishermen to catch. eg like Bleavon lakes. This would add security to site as fishermen fish overnight.</p> <p>Are you going to put bins in car park or on site are you going to have dog poo bins. Who will empty them. How long till they are vadalised. Maybe making burning enclosed fire pits for rubbish is the answer.</p> <p>Will these projects eg food growing areas. be signed up to contract. A local school had to pull out of keeping and planting a mermerial spot in Aberyschan due to Health and Safety.</p> <p>Do not build houses on this land, keep it for the animals and nature.</p> <p>Have the Blaenavon Railway Society been asked about these plans. Many different rail way lines cross this ground.</p> <p>Will you be trying to organise evnts in this area. eg dog shows. horse shows. etc</p>	<p>The poor farmers in this area are having BIG problems with motorbikers , who are distroying the ground and hills.</p> <p>This needs to be stopped.</p> <p>The amount of flytipping is getting bigger.</p> <p>Is it better to employ a man to sit in a van watching white vans or spend thousands and thousands of pounds cleaning the area up all the time.</p> <p>I feel so sorry for the farmers in the local area.</p> <p>Do not build on this ground, we do not want more houses when our roads are falling apart.</p>
Online	We live at Castlewood so could you tell us if the site will be fenced in and if so by what. Will this part of the site become the wild life and wetland park as was promised when representatives called to give us information.	Having lived here for thirty eight years and being a member of the residents committee we feel that its time something was done and as far as we can see all that has happened in the last two years since your ownership is the siting of a few notices indicating the present dangers and nothing else. We are now in our mid seventies and feel we will not be around to see any of the proposed regeneration.	Yes they are but we would like to see some visible progress.

Online	-	IRONWORKS : HERITAGE TRAIL & CAFE / COMMUNITY FOOD GROWING ZONE / Would be great to more allotments for local people not outsiders. TREKKING CENTRE / Wow great idea kids would love this give ours something to do after school weekends , holidays..	
Online	Very impressive, comprehensive and visionary. Deserves the widest support. Site should feature on European Route of Industrial Heritage.	Cycle and walking route connections should be discussed with Sustrans Cymru.	Historic character should be discussed and feature with European Route of Industrial Heritage.
Online	corridors should be encourage and developed to connect the wildlife areas.	protection of the historical sites and also a major return to a more environmentally friendly area.To much of Torfaen has become urban sprawl,without regard for the environment.The nature reserves we do have are disconnected,which over time lose their value.A covenant is needed in order to protect the site from developers.	Yes,but protection needs to be in place in order to stop off road users.
Online	i THINK IT IS A GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO LANDSCAPE AND PROVIDE LEISURE FACILITIES. A LAKE TO PROVIDE FOR BOATING AND WATERSPORTS WOULD ENHANCE THE SITE. ALSO A CAMPING SITE AND HOSTEL FACILITIES WOULD ENCOURAGE MORE VISITORS.	PONY TREKKING CENTRE AND DISCOVERY TRAIL	I THINK SO
Online	I think it's fantastic! We need something like this and it will provide an extension of the tourist trails in Blaenavon. Hopefully it will benefit from the tourists that just go to Blaenavon at the moment.		
Online	I think it's an excellent start at restoring the valley and mountain side to its former glory. I welcome the inclusion of accessible walks for all, the possibility of additional visitor centres and hubs and particularly the addition of lakes and appropriate planting to increase bio diversity. I find it really pleasing that TCBC are investing in the future of the historic north of the borough despite the perceived preference to Cwmbran.	The addition of lakes and planting. I may have missed this in the literature but I would also welcome additions of new native British trees to the existing copses/woodland to further enhance the bio-diversity benefits of the project and encourage new habitats for native British woodland birds and animals.	Absolutely, however as previously stated I would welcome the planting of additional British trees to existing woodland / copses within the area.
Online	There seems no mention of the stability of the road from the British to the top of the mountain which is steep dangerous and any development would without doubt increase traffic through this area	The Lakeland and environmental projects will add to the Blaenavon visitor trails and expand the areas of visitor interest	Yes definitely but please ensure that developments are protected from off road bikes and vandalism

Online	I'm in support of numbers 1,3,7,9,10 & 11 I think developing the leisure aspects of the site together with some homes and energy generation would be a good mix	All of ones mentioned above. One important aspect of them in that once created there will shouldn't be significant ongoing costs	I support a,b and c I do not support d as it appears to be trying to introduce something that would not naturally occur in the area
Online	One concern is adequate safety measures regarding the pond and other accessible water areas.	The heritage aspect is extremely interesting. We have long thought that something could be done to preserve the buildings and heritage of this area, which ties in so well with Blaenavon World Heritage site. Heritage trails could link in with the special sites at Bit Pit and the Ironworks to provide additional interest for local people and visitors/tourists alike.	One suggestion could be to offer student internships for studies of biodiversity and species audits. This could be attractive to students undertaking environmental/ zoological/ biological/entomological, etc degree courses. This would be mutually beneficial and could nurture close links with educational institutions.
Online	I am a disabled resident of Torfaen reliant on my all terrain mobility scooter. I have been appalled at the lack of awareness that torfaen planners have shown in ensuring equality of access to we disabled [prime example is the sustrans trail and garn lakes nature pathways. These have been gated in such a way as with the reed beds in blaenavon to deny access to mobility scooter. please ensure that mobility scooter access is considered for any trails and links to other routes as a professional geoscientist with full geological and landscape expertise and a massive awareness of disability access issues i would be happy to be an advisor in any capacity		missed opportunities in relanscaping include the possibility of creating environmental [hydrological features as learning aids to understand about flood hydrological process and flow dynamic modulation build-in geological and geomorphological micro features as learning aspects to explain particular issues in site and to permit transferable learning transfer so that the site can become a beacon for environmental process education there are huge opportunities to explain through dynamic micro landscape also the potential for renewable micro scale hydropower and ground source heat pump greenenergy should be explored
Online	-		
Online	Overall a fairly good plan for use of a site that is loved by many locals. Is local infrastructure (particularly roads) able to cope with the extra numbers of people visiting the site?	Heritage trail and the preservation of the historic buildings/landscape - far preferable to redeveloping into houses/shops as was the plan a few years ago.	Overall good priorities, although I think some focus on preserving and increasing the current buzzard/kite population should be considered too
Online	I think they are really good strong ideas	The centre is the most exciting	Yes
Online	Please ensure wild flower meadows are included in the landscaping. Work with the Gwent Wildlife Trust on the habitat designations and implementation if you aren't already. No housing developments please, sustainable or otherwise - this will devalue all the other opportunities listed in the plan.	Heritage trails Landscape corridor Community food growing zones Discovery trail hub Trekking centre Sustainable energy generation	
Online	Possibility of having a fresh water tap for dog walkers, hikers, runners etc.	Engage with local running, hiking, cycling groups to ensure increased usage of the area.	

Online	<p>Generally like it. Very concerned about possible housing developments as the only access road to Cwmbran and Blaenavon is already impossible at peak times - up to 40 minutes to travel 2 miles and Union Road and High street are not suitable for more traffic.</p> <p>Community food okay but likely to be trashed - how would you safeguard against this?</p> <p>solar and water power preferable to wind power. Most of your suggestions keep the landscape and will not impact surrounding areas whereas the wind power will overshadow local houses and spoil the landscape.</p>	Like the heritage trail, circular route and trekking etc.	Yes, all good.
Online	<p>Excellent well thought out plan that may also benefit from some form of entertainment development, small retail a long with large format entertainment sites such as cinema would bring in revenue</p>	The idea of energy generation is an excellent idea along with nature walks etc	Excellent plans
Online	<p>Why not extend the railway from Blaenavon down to Talywain, this would give you lots of tourists, around 15,000 currently and would obviously be many more with the longer line.</p> <p>Hourly service from Blaenavon and also linking into Big Pit linking the industrial sites in Torfaen</p>		
Online	-		
Online	<p>I think it's very promising, especially the community food project 8, and clean energy provision 10.</p>	See above, 8 and 10.	<p>Yes they are the right priorities, though any housing to be built should be community housing not private homes, we have enough of those being built all over Torfaen already and ordinary people can't afford them. There should be adequate things for children and teens to do, that are accessible for those whose parents are on a low income. There are no youth clubs in our area and there hasn't been any for years , so this needs to be addressed.</p>

Online	Looks very nice. Focus on restoring and preserving extant heritage features chimney, ironworks etc	<p>Most interested in your working with Blaenavon Heritage railway to ensure the railway could be extended back along the original route through the British, to Abersychan.</p> <p>This may involve recognising and protecting certain embankments and ensuring new features do not interfere or prevent the Railway being restored</p> <p>It is likely funding this works would be the responsibility of the railway, not from public money, but it is crucial that challenges, permissions and future planning be carefully considered at an early stage, perhaps in conjunction with talking to the Heritage Railway .</p>	
Online	<p>It looks very positive. The approach is sensitive to the character and nature of the site. There's a good emphasis on sustainable land use and the conservation and creation of wildlife habitat. It's encouraging that there aren't plans to simply put housing over the majority/all of the site, but instead the plans carefully balance development with a range of other important elements (heritage, environment, culture, leisure etc.).</p> <p>It's really important that the site is fully surveyed and investigated by industrial archaeologists (if it hasn't already) to record all historic industrial features. Also, priority should be given to carefully protecting, conserving and restoring historic features/buildings.</p>	Ironworks heritage trail & cafe, landscape corridor	<p>These look like sensible priorities.</p> <p>I think large portions of the landscape should be made protected nature reserves. This would obviously greatly benefit wildlife, but also attract visitors to the area. There is scope to be bold with this and it could become a major attraction in Torfaen/S. Wales.</p>
Online	<p>I understand the site must be made safe, But I cant understand why the council bought the site .</p> <p>However, is been bought by the council, hopefully some jobs can be created on the site, maybe a café / camping site could generate some money.</p>	How about an outdoor activity site for bikes, running trail, fishing lake.	Looks ok, however can you learn a lot from Cwmcarn drive.
Online	Very comprehensive master plan focusing on many aspects which will enhance the area and provide interest and enjoyment to the local community and beyond	All projects are good	<p>Not that I can think of any</p> <p>All avenues seem to have been thoroughly looked at and covered appropriately</p>
Online	<p>You have missed the idea of selling the area off to a private developer.</p> <p>The road infrastructure serving this area, in fact north Torfaen as a whole, is inadequate to serve any enhancements to the area and would put unnecessary pressures on an already overloaded network.</p>	None - waste of public money during times of austerity. Reevaluate once austerity is over and additional finance might be available	See previous comments

Online	As a local resident (sixteen years - I live in Talywain) I am absolutely thrilled at these future plans. This is an exciting time for the area and this type of thoughtful, considered and exciting planning is the boot this community needs - both socially, economically and culturally. I am actually really proud to be a local resident and that TCBC have gone about this proposed work in such an inclusive manner.	The parts that excite me the most are how TCBC has placed nature and the protection of the wildlife of the British at the heart of these plans. I work in the museum and heritage sector across the whole of the UK (including directly with HLF) and I would love to see a bit more about how the history and 'sense of place' of the British can be used to boost the local economy. ten years ago, I worked for the Garnsychan Partnership and actually wrote a plan for the local history group based on generating jobs, tourism and social cohesion by using the local history of the Abersychan ward called 'A Fire that never goes out' - I still have this somewhere and it is great to see that TCBC are now moving forward and thinking of the area's future - while acknowledging and protecting its past.	Fantastic! Great to get volunteers involved - I am sure many local people will sign up to help!
Online	-		
Online	What about sporting facilities. The area is crying out for all weather state of the art playing fields.	Don't repeat what's in blaenavon. We don't need another iron works heritage sight. Concentrate on healthy lifestyles through encouraging walking, running, sports. Cycling is huge at the moment. Maybe a mountain bike trail, it's important for the area to be self funding after initial set up costs.	
Online	Looks like a good start to me	I'm interested in the ironworks trail and the upgrades	
Online	Looks wonderful	The creation of footpaths, visitor centres and wildlife habitats interests me the most. The plans look fantastic and will hopefully attract people to the area to enjoy the landscape whilst a the same time connecting with the rich industrial heritage of the area	Yes agreed
Online	I think its a good plan. Its all to easy to knock things down, like Pontypool hospital, such a beautiful building now a head of rubble. We should cherish our heritage.	For me its the heritage and making it accessible to all.	I think its amazing that things like restoring the heathland is amazing.
Online	No, excellent thought process	Renewable energy	No
Online	The plans displayed mean nothing unless you provide a key for the symbols.		
Online	-		Don't think you have missed anything
Online	If housing is erected it should be in fitting with the area and low cost.Maybe for senior citizens? No private landlords!	Environmental projects that will increase biodiversity, attract birds,provide interesting,informative areas for families regarding nature AND the local history where many of our ancestors worked.	👇
Online	Very comprehensive.	Landscape corridor.	Seems very well compiled.

Online	It would be wonderful to see The British thriving again it was once loved		Bracken control is a must.
Online	Anything that enhances the area is good. More nature trails and paths would be good.	Access to site. how does this impact on the housing in and around School Rd?	
Online	The cafe proposal is entirely dependent on visitor numbers to succeed (I am reminded of the washery at Hafodrynys which failed to attract a developer despite being located on a major road). What is the fall back strategy?		Bracken control now that Asulox is likely to be banned could be problematic. There are mechanical bruisers on the market but the experience with 'Lost Landscapes ' indicates that simple rolling is totally ineffective! Bearing in mind that you are looking to provide alternative energy opportunities have you thought of using bracken as biomass.
Online	The plan sounds really good. It will definitely enhance the area and once made safe will attract a lot more nature lovers rather than just dog walkers and cyclists.	Having the new ponds, creating proper walkways, parking and set trails. It's always a bonus when a project creates new jobs for the local community.	No sounds good
Online	I think you would need to put more effort into addressing the access to the Big Arch and re-design the junction with Lodge Road and The promenade. This cannot be ignored if the recreational use to the land is to be increase. Is the NCN492 cycle route integrated into the design?	Glad to see improvements are planned. General interest.	I assume access for all include dog walkers. Will this be a dog friendly area?
Online	Looks fantastic and well thought out. My only reservation would be the anticipated number of visitors and that the existing road network would be inadequate to cope with the increase in traffic	Difficult to say. Improving the site and making it accessible to all would greatly enhance the area and hopefully the lives of many people.	
Online	-		
Online	An adventure play ground, so the children have something to do		
Online	-		
Online	No it looks good	the ponds	not that i can see