



HORSEHAY POOL MANAGEMENT PLAN FINAL REPORT

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1.0 Introduction

1.1 Context

Horsehay Pool (the Site) is approximately 8.5 acres and is owned and managed by Telford and Wrekin Council (TWC). It is located at OS National Grid Reference SJ 6732 0735, in Horsehay, on the outskirts of Telford, Shropshire. This Management Plan (MP) has been developed to bring together all interested parties to create a holistic plan for the development and management of the whole Site to include ecology, visitor access, angling, and water quality.

1.2 Background to the Plan

In January 2020, TWC commissioned Red Kite Network Ltd, landscape architects, ecology and greenspace consultants of Coalport, Shropshire, to prepare a MP for the Site. The brief for the commission was:

- "To bring together all interested stakeholders and residents;
- Address user group issues by creating a common plan and factual evidence to support the conclusions within;
- Provide 3no. landscape drawings showing options for site improvements for public consultation;
- The Plan may be used as evidence towards external funding, including Heritage Lottery Grants, Lottery Grants and other funding streams as part of the evidence base."

1.3 Format of the Plan

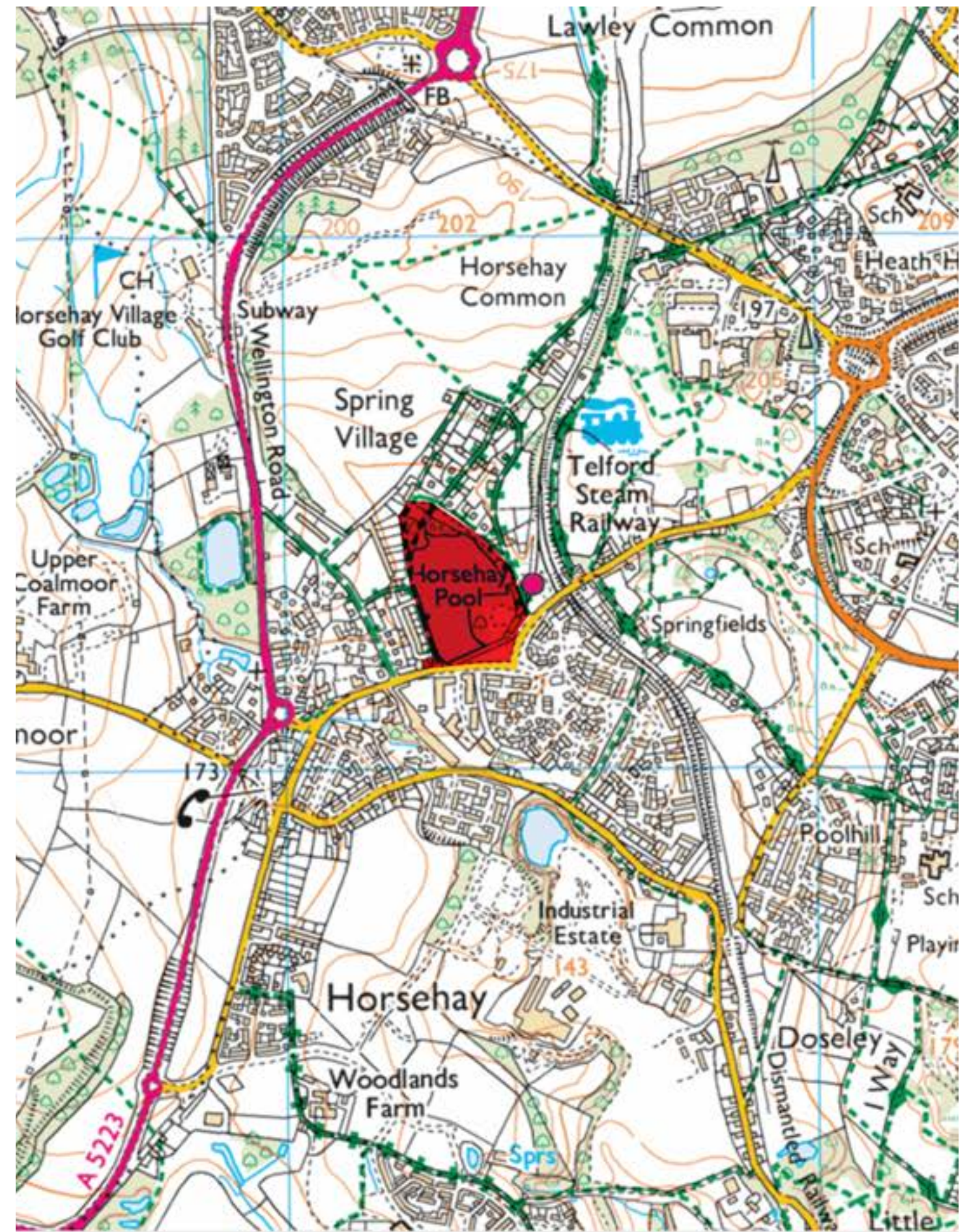
The format, style and narrative of this MP has been developed to reflect the requirements of TWC, local stakeholders and the wider community. It draws on the guidance from the following best practice:

- Cabe Space (2004), A Guide to Producing Park and Green Space Management Plans;
- Heritage Lottery Fund (2012), Management and Maintenance Plan Guidance
- Keep Britain Tidy (2017), Raising the Standard: The Green Flag Award Guidance Manual;
- English Heritage (2007), The Management and Maintenance of Historic Parks, Gardens and Landscape.

1.4 Development of the Plan

The production of the MP took place during 2020 and 2021. The following work phases were carried out:

- Pre-start meeting to clarify purpose of MMP and visit the Site;
- Desk review of information supplied by client;
- Site appraisal and stakeholder meetings;
- Technical evaluation- hydrological investigation and assessment; accessibility audit; heritage appraisal; and fishing sustainability assessment;
- Green Flag Award Assessment;
- Online questionnaires;
- Development of sketch proposals and options to be reviewed;
- Development of concept masterplans (RIBA Stage 2), action planning and objective setting;



Site location

- Publish final draft of MP.

The following organisations and people have played significant roles in the preparation of this document:

- Telford and Wrekin Council (TWC);
- Dawley Hamlets Parish Council;
- Friends of Horsehay Pool and Environs;
- Telford Angling Association (TAA);
- Telford Steam Railway Trust;
- Local residents.

1.5 Purpose of the Plan

This MP is an overarching document which encompasses a range of policies, strategies and consultation to formulate a long term plan for the future management of the Site. The Plan focuses not just on the landscape but also considers the balance between heritage, visitors, ecology and the overall function of the Site as a public place for recreation.

The objectives of the Plan are to:

- Critically review and analyse the current management and maintenance arrangements and procedures;
- Set out the agreed vision and principles for the continued management of the pool;
- Provide a benchmark against which performance of the identified management objectives can be measured;
- Ensure that the needs of heritage, landscape and the community are balanced in the context of the local area;
- Be a document that shapes, directs, assists and manages the future development of the Site;
- Be a document that incorporates the ideas and suggestions of the community and stakeholders;
- Act as a master reference document and to enable staff, site managers and volunteers to easily access key information;
- Identify the current and future management and development costs for the pool and identify the potential sources of income and other resources necessary to successfully manage and maintain it and restore it;
- Demonstrate quality management to external verifiers, award bodies, grant agencies and funding bodies.

The Plan has been prepared for a number of audiences:

- Telford and Wrekin Council staff and elected members- to allocate resources and plan development;
- Partner organisations and stakeholders, the Parish Council, residents, Friends of Horsehay Pool, anglers and adjacent businesses etc- a tool for setting priorities, planning volunteer activities and identifying roles and responsibilities;
- Funding bodies- a mechanism for monitoring the success and impact of financial support;
- External award bodies- as an evidence base for evaluating best practice.



Aerial image

2.0 Site Description

2.1 Site Context

The Site is located within Horsehay, a village on the western outskirts of Dawley within Telford, and approximately 2.5 miles from Telford Town Centre. The village grew around the Horsehay Ironworks, which were constructed by Abraham Darby II between 1754-7. Horsehay Pool was created by the construction of a dam at a nearby stream, which provided the power source for the works.

Horsehay Pool is now a public open space, owned and managed by TWC, and used mainly for recreation, dog walking and angling. A bus stop (Farm Lane) is located less than 100m away from the Site, on Bridge Road. The Site is well-served by a Public Right of Way network, including the Telford T50 50 Mile Trail.

The Site comprises a single large waterbody, surrounded by industrial and residential development. The western boundary is formed by the narrow historic residential roads of Pool View and New Row. The terraced houses along this row, facing on to the pool, used to be the workers cottages of the former Horsehay Ironworks. The northern area of the Site comprises an area of open grass and trees, which is sometimes referred to as the village green. It has some picnic benches, and a stretch of surfaced path and boardwalk. Two narrow streams originating from Horsehay Common (now a golf course) to the north of the Site, pass through this area, and feed into Horsehay Pool. They flow around a large overgrown island in the north eastern corner of the pool.

Bordering the north and north-eastern boundaries of the Site are the newer, less dense residential areas of Pool Side and Spring Village. The houses are set back from the road, with a wide grass verge and a row of fruit trees separating the pool from the road. The far eastern boundary of the Site is defined by the private back gardens of Pool Side. The Telford Steam Railway Trust is located on an area of land which extends into the south-eastern corner of the Site. The Telford Steam Railway Trust was created in the 1970s to preserve steam engines, and the site is now operated as a tourist attraction by volunteers. The historic railway line, which runs parallel to the eastern boundary of the Site, was originally constructed to service the local ironworks. It was then opened to passenger traffic in 1857 and was leased by Great Western Railway, but closed to passenger traffic in 1962. The Old Loco Shed associated with the former railway is located on the corner of Bridge Road and Pool Side.

The southern boundary of the pool is formed by the dam wall and old Bridge Road, which used to abut the former factory until it was realigned in the 1990s. A section of clinker wall remains and now acts as a retaining wall to a large grass mound, built out of the spoil created when the new Bridge Road was constructed. To the south of Bridge Road is the Bridges industrial estate, comprising light industrial units. There is a seating and viewing area in the south eastern corner of the Site, opposite the fish and chip shop’s car park.

A number of fishing pegs are located around the pool, but are mostly concentrated along Pool View. These are regularly used by members of the Telford Angling Association. The Friends of Horsehay Pool and Environs was founded in 2018 to assist with the development and maintenance of the Site, including wildlife, habitats, heritage and infrastructure. Other stakeholders of the Site include Dawley Hamlets Parish Council, My Options disability group, and local residents.



Map showing location of the Site relative to Telford town centre

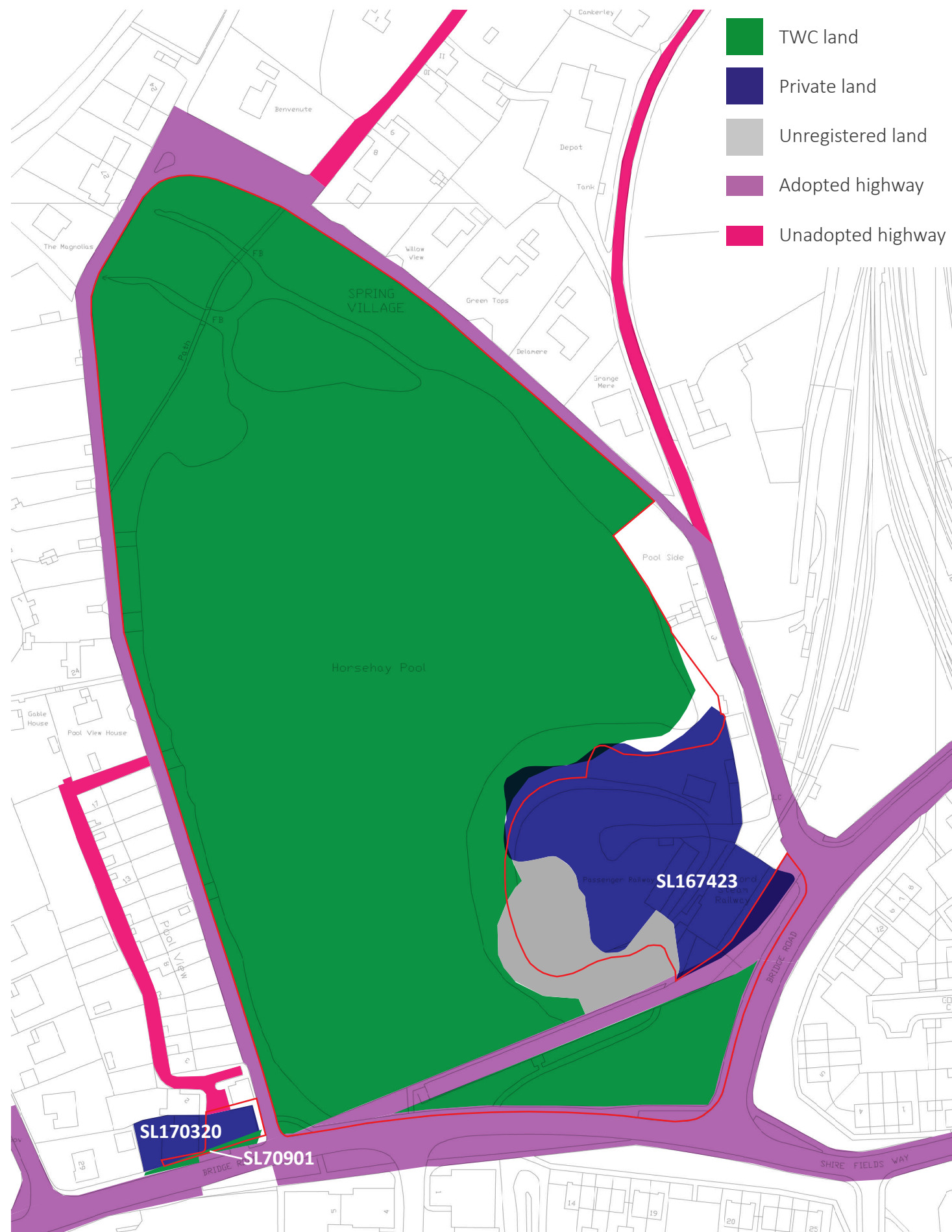
2.2 Legal Issues and Designations

Land tenure and ownership

The following map summarises the land tenure and ownership details of the Site. The majority of the Site is owned in freehold by TWC. Telford Steam Railway Trust own in freehold the land with title number SL167423, which includes the Old Loco Shed. There is an area of unregistered land to the west of the Telford Steam Railway Trust land. The fish and chip shop and car park area (title number SL170320) is owned privately. A small piece of adjacent land abutting the road (title number SL70901) was transferred to TWC to form part of the highway, and contains a provision as to light or air and the creation and/or passing of easements.

Highways

The following map also shows which roads immediately surrounding the Site are adopted and unadopted. The road behind Pool View is unadopted, and in recent years, local residents have taken up maintenance responsibilities for the road. The unnamed road off Pool Side and Spring Village are also unadopted.



Land ownership and highways

Reservoirs Act

Horsehay Pool is a 'statutory reservoir' under the Reservoirs Act 1975, as it is capable of holding 25,000m³ of water or more. The Act sets out the duties and responsibilities of reservoir owners with regards to reservoir safety, and is regulated by the Environment Agency. TWC's Drainage and Structures Team carry out these duties, including weekly visual inspections of the dam structure, inlets and outlets, as well as taking weekly water level recordings. Yearly inspections and reports are undertaken by a Supervising Engineer, and 10 yearly inspections and reports are carried out by an Inspecting Engineer. The 10 year inspections, last undertaken in 2016, identify mandatory and recommended actions to be taken by the reservoir owners.

Fishing rules and licenses

An angling licence between TAA and TWC was formed in 2018, and expires on 31 March 2020. TAA pay an annual licence fee of £506.00 to fish at the Site. The maximum number of authorised pegs permitted on the Site is 16 but for the time is reduced to 14 due to effluent leakage on the eastern boundary. Fishing is permitted between 8am and 8.30pm April to October, and 8am to 4pm November to March. No night fishing is allowed, apart from a limited number of pre-agreed charity events. Up to 20 competitions/matches are permitted in a 12 month period, subject to prior approval from TWC. All events are to be advertised on site at least five working days beforehand to give notice to the general community. TAA are responsible for re-stocking the pool and must obtain prior express permission from the Council and a Fish Movement Consent from the Environment Agency. Any clearance and maintenance works carried out by TAA must gain prior express permission from TWC and be in accordance with the 'Permitted Maintenance for Minor Works' specification.

Designations

Horsehay Pool is part of the Green Network, which is defined within the Telford and Wrekin Local Plan as a strategic interconnected network of open spaces within the urban areas of Telford and Newport. Policy NE6: Green Network states that the Council will protect, maintain, enhance and, where possible, extend the Green Network.

The Site is also within the Horsehay and Spring Village Conservation Area, and therefore subject to Policy BE5: Conservation areas, within the Local Plan. This states that the Council will support development in conservation areas where it will preserve or enhance its character or appearance. Site-specific details regarding the Horsehay and Spring Village Conservation Area is contained within the Appraisal and Management Plan, further details of which are contained within Section 3.1.



Section of unadopted highway

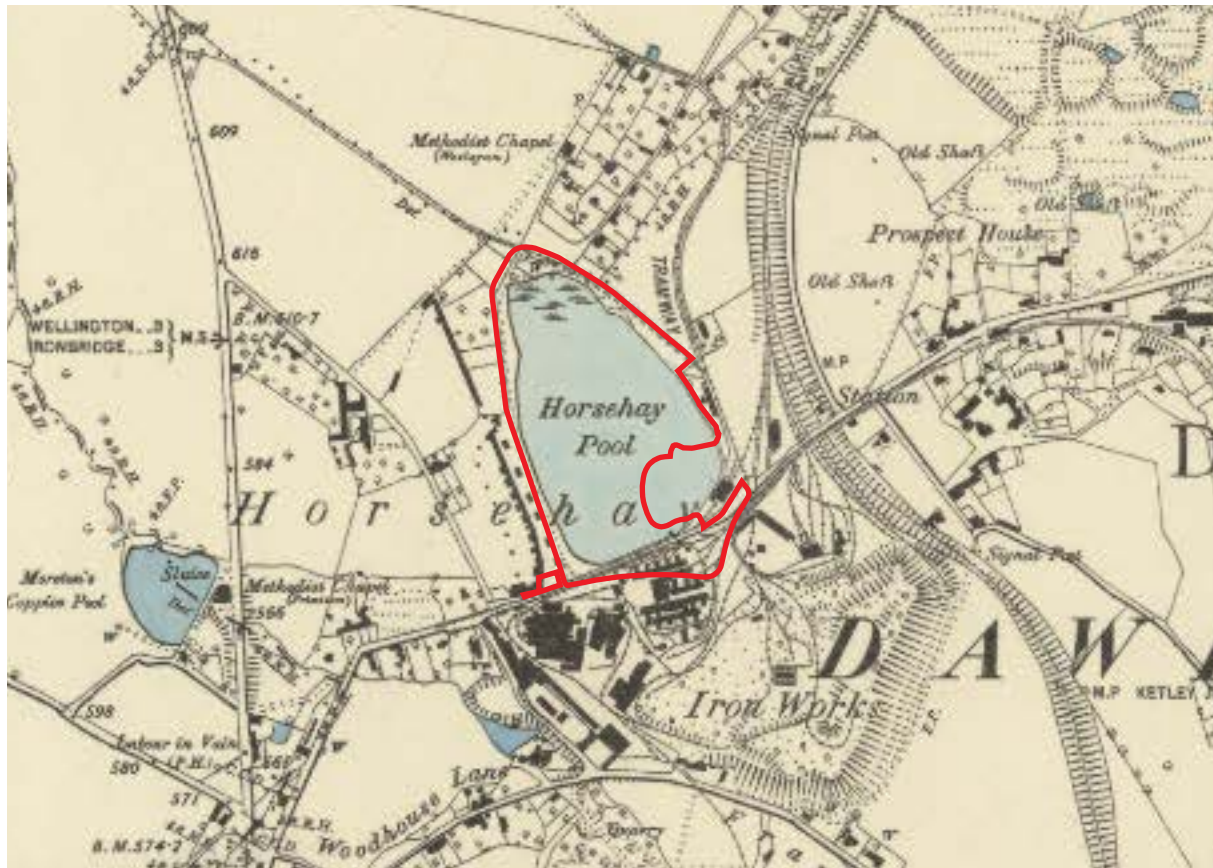


Fishing licence notice

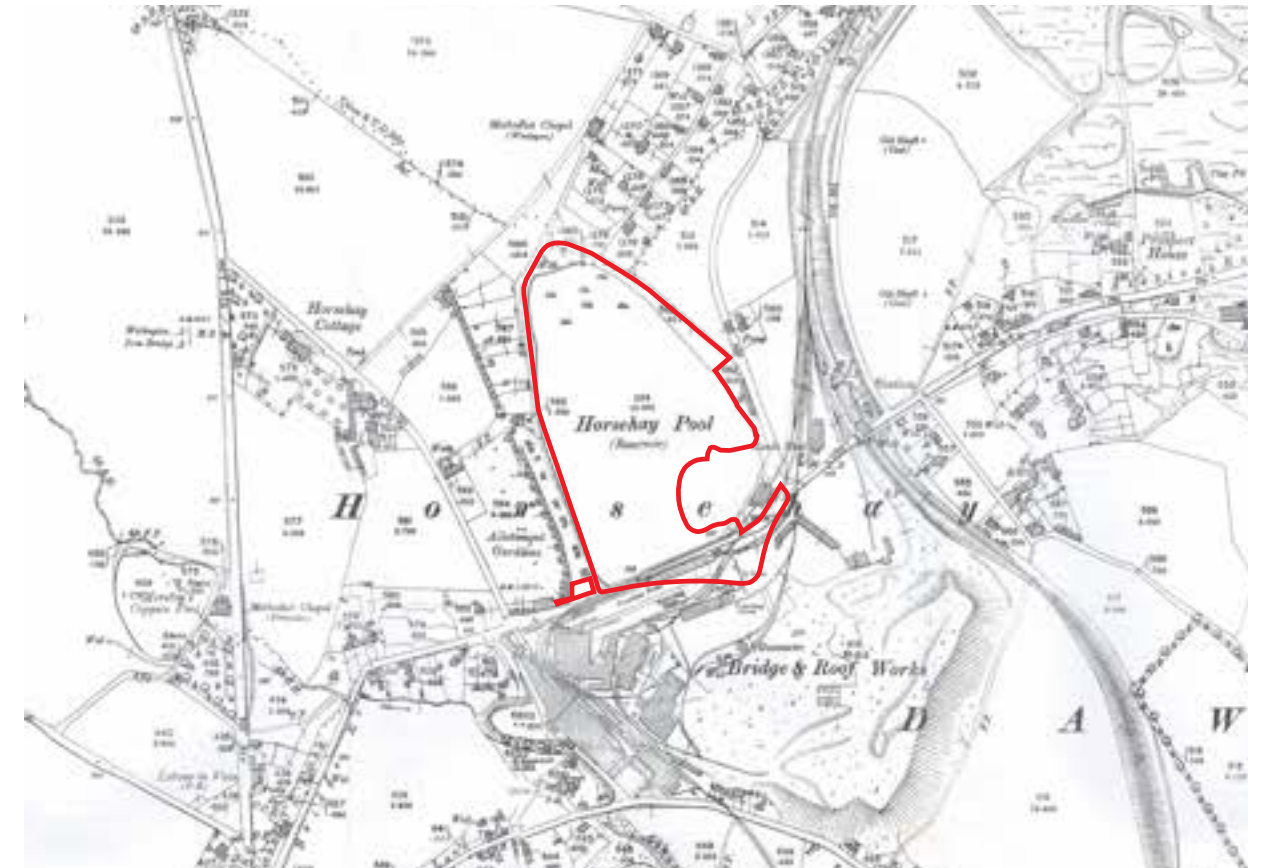
2.3 Historical Context

The historic maps found from 1885, 1902, 1925 and 1966 show that little change has occurred within the Site boundary and its immediate landscape context. The most significant change is the expansion of Bridge & Roof Works southwest of the Site between 1902 and 1925. The villages of Horsehay and Dawley see little development or expansion.

The extent of the pool reduces over time. The 1925 map shows the gradual contraction of the northern area of the pool. By 1966, the pool has approximately the same boundary as it has today, including the two inlet streams from the north. The 1966 map also shows the island area in the south east corner of the pool, now owned by the Telford Steam Railway Trust.



1885



1902



1925

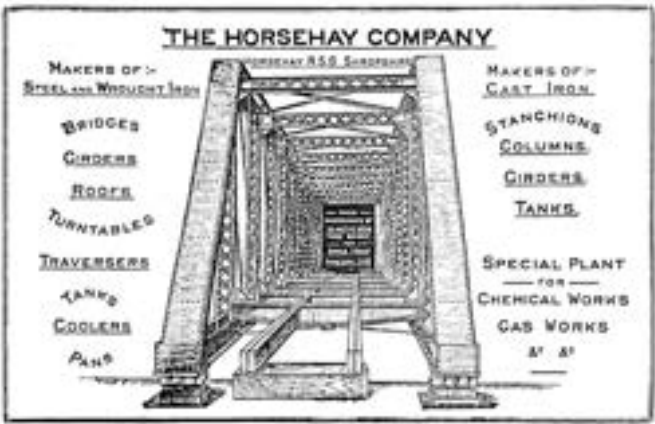


1966

Timeline

The name ‘Horsehay’ is Anglo Saxon, and comes from ‘an enclosure for horses’. Horsehay and Spring Village has since grown around an industrial core, dominated by the development of the Coalbrookdale Company in the 1750s. Horsehay was chosen by the Darby family for their works due to the its prime location and proximity to raw materials. Unfortunately, no structures directly associated with the works survive but Horsehay Pool remains a central focal point of the area and one of the most prominent surviving indicators of the area’s industrial past.

The following timeline presents a summary of the pertinent history of Horsehay.



1895 Horsehay Company advertisement



1962 Pool View



View of Top Bridge Yard



Aerial view of Horsehay works

16th Century	18th Century	Horsehay was established in the 18th century as a trading post and resting place for horses hauling iron to the Ironbridge works.	19th Century	1821 - The Battle of Cinderloo took place on 2 February, where more than 500 miners gathered in Dawley and marched through Horsehay in protest at pay cuts and increasing poverty. The march gathered in numbers to over 3,000 and culminated in a pitched battle with the local yeomanry, leaving two men dead and many injured.	20th Century	21st Century	
		Abraham Darby leased Horsehay Farm in order for the already successful Coalbrookdale Company to expand.		1843 - SS Great Britain was launched, which Horsehay’s rolling mills had provided 1000 tons of rolled iron plates for.			
		Horsehay Ironworks was constructed by Abraham Darby II on the site of the former mill between 1754-7. The mill pool was converted to provide a head of water for the iron furnaces.		The Severn Junction Railway was constructed and leased in 1861 by the Great Western Railway.			
		Two years later, a rail link was built from the ironworks to the Severn Wharfs at Ironbridge, making it the world’s first commercial railway.		By the 1870s, the furnaces at Horsehay were blown out and a depression in the iron trade led to the closure of its forges and rolling mills.			
		William ‘Billy’ Ball (1795-1852), otherwise known as ‘the Shropshire Giant’, worked in the ironworks for 40 years and weighed 40 stone. He was exhibited around country fairs and the Great Exhibition as ‘the largest man in Britain’.		1886 - Simpsons bought the works, which became known as the Horsehay Company, a manufacturer of bridges and large engineering assemblages. The company eventually became known as A.B. Cranes, and manufactured some of the largest cranes in Europe.			
		1573 - first recording of water corn mill on Horsehay Brook.					
						During WW1, women were employed at Horsehay Works as munition workers.	
						1913 - Edith Pargeter (1913-1995) was born in Horsehay, and published over 70 novels including the famous Cadfael series.	
						1964 - Railway passenger services between Buildwas and Wellington ended.	
						Telford Steam Railway, then called Telford Horsehay Steam Trust “THST”, was formed in 1972 to preserve local railway history.	
						The steam railway was opened to the public in 1984.	
						1984 - the then-owners, Norcross announced its decision to close the plant, and made 300 staff redundant. The old works canteen became the local village hall for a peppercorn rent of £1 a year.	
						2018 - Friends of Horsehay Pool formed to help represent the local community.	

Historic Designations

The Site is within the Horsehay and Spring Village Conservation Area. A number of listed buildings, buildings on the Local Interest List, and trees with Tree Protection Orders surround the Site. These are marked on the adjacent map, and listed below.

- 1. Old Row Cottages (List No. 1054169), Grade II. Long row of 15 brick cottages, built in 1750s to house workmen of the Horsehay Ironworks.
- 2. 24 Pool View (List No. 1367387), Grade II. Early 19th century brick cottage.
- 3. New Row Cottages (List No. 1054170), Grade II. Long row of 12 brick cottages, also known as ‘Upper Row’, and was built as “better class cottages” (than the Old Row) “for the principal workmen” of the Horsehay Ironworks.
- 4. Coach House and stables immediately north of New Row Cottages (List No. 1054171), Grade II. 19th Century brick building.
- 5. Horsehay Works Offices (List No. 1367386), Grade II. 19th Century red brick corner building.
- 6. Railway Train Shed, late 19th Century brick train shed with round arched entrance and windows.
- 7. No. 13 and 14, Bridge Road. 18th and 19th Century brick house, two and three storeys, sashes complete with glazing bars.



New Row Cottages



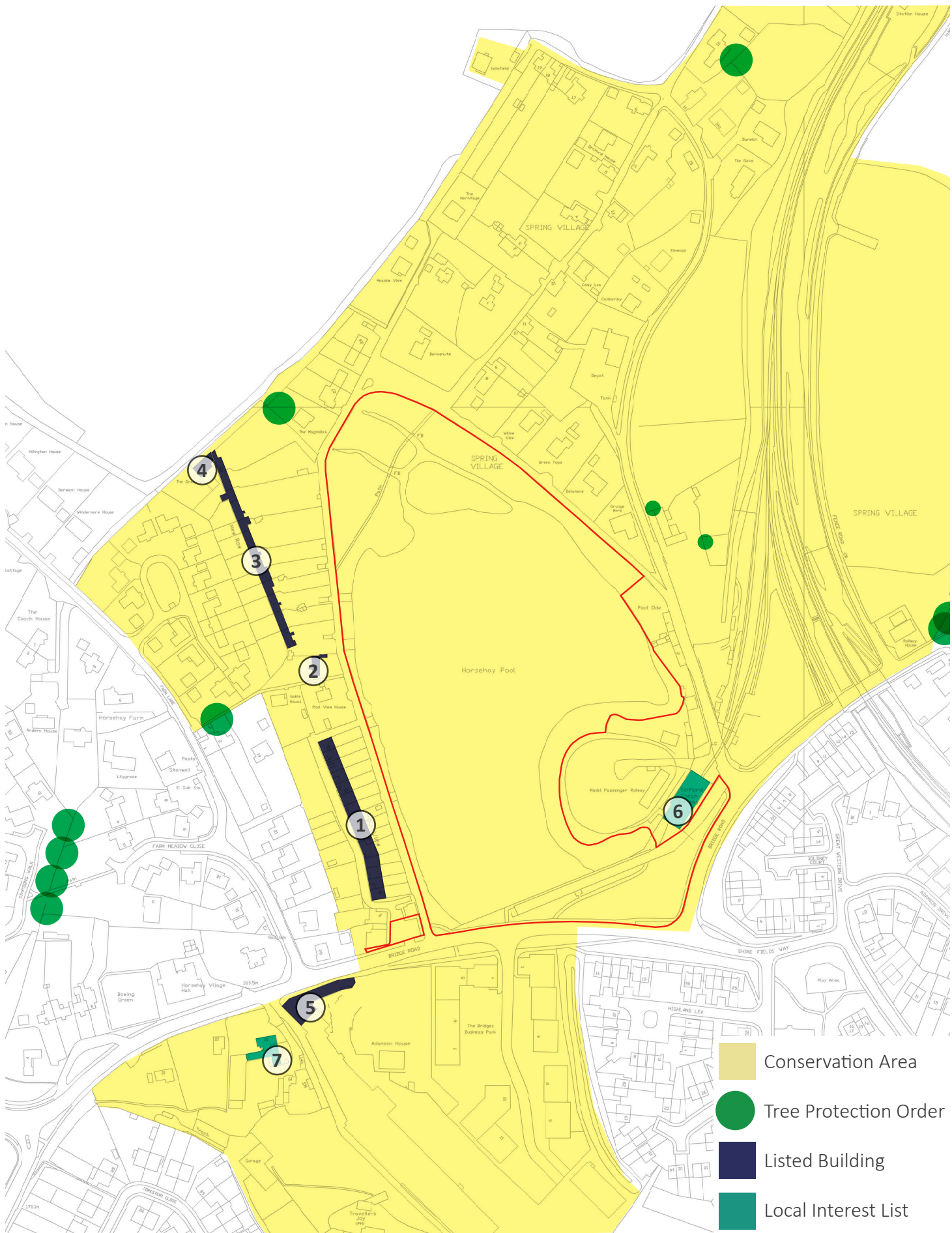
Railway Train Shed (‘Old Loco Shed’)



Old Row Cottages



Horsehay Works, Bridge Road



Historic designations

2.4 Landscape Character and Views

Horsehay Pool forms part of a wider landscape character. Natural England has identified 159 National Character Areas (NCAs) across England, which are areas that share similar landscape characteristics, and which follow natural lines in the landscape rather than administrative boundaries. The Site is located in the Mid Severn Sandstone Plateau National Character Area (NCA 66), which is found in the central catchment of the Severn and the lower Stour rivers. The NCA is predominantly rural and important regionally for food production, with large arable fields in the central and eastern areas, and remnant areas of characteristic lowland heathland. The NCA exemplifies the link between geodiversity, landscape and industrial heritage, and contains rich and important heritage assets, including the Ironbridge Gorge World Heritage Site.

The landscape context of the Site broadly reflects this wider landscape character, and consists of the following landscape typologies (as shown in the plan opposite).

Open water

The pool is an open expanse of water, and provides a break in the residential and industrial development, which surrounds it. It is an important visual feature within the Conservation Area, and is reinforced by the orientation of houses which surround it, and the various resting places, which face the pool. The main approach to the Conservation Area is from the west, along Bridge Road. The corner of Bridge Road and Pool View acts as a gateway to the Site, although currently lacks a sense of arrival and identity.

Industrial

There are pockets of industrial development around the Site, which help characterise the historic development of Horsehay and the surrounding area. The Bridges industrial estate to the south of Site, and the warehouse unit off Spring Village to the north east of the Site, are larger scale modern units; whilst the land associated with Telford Steam Railway Trust, including the old Bridge Road, Old Loco Shed, and train tracks provide a more historic industrial landscape character.

Residential

The area to the immediate east, north and west of the Site are residential, and provide a quiet sense of enclosure to the Pool. The listed buildings along Old and New Row provide a distinctive historic character to the area, although this is diminished by the number of parked cars along the road.

Public open space

There are pockets of public open space in and around the Site, which are characterised by amenity grassland, scattered trees, introduced shrub, pathways, and street furniture. The area to the north of the Pool contributes to the village feel of the Conservation Area, whilst the land to south of the pool provides a buffer from the busy Bridge Road.

Woodland

Most of the banks to the pool are densely vegetated with trees and scrub. This provides a wild natural landscape character to the Site, and obscures some key views to and across the pool.









Landscape character and views


2.5 Ecology

An ecology walkover survey was conducted by Red Kite in February 2020 in order to provide an overview of the nature conservation value of the Site. The accompanying report is attached in Appendix A, and a general summary provided below.

Habitats

Habitat Typology	General Habitat Description	Photograph
Broadleaved Woodland-semi-natural	<p>Around the northern and eastern peripheries of the pool is semi-natural broadleaved woodland. The woodland is at its densest in the northern part of the Site. There are a large range of broad-leaved species present. Species recorded during the walkover include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Acer pseudoplatanus (sycamore)- Aesculus hippocastanum (horse-chestnut)- Alnus glutinosa (alder)- Betula pendula (silver birch)- Corylus avellana (hazel)- Cornus sanguine (dogwood)- Crataegus monogyna (hawthorn)- Ilex aquifolium (holly)- Prunus laurocerasus (cherry laurel)- Quercus robur (pedunculate oak)- Salix fragilis (crack willow)- Salix x sepulcralis (weeping willow)- Sambucus nigra (elder)	
Scrub-Scattered	<p>Along the western edge of the pond in between fishing platforms is scattered patches of Rubus fruticosus (bramble) and Rosa canina (dog-rose) scrub.</p>	
Broadleaved Scattered Trees	<p>There are a large number of scattered broadleaved trees around the peripheries of the Site and in amongst patches of amenity grassland. Species include a number of those listed above, along with a noticeable line of prunus and malus species along the north-western, northern, north-eastern and eastern site boundaries.</p>	

Tall Ruderal	<p>Occasionally, where mowing has not taken place, small areas of tall ruderal vegetation were present. The following species were recorded during the survey:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Anthriscus sylvestris (cow parsley)- Epilobium sp (willowherb)- Hedera helix ssp (ivy)- Rumex obtusifolius (broad-leaved dock)- Urtica dioica (common nettle)	
Standing Water	<p>The majority of the Site consists a single large body of open water known as Horsehay Pool. The pond does not appear to have any aquatic or emergent vegetation and it is stocked with a range of coarse fish species. The pool is fed by two inflows at the most northern part of the Site, a single large outflow is located in the southwest corner of the Site. A number of waterfowl species were observed during the walkover, including;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mallard (Anas platyrhynchos)- Canada geese (Branta canadensis)- Moorhen (Gallinula chloropus)- Coot (Fulica atra)- Tufted duck (Aythya fuligula)- Goosander (Mergus merganser) <p>The pool is known to support the following coarse fish species;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Carp (Cyprinus carpio)- Bream (Abramis brama)- Tench (Tinca tinca)- Roach (Rutilus rutilus)- Perch (Perca fluviatilis)- Pike (Essox lucius)	
Running Water	<p>Two water inlets enter the Site from under the road to the north. During the survey the water flow was heavy due to recent heavy rainfall. The stream runs directly into Horsehay Pool. No aquatic vegetation was noted during the survey but this maybe the result of an increased water level. Soft rush (Juncus effusus) was present along the margins.</p>	

Amenity Grassland	Within the northern area of the Site amenity grassland is present. The sward height is uniform throughout through regular mowing. Species recorded are typical for this habitat type, with the following species recorded: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Anthriscus sylvestris (cow parsley)- Bellis perennis (daisy)- Lolium perenne (perennial rye-grass)- Plantago lanceolata (ribwort plantain)- Poa annua (annual meadow grass)- Ranculus repens (creeping buttercup)- Poa annua (annual meadow-grass)	
Introduced Shrub	There are various patches of bamboo (Bambusoideae) present around the boundaries.	



Locations of individual trees and groups of trees used for regular tree surveys

Protected/Notable Species

In the context of this report, protected or notable species of flora or fauna were those considered to meet any of the following criteria:

- Species protected by UK or European legislation;
- Habitats and Species of Principal Importance;
- Local Biodiversity Action Plan (LBAP) species;
- Nationally rare or nationally scarce species; and
- Species of Conservation Concern (e.g. JNCC Red List, RSPB/BTO Red or Amber Lists).

Any incidental sightings of species or field signs during the survey were noted, and are summarised below. Ecological constraints refer to how the alteration and ongoing management of the Site has the potential to impact on the species.

Species	Notes	Ecological constraints
Badgers	There were no signs of this species recorded on Site during the survey. The Site is heavily used by the public and situated within an urban location which is likely to deter badgers from utilising the Site. Also there is little habitat suitability for sett construction or foraging.	
Bats	There are no buildings or structures located within the Site which could be used for roosting bats. Also, despite the large number of trees, none were considered to provide potential roost features for bats. This is mainly due to the young age and condition of the trees recorded. The Site does provide suitable foraging habitat for bats and a range of species are anticipated to occur along the vegetated boundaries of the pool. The light spill from nearby residential properties may hinder the Site usage by species which cannot tolerate light pollution.	<p>There are no buildings or structures currently located on Site nor are there any trees of significant size or structural condition to provide bat roosting opportunities. Therefore, no further consideration in relation to roosting bats is deemed necessary.</p> <p>The Site offers suitable commuting/foraging habitat through the Site’s woodland boundaries and could be impacted as a result of unnecessary light spill. Therefore, careful consideration of the incorporation of any potential lighting will need to be considered to avoid potential impacts on foraging bats and other nocturnal wildlife.</p> <p>All species of bats are protected by virtue of the EU Habitats Directive, the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) and the Countryside and Rights of Way (CROW) Act 2000. In summary it is an offence to deliberately or recklessly capture, injure, kill or disturb bats. Disturbance relates to anything that is likely to impair survival or ability to breed/reproduce, rear young or hibernate. Bat species are therefore significant within a national and international context.</p>

Birds	<p>Around the peripheries of the Site are a number of habitats and opportunities for nesting birds such as the woodland and scrub in the northern reaches of the Site. The survey was conducted outside of the nesting bird season (March – August inclusive) so no active bird nests were recorded during the walkover. The following species were observed walking round the Site;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Robin (Erithacus rubecula)- Blackbird (Turdus merula)- Wood pigeon (Columba palumbus)- Great tit (Parus major)- Long-tailed tit (Aegithalos caudatus)- Jackdaw (Corvus monedula)- Grey heron (Ardea cinerea)- House sparrow (Passer domesticus)- Mallard (Anas platyrhynchos)- Canada geese (Branta canadensis)- Moorhen (Gallinula chloropus)- Coot (Fulica atra)- Tufted duck (Aythya fuligula)- Goosander (Mergus merganser)- Black-headed gull (Chroicocephalus ridibundus)	<p>A variety of breeding birds are expected to occur within the scattered trees and broadleaved woodland habitats. Removal of suitable nesting habitat or disturbance in areas in which they may be present should be taken into account when carrying out works on Site during the nesting bird season (March – August inclusive).</p> <p>All wild birds are protected by virtue of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) and it is an offence to kill, injure or take any wild bird or to intentionally damage or destroy the nest or eggs of any wild bird. Breeding birds are therefore important within both a local and national context. There are potential impacts depending on the final design proposals and implementation of any works and these should be considered as part of the development strategy for the Site.</p>
Amphibians	<p>A single large waterbody is located on Site, however due to its size, fish stocks and urban location it is not considered likely to support breeding populations of newt species such as great crested newt (Triturus cristatus). It may however be suitable for more mobile and urban species such as common frog (Rana temporaria) or common toad (Bufo bufo). Parts of the stream which surround the woodland in the northern part of the Site are slow/non-flowing and could hold standing water during spring which could accommodate spawning. There is suitable terrestrial habitat for frogs and toad on Site and within the adjacent residential gardens which surround the Site.</p>	
Reptiles	<p>There are no habitats recorded on Site that are considered suitable to support any UK reptile species.</p>	
Invertebrates	<p>There are no habitats recorded on Site that are considered suitable to support any invertebrate species of ecological concern.</p>	

Small Mammals	<p>The northern part of the Site offers suitable habitat for hedgehogs (Erinaceus europaeus).</p>	<p>The habitats recorded in the northern part of the Site are suitable for West European hedgehog (Erinaceus europaeus). Hedgehogs are listed under Section 41 of the NERC Act and are declining in our countryside. In the absence of mitigation there may be a negative impact on this species as a result of any proposed vegetation removal. Suitable precautions should be put in place to ensure this species is not impacted by the proposals and that suitable habitat enhancements are provided.</p>
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2.6 Hydrology

Five Rivers Environmental Contracting Ltd were commissioned to undertake a suite of aquatic monitoring to inform the MP. Their full report can be found in Appendix B, and a summary is provided below. The following limitations of the report should be noted:

- Water quality monitoring based on spot sampling fails to detect and account for temporal variation in pollutant concentrations.
- The in-depth interpretation of the water quality analysis results is outside the scope of this report; it provides a basic commentary on key water quality parameters and compares them against guideline values, standards and targets.
- Wind at the time of the depth profiling survey caused some deviation on the parallel transects.

Water Quality

Surface water samples were collected from the centre of the pool by boat, and determinands were analysed by an accredited laboratory.

Determinand	Result	Unit
Calcium, Total as Ca	36.5	mg/l
pH	7.8	pH units
Conductivity- Electrical 20C	275	uS/cm
Alkalinity as CaCO3	81.8	mg/l
Ammoniacal Nitrogen as N	<0.41	mg/l
Chloride as Cl	17.8	mg/l
Nitrate as N	<0.7	mg/l
Nitrite as N	<0.08	mg/l
Nitrogen, Total as N	0.7	mg/l
Nitrogen, Total Oxidised as N	<0.7	mg/l
Phosphate, Ortho as P	<0.6	mg/l
Phosphorus, Total as P	<0.12	mg/l
Total Organic Carbon TOC (Filtered)	10.4	mg/l
Aluminium, total as Al	12	ug/l

Magnesium, total as Mg	7400	ug/l
Potassium, total as K	4400	ug/l
Active Aluminium	11	ug/l
Chlorophyll a COLD	22.13	ug/l

Key water quality parameters affecting ecosystem functioning of lakes are pH, chlorophyll, phosphorous and nitrogen. A brief analysis of these determinands at Horsehay Pool is presented below:

- The pH recorded at Horsehay Pool during the survey is within the guideline values for mesotrophic, hard and eutrophic lakes.
- The chlorophyll value indicates that Horsehay Pool is currently at the upper end of the scale for a mesotrophic lake. However, this result should be treated with a degree of caution as it was recorded on a single occasion, outside of the peak algal growing season and does not provide true reflection of the annual abundance of phytoplankton in the pool.
- There are high levels of phosphorus present, indicating that there is an increasing locading of phosphorous, potential attributable to the ongoing sewage misconnection issues along the eastern bank of the pool, and the long term effects of a Severn Trent Water pollution incident which occurred in 2015.
- The total nitrogen recorded at Horsehay Pool is below the relevant target, which indicates that there is not an issue with nitrogen loading in the pool.

Dissolved Oxygen and Temperature Profiling

DO (% saturation and mg/l) and temperature profiling readings were collected at 1m intervals from the deepest location in the pool.

Depth (m)	Temperature (°C)	Dissolved Oxygen (%)	Dissolved Oxygen (mg/l)
1	4.5	90.4	11.68
2	4.5	89.6	11.57
3	4.5	88.5	11.40
4	4.5	86.2	11.15

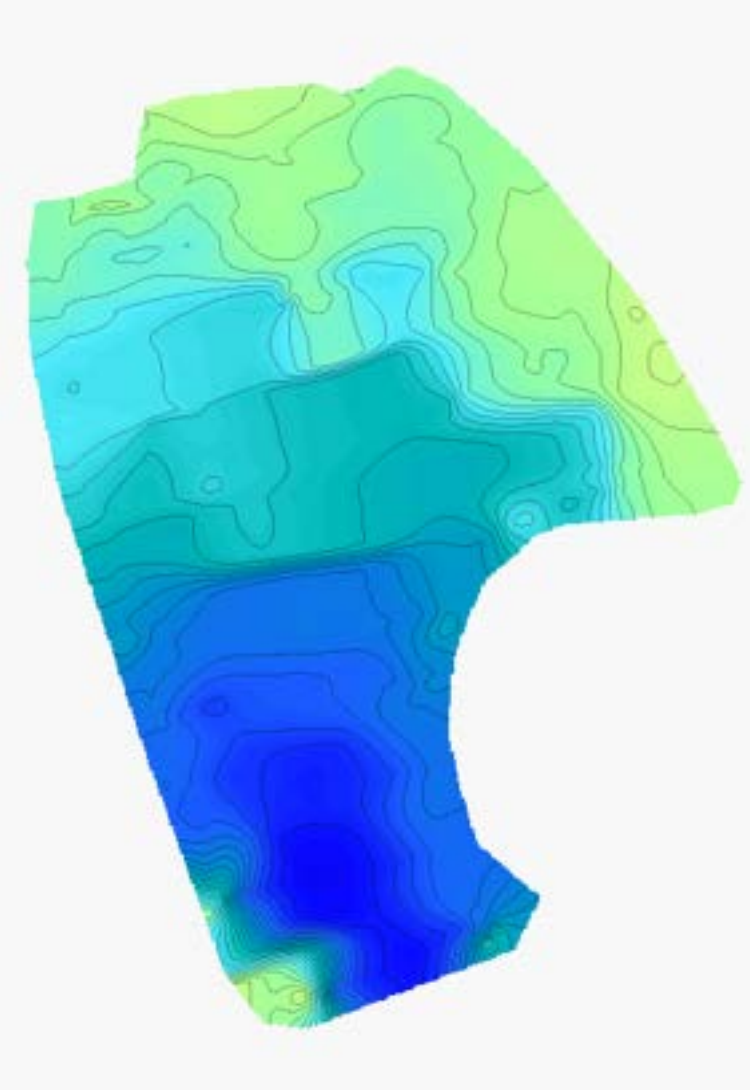
The DO levels meet the High Ecological Status targets set out in the Water Framework Directive. However, these values should be treated with a degree of caution as they were recorded in February when the water is well mixed and has not stratified. In terms of temperature profiling, Horsehay Pool falls into the 'warm water' category as defined by the Water Framework Directive.

Turbidity

The turbidity (suspended solids) of Horsehay Pool was recorded by means of a Secchi disk.

Total Distance 1 (m)	Total Distance 2 (m)	Secchi Depth (m)
0.82	0.78	0.80

The pool has high turbidity due to the presence of suspended material in the water column, such as sediments which have been mobilised due to surface water inputs, fish activity, wind-induced disturbance, and the presence of phytoplankton in the water column.



Bathymetric map

Depth Profiling

The water depth profile of Horsehay Pool was assessed by an echo sounder, and the bathymetric data results are presented below. The map shows that the deepest area of the pool (up to 4m) is located at the southern extent of the pool, with the shallow areas confined to the north, but the inlets and north-east.

General recommendations

In order to get a greater understanding of the water quality regime of Horsehay Pool, we recommended that long-term monitoring is implemented. This could comprise:

- Routine water quality monitoring. Monthly spot sampling from multiple locations around the pool i.e. a targeted water quality investigation to identify sources of pollution.
- Monitoring pollution using continuous monitoring equipment. The provision of continuous water quality measurement can provide a detailed picture of events.
- The installation of a reedbed in areas where there is a problem with misconnections could help with water quality issues. However, aggressive emergent species such as common reed *Phragmites australis* can eventually dominate an area if they are not properly maintained.

2.7 Fishing

As part of Five Rivers' commission, a fisheries sustainability assessment was undertaken, the results of which can be found in Appendix B and a summary below.

Fish stocking

Information regarding fish stocking has been limited, and no data exists in terms of the species composition, density and biomass of the fishery. Anecdotal evidence suggests that a significant population of common bream is present, and the target for most anglers at the venue is common carp. Carp and common bream are both benthic feeders, and are known to be responsible for increased turbidity and reduced macrophyte assemblages when present at high stocking densities. Fish stocking data from December 2018 and February 2019 is presented below, and suggests a healthy balance of coarse species.

Without further information about fish stocking, in terms of fish stocking records and paperwork associated with the introduction of fish to a fishery, it is not possible to provide any detail in terms of the sustainability of the fish population. It is recommended that a fish stock assessment is undertaken to investigate species composition, density and biomass of fish within the pool in order to assist in implementing sustainable management, including additional fish stocking or stock cropping and any necessary habitat improvements. This

would help create a sustainable and resilient mixed fishery providing a resource catering for different angling styles (e.g. match and specimen carp angling).

Common Name	Scientific Name	No. stocked
Common bream	<i>Abramis brama</i>	240
Crucian carp	<i>Carassius carassius</i>	117
Roach	<i>Rutilus rutilus</i>	1080
Tench	<i>Tinca tinca</i>	312
		1749 (total)

Fishing Pegs

Fishing platforms vary in design and construction, with several being in a state of disrepair, potentially posing health and safety issues to anglers and the general public. There is no evidence of provisions being made for disabled users to access and fish the pool, which is recommended under the Equality Act 2010. The following recommendations are provided:

- Provision of disabled access fishing peg, likely to be most suitable at northern end of pool due to sufficient space and flat ground.
- Replacing some of the existing fishing pegs on the west bank with adequately designed fishing pegs. The TAA should be consulted during this process to receive anglers’ input into the designs to ensure the platforms meet their requirements. Formalising the peg locations and providing suitable safe access would help reduce unofficial access and poached areas from appearing around the pool.
- Reducing the number of fishing pegs on the west bank to approximately five or six pegs to reduce potential conflict with residents along Pool View/New Row.
- Installing two or three new fishing pegs along the north and north-east bank of the pool to compensate for pegs being removed from the east bank. This would assist in reducing parked cars in areas which could affect other road users and residents, spreading parked cars over a wider area. However, this needs to be balanced against retaining areas of good wildlife habitat in this area.

Habitat Quality

The pool is lacking in marginal, emergent and submergent aquatic vegetation. The north bank contains a significant area of fallen willows which have continued to grow forming a continuous corridor of up to 10m of dense marginal cover for fish, wildfowl and other aquatic wildlife. The east bank also has areas of overhanging terrestrial vegetation such as bramble which will provide some marginal cover for fish. The water turbidity was high; therefore, the bed of the pool was not visible at any location, even the margins. Subsequently, no appraisal of underwater habitat or predominant substrate was possible. Due to the species composition of the fishery overall and the biomass of each species being unknown, any issues with macrophytes and turbidity cannot be attributed to fish alone, particularly where there are potential issues with surface water inputs and wildfowl.

It is important to balance any amenity improvements, such as redistributing fishing pegs with a need to provide space and good quality habitat for wildlife at the Site. It is therefore recommended that physical habitat improvements within the pool are undertaken to help promote a sustainable fish population and benefit the wider ecology of the area. This could include:

- Installation of refuges and spawning sites i.e. brushwood reefs. This is particularly relevant as compensation for removal of fallen or overhanging trees. Where possible, these features should be relocated, or the material reused within the pool.

- Retaining areas of the dense marginal cover provided by fallen and overhanging trees where possible.
- Opening up other areas of the bank to allow macrophyte growth.
- Planting native plants i.e. marginal, emergent, submergent and free-floating plants.
- Please note we do NOT recommend the installation of floating islands at this location. This is because the existing habitat constitutes adequate provision for fish refuge and spawning and the depth and exposed nature of the pool means that islands will be exposed and liable to drift. In this situation, floating island planting is likely to fail, and regular maintenance is likely to be required.



Fishing peg on eastern bank



Fishing peg on eastern bank



Fishing peg on western bank



Fishing peg on western bank



Fishing peg on western bank

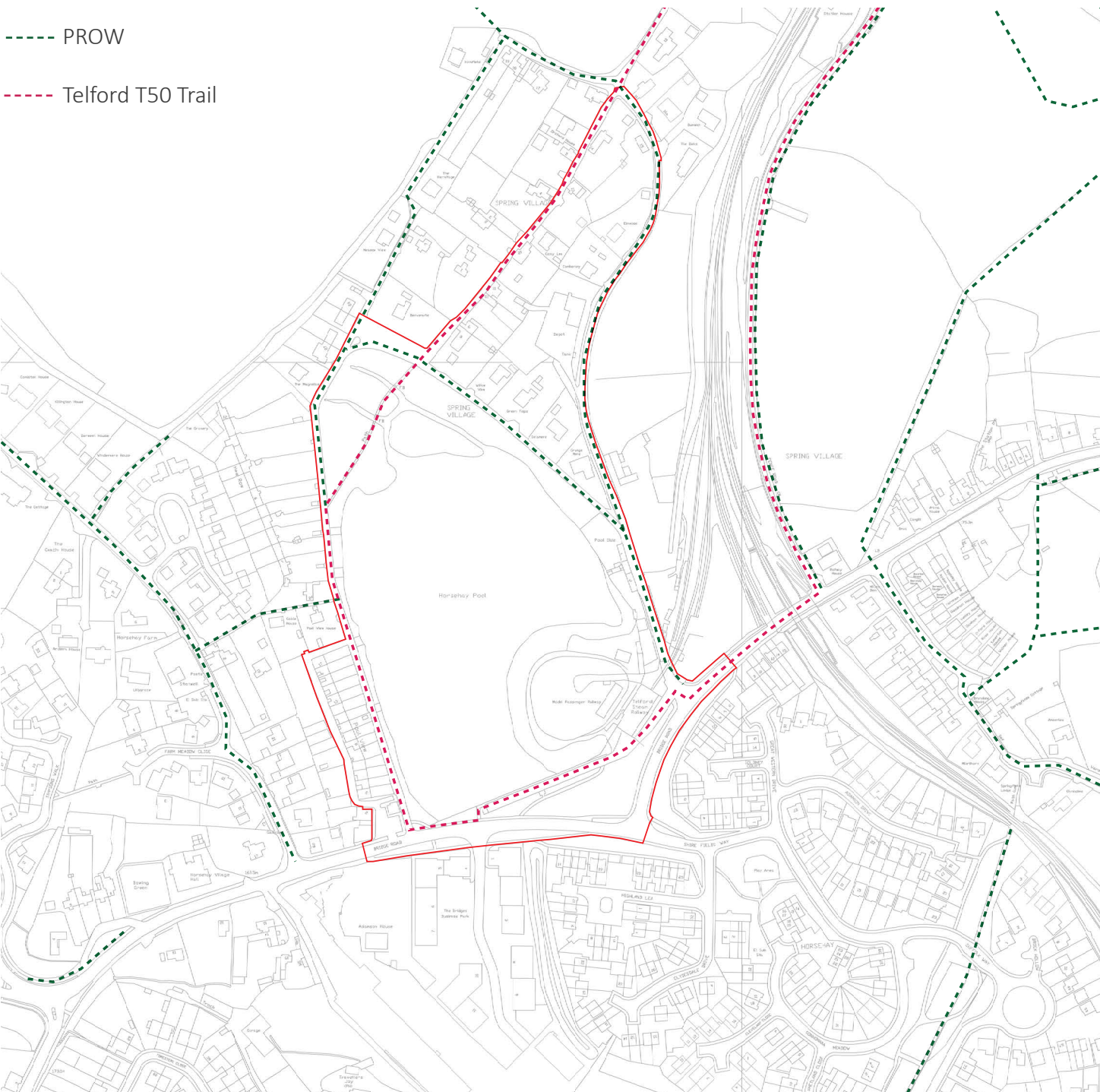


Fishing peg on western bank

2.8 Accessibility

An Accessibility Audit was carried out to assess the Site’s current and potential accessibility and inclusivity, as per requirements outlined in the Equality Act 2010 and Building Standards. The assessment followed the methodology set out in Fieldfare Trust’s Accessibility Standards: A Good Practice Guide to Disabled People’s Access to the Countryside. The assessment has also been informed by industry best practice, including from the Sensory Trust, National Lottery Heritage Fund and the British Disabled Angling Association.

The Accessibility Audit encompassed a slightly wider area than the Site boundary to cover the approaches to the pool via the public rights of way network, as outlined below.



Scoring system for choosing standards

The scoring system for choosing standards is based on the understanding that acceptable accessibility standards will differ according to the countryside setting. Generally, people will expect lower levels of accessibility in the open countryside compared with a town centre park. The table below has been used to determine which countryside setting is most relevant to Horsehay Pool, based on a number of environmental criteria. The total score will define the minimum access standards which should be used in the Accessibility Audit. Based on the analysis below, Horsehay Pool is defined as an urban fringe and managed landscape (a description of which is provided in the third table).

Feature	Expectation	Criteria	Score	Site Score
Visitor Centre encouraging or helping people enjoy the countryside	More chance of meeting other people. Evidence of management. Less challenge or risk.	Visitor Centre less than 500m away.	10	N/A
		Visitor centre 500- 1000m away.	5	N/A
Parking areas of 20 or more spaces (including lay-bys and road-side car parking)	More chance of meeting people. Less naturalness.	Parking area less than 500m away.	8	N/A
		Parking area 500-1000m away	4	N/A
Parking areas of 20 spaces or less (including lay-bys and road-side parking)	More chance of meeting people. Less naturalness.	Parking area less than 500m away.	6	6
		Parking area 500-1000m away	3	N/A
How the land lies	More naturalness. Greater challenge or risk.	Steepest slope of ground on which land lies is greater than 1:6	-3	N/A
Habitation	More chance of meeting people. Less naturalness.	Groups of at least 100 buildings within 1000m.	8	8
		Groups of at least 25 buildings within 500m.	6	N/A
		Groups of at least 100 buildings within 500-1000m	3	N/A
Character of path	Some naturalness. Management. Need to rely on yourself more.	Path surface or concrete	2	1
		Path surface not constructed (in other words, earth trodden by use or across open ground)	-4	N/A
Public transport point	More chance of meeting other people. Need to rely on yourself more.	Bus stop or station within 1000m	5	5
Total score for Horsehay Pool				20

Scores for countryside settings

Based on the results of the scoring system, Horsehay Pool is defined as urban fringe and managed landscapes.

Score	Standard
More than 20	Urban and formal landscapes
15 to 20	Urban fringe and managed landscapes
10 to 17	Rural and working landscapes
Less than 10	Open country, semi-wild and wild land

Description of countryside settings

The different countryside settings are described below according to different environmental criteria.

Countryside setting	Urban and formal landscapes	Urban fringe and managed landscapes	Rural and working landscapes	Open country, semi-wild and wild land
Management	The opportunities are structured and controlled. There are many facilities, services and programmes.	The opportunities are controlled, though often very informally. There are some facilities, services and programmes.	There will be fewer managed opportunities and few facilities and services. Some programmes may be available.	There will be very few managed opportunities and facilities, services or programmes.
Challenge and risk taking	No risks or challenges exist unless they are created and used by people.	Very few risks or challenges unless they are created and used by people.	Few risks or challenges but people may need some basic skills in self-management in the outdoors.	Many risks and challenges available and people will need outdoor skills.
Naturalness	Mostly man-made environment. Many exotic and well-kept landscapes through they can appear natural.	Modified natural environment though often with resource management to improve natural environments.	Mixture of modified and natural environments often mixed with countryside production activities.	Natural environments with little evidence of humans affecting them.
Feeling involved with other users	High possibility of meeting and getting involved with other people on the site and in activities.	Possibility of meeting and seeing evidence of other people and of getting involved with them.	Possibility of meeting and seeing other people and evidence of them.	Low possibility of meeting other people, and little evidence of them.
Independence and self reliance	All visitors can go alone or in groups. There are support services frequently available.	All visitors can go alone or in groups. There are support services occasionally available.	Most visitors can go alone. Some may need help. There are few support services available immediately.	Only some visitors can go alone. Many will expect to go with friends. Support services are very rarely near at hand.

Accessibility Assessment: Urban fringe and managed landscapes

An Accessibility Assessment of Horsehay Pool was carried out on 1st February 2020, using the criteria and minimum standards for the urban fringe and managed landscape countryside setting. Issues are highlighted on the Accessibility Assessment site plan on page 18.

Criteria	Description	Site Notes
Path surfacing	Sealed surface (e.g. tarmac, concrete, smooth slabs or boardwalk) or hard and firm surface, with very few loose stones and none bigger than 10m.	Mostly tarmac, although in poor/ uneven condition in places. Lack of surfaces path in village green area, to the north of the pool.
Path width	Path at least 1200m wide.	Lack of separate footpath, with many areas too narrow for car and pedestrian to pass safely (especially with presence of parked cars). Some stretches of footpath in village green area to the north of the pool <1m wide.
Width restrictions	No sections of path which are less than 1000m wide for more than 300mm along the length of the path (due to gates, barriers etc.). All entrance gates should be wheelchair accessible.	No restrictions or obstructions to path.
Barriers	No stiles or fencing etc. blocking the path.	No barriers blocking the path.
Distance between passing places*	Passing places at least every 100m.	No passing places provided in existing path network.
Distance between resting places**	Resting places at least every 200m. Resting places should accommodate both seating and a space for a wheelchair/pushchair station.	Resting places are not evenly spaced around site, and do not accommodate wheelchair/pushchairs.
Steepness of path	Path no steeper than 1:12.	Path is mostly level.
Height rise on ramps between landings	Height rise of less than 850mm between landings.	No ramps.
Cross slope of path	Cross slope no steeper than 1:45.	No significant cross-slope.
Small steps	No steps higher than 5mm.	Some sections of road do not have a drop kerb, including around the chip shop.
Surface breaks	No surface breaks more than 12mm wide measured along the line of the path (e.g. grills, gaps in boards).	Railway tracks and tree roots could present trip hazard in places.
Clear walking tunnel	Path clear of overhanging branches to a width of 1200mm and a height of 2100mm.	Some overhanging bamboo next to bridges in village green area, to the north of the pool.

Signage	Clear and regular signage, located on or next to path, at a height of 1400-1700mm. Consideration should be given to people with visual impairments and learning disabilities, including the use of pictures, font size, colour contrast and braille.	Lack of signage. One wayfinder to the northeast of the pool.
Car parking	Disabled parking within close proximity to the open space, and fully compliant with current disability standards. Spaces clearly signposted, with smooth surfacing and dropped kerbs.	No dedicated disabled car parking.
Colour contrasting	Use of colour contrasting of all entry systems and barriers.	No colour contrast on trip rail in south eastern corner, or road-side bollards.
Seating	Seat heights should be level at 450mm to 520mm high and back heights of seating should be 700mm high above ground. Seating with armrests preferred. Picnic tables should incorporate a wheelchair station.	Most seating does not have surfaced path leading to them. Picnic tables don't incorporate wheelchair station. Two benches next to chip shop don't have back or armrests.
Fishing stations and accessible pool edges	Fully accessible stations should be installed where possible. All edges should have some warning markings, i.e. paint strip or stand barrier.	No pegs are fully accessible.

* Passing places must be on or next to the path, and at least 1500 x 2000mm

** Resting places must be on or next to the path, and at least 1200 x 1500mm



No separation of vehicles and pedestrians



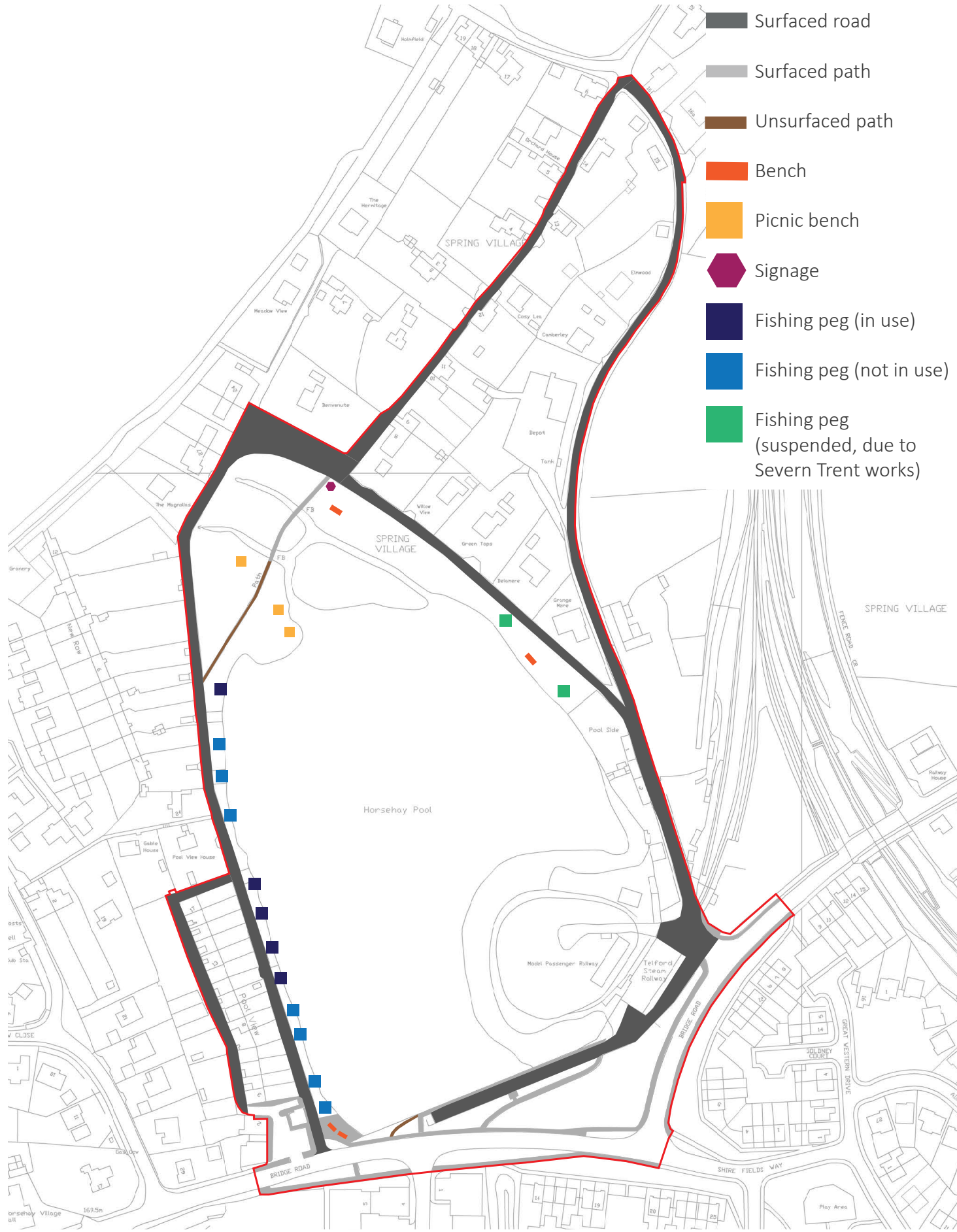
Narrow and illegible path network



The only wayfinder at the site



Lack of surfacing to seating areas



Access Audit

2.9 Current Management and Maintenance

Grounds and cleansing activities are carried out by TWC’s contractor, idverde, and follow TWC's Specification for the Provision of Grounds Maintenance & Street Cleansing Services. The Contractor is responsible for a wide range of duties including litter picking, grass mowing, weeding, and all associated horticultural tasks, as well as removing dog fouling. Idverde practices work from 7am to 5pm Monday to Friday with no presence outside of these times except for emergency call out. The Contractor is required to encourage the involvement of members of the community, ensure equal access, and provide information on and promote parks and open spaces as a community resource.

The Council’s revenue budgets have been significantly reduced over recent years as a result of central government austerity. This has been reflected across all service areas and in particular grounds and cleansing across the borough. There is a small budget for maintenance materials and supplies and building repairs.

Risk Management

There are a number of mechanisms currently in place to ensure a basic duty of care for anyone entering the Site. The Council has a corporate NEBOSH trained safety advisor to advise on all safety matters. Idverde also have their own health and safety advisor.

Documentation is available to staff covering:

- A corporate health and safety policy;
- Operational activities risk assessments;
- COSHH assessments;
- Manual handling assessments;
- Lone working policy;
- Contractors

Footpaths

One footpath passes through the northern area of the Site. This is inspected at least once a year as part of a general site walk over. Highways undertake regular inspections of the adjacent adopted roads and footpaths, the results of which are recorded on TWC's online system.

Buildings and Structures

Under TWC's responsibilities under the Reservoirs Act 1975, a weekly visual inspection of the dam structure, reservoir inlets and outlets is undertaken, as well as a weekly water level recording. Yearly inspections and reports are undertaken by a Supervising Engineer, and 10 yearly inspections and reports are carried out by an Inspecting Engineer.

Street Cleansing

The street cleansing services carried out by the contractor includes the emptying of bins, removal of graffiti and fly-posting, weed control, clearance of detritus, chewing gum removal, street washing, sign cleaning and the removal of fly-tipped material. All discovered fly tips are subject to an initial investigation by the Contractor and reported to the Authorised Officer.

Grounds maintenance

Grounds maintenance undertaken by the contractor is to be in accordance with Best Industry Practices

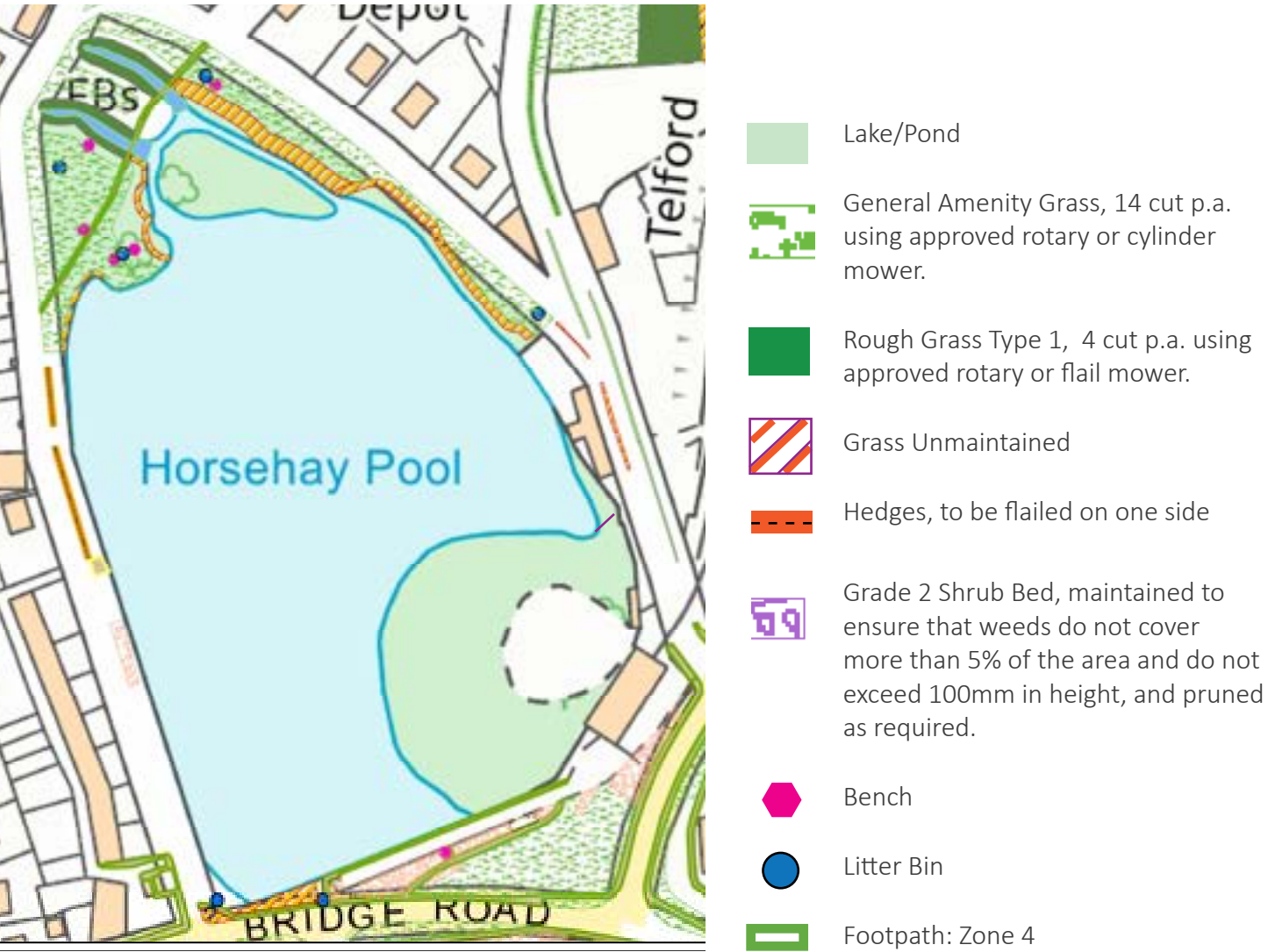
and Green Flag standards, and using environmentally sound methods. At the Site, the works include grass maintenance, hedge cutting, and shrub bed maintenance, as shown in the landscape and ecology maintenance plan figure below. Herbicide is used to treat invasive species and along the roadside kerb edges. Separate to the grounds maintenance contract, TWC undertake an egg oiling programme in the Spring to manage geese numbers at the Site.

Arboriculture

As part of its grounds maintenance services, the Contractor is required to undertake basic ground level maintenance operations of trees, such as epicormics growth removal, young tree formative pruning, and low level crowning lifting. Arboricultural services are provided separately, and are to meet the requirements of TWC's Tree Policy so that the Council's duty of care responsibilities, legal obligations and Bio Security obligations are met. This includes an inspection of individual trees and tree groups every three years.

Contractor Care

All contractors working on behalf of the Council are vetted on method statements, risk assessments, COSHH assessments and staff training. Their accident records over the previous five years reportable under RIDDOR are required, and also any involvement with the Health & Safety Executive (HSE). They are also required to meet the £5 million Employer Liability Insurance as standard.



Extent of TWC Landscape and ecology maintenance plan

3.0 Wider Context

3.1 Policy Context

National and local policies and strategies relevant to Horsehay Pool and its future management are summarised below.

National Planning Policy Framework

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) provides overarching planning guidance at the national level, with the principle of sustainable development at its core. The NPPF identifies three dimensions to sustainable development – economic, social and environmental and states the principle of sustainable development “should be seen as a golden thread running through both plan-making and decision taking”.

With this in mind, Paragraph 17 of the NPPF details 12 core planning principles that underpin the delivery of sustainable development, noting [inter alia] that planning should:

- “always seek to secure high quality design and a good standard of amenity for all existing and future occupants of land and buildings;”
- “...conserve heritage assets in a manner appropriate to their significance, so that they can be enjoyed or their contribution to the quality of life of this and future generations;...” and
- “...contribute to conserving and enhancing the natural environment and reducing pollution. Allocations of land for development should prefer land of lesser environmental value, where consistent with other policies in this Framework;...”
- Section 10 of the NPPF considers the requirement of good design by, inter alia:
 - “...planning positively for the achievement of high quality and inclusive design for all development, including individual buildings, public and private spaces,,,,” and
 - “...respond to local character and history, and reflect the identity of local surroundings and materials...”.
- Section 12 of the NPPF considers conserving and enhancing the historic environment by, inter alia:
 - “...describing the significance of any heritage assets affected including any contributions made to their setting...” and
 - “...understanding the potential impact of the proposal on their significance...”.

Telford and Wrekin Council Local Plan 2011-2031

- Aim 3: Harness the boroughs natural environment.
 - Make sure that the natural environment is planned, designed and managed to meet site, local and strategic needs.
 - Safeguard and enhance the borough’s biodiversity.
- Aim 4: Promote socially cohesive, healthy and active communities.
 - Enable healthier lifestyles and improve the health and wellbeing of the population.
 - Support the creation of safe and secure environments.
 - Sustain and enhance the vitality of rural settlements.
- Aim 5: Enhance the infrastructure for improved access and communication.
 - Encourage and help enable greater access by non-vehicular means to local green space, services and locations of employment.

- Aim 6: Value the cultural and heritage assets.
 - Achieve high quality urban design which responds to local context and provides opportunities for innovation.
 - Safeguard the character and setting of the borough’s built and natural heritage.
 - Protect and enhance the borough’s local distinctiveness.
- Green Guarantee – the Council will protect over 150 Green Guarantee spaces within Council ownership from development. The Green Guarantee reflects the Council’s commitment to the provision of locally accessible green spaces and to meeting the needs of local communities.
- Policy NE1: Biodiversity and Geodiversity.
 - Biodiversity and geodiversity assets will be protected, maintained and enhanced.
 - Local Wildlife Sites are non-statutory sites of significant value for the conservation of species and habitats. These sites represent local character and distinctiveness and have an important role to play in meeting local and national targets for biodiversity conservation. Planning applications will not be supported where they would have a harmful impact on a Local Wildlife Site’s features of interest.
- Policy NE2: Trees, hedgerows and woodlands.
 - The Council expects existing trees, hedgerows and woodland with biodiversity value, visual amenity value and landscape value to be retained, protected and appropriately managed. Aged and veteran trees, ancient woodland and important hedgerows will be valued and protected.
- Policy NE3: Existing public open space.
 - The Council will protect, maintain and enhance the provision of formal and informal sports and recreation facilities and public open space, including locally important incidental open spaces, throughout the borough.
- Policy NE6: Green Network.
 - The Green Network emerged from the original Landscape Masterplanning of Telford by the Telford Development Commission.
 - The Council will protect, maintain, enhance and, where possible, extend the Green Network.
- Policy BE1: Design criteria
 - Respect and respond positively to its context and enhances the quality of the built and natural environment.
 - Demonstrate an integrated design approach from the outset combining layout, building form and design, landscape, green infrastructure, surface water management, access and parking.
 - Respects the landscape setting and topography.
 - Preserves and reinforces historic street patterns, layouts, traditional frontages and boundary treatments.
 - Maintains and exploits important landmarks, gateways, views to and from the site and respects or enhances the quality of the skyline.
 - Promotes good links through the site and to the surrounding area for all users.
 - Produces a secure environment which is legible, safe, attractive and convenient through the design and orientation of buildings, the integrated provision of hard external spaces, drainage, landscaping, open space and parking.
 - Produces an environment which facilitates and encourages healthy living.
 - Demonstrate that sufficient investigation has been undertaken to ascertain the type and extent of any land contamination and land instability issue.
 - Demonstrate that there is no significant adverse impact on nearby properties by noise, dust, odour or light pollution or that new development does not prejudice or undermine existing surrounding uses.

- Policy BE4: Listed buildings
 - The Council will have special regard to the desirability of preserving the building or its setting or any features of special architectural or historic interest which it possesses.
- Policy BE5: Conservation Areas
 - The Council will support development in conservation areas where it will preserve or enhance its character and appearance. Development will not be supported where:
 - It would prejudice the essential features of the conservation area, the relationship or appearance between buildings, the arrangement of open areas and their enclosure, grain, or significant natural or heritage features.
 - The development would not do justice to the setting and surroundings of a conservation area or would impair the views of the area.
- Policy BE6: Buildings of local interest
 - The Council will seek to preserve buildings of local interest and will encourage their full and appropriate use. The Council will not support development which:
 - Would have an adverse impact up on the character, form and fabric of a building of local interest or would remove or mask major features of interest.
 - Would have a detrimental impact on the setting of the building or damage traditional boundary treatments, flood space materials or other features.
- Policy BE7: Parks and gardens of historic interest
 - The Council will make sure that the borough’s historic parks and gardens, their associated features and settings are preserved and enhanced.
 - Resist any development which would adversely affect their special historic interest or result in the loss of, or damage to, their form and features.
 - Seek to conserve their landscape and architectural features.
 - Resist development which would impair the longer views of these sites and their wider landscape setting.
 - Encourage the restoration of original layout and features where this is appropriate and based upon a thorough research and understanding of the historical form.

Green Infrastructure Framework: Evidence and Analysis Document 2012

- To provide an overarching framework for the planning, design and management of strategic and local green infrastructure in the borough.
- To help co-ordinate strategic/regional cross boundary green infrastructure areas.
- To assist the borough in responding to the challenges of a changing environment.
- To maximise the benefits of green infrastructure in both rural and urban environments.
- To enable the planning and design of the built and natural environment to be approached in a joined up and holistic way
- To help achieve sustainable development.
- To improve the contribution of green infrastructure investment.
- To embed a good understanding of green infrastructure and what it can do within the council.
- To be able to assess and measure the role and contribution of green infrastructure in a more structure and objective way.
- To apply green infrastructure in a more structured and objective way.
- To help secure funding for the Green Infrastructure Framework actions including mechanisms to resource

the long term management of both existing and new green infrastructure.

- To establish criteria which recognises the functions and value of green infrastructure at a strategic level in order to prioritise sites which are most vulnerable or in need of immediate action.
- To establish a governance model for monitoring and reporting on green infrastructure linked to corporate annual reporting and performance management.
- To ensure the council can lead by example in promoting the benefits of green infrastructure.
- To ensure efficient and effective delivery of the framework through partnership meeting.

Horsehay & Spring Village Conservation Area: Appraisal and Management Plan

- Designated in 1999, due to its historic importance linked to the industrial revolution links to this area which has given heritage values to the settlement.
- The leafy, soft landscaping around the pool creates natural pockets of enclosure and some views across the pool. Accumulative loss of trees and vegetation around the Pool would dramatically impact the scenery of the Conservation Area and the views and visual character of ‘centre piece’ that the pool plays in the area.
- The positioning of Old and New Row adjacent to one another and directly opposite the pool, is a pivotal visual feature of Horsehay. These listed buildings and the Horsehay Pool itself are directly linked to the historical development of the Conservation Area can be viewed from various angles walking around the pool and views should not be obscured.
- The pool itself is also a key viewpoint of the Conservation Area which is an example of how heritage can be managed and change with its industrial origins now extinct and a new current use of angling. To the north of the pool is a small landscaped area which contributes greatly to the village feel of the Conservation Area with paths and a small bridge which is designated as Green Network in the Local Plan.
- Horsehay Pool creates an attractive approach to the main residential core of the Conservation Area, however has been compromised by unsympathetic development including a car park. Opportunities should be sought to improve this space and address this corner and gateway site as well as the adjoining spaces.
- Due to unclear responsibilities between stakeholders (owners and leaseholders) around the pool, there is a distinct lack of maintenance around the pool bank including damaged and rotten pegs, signage which could result in overall harm to the character and appearance of the Conservation Area. Equally, loss of trees and any inappropriate works could have the same consequences. Trees surrounding the pool have been subjected to tree surgery operations including pollarding which primarily reduces their height as part of a cyclical management regime. The Local Authority under legislation is not required to serve notice upon itself for these works. However, a more cohesive approach to management of the pool and stakeholders is needed.
- There are no pending general development pressures to the Conservation Area – the Green Network designation constrains development within these areas which supports the semi-rural character of the area.
- General development recommendations:
 - Encourage and support the enhancement of landmark and gateway sites.
 - Retain rural approach to public realm development.
 - Management Plan for Horsehay Pool.

3.2 Community Context

Demographic profile

The Site lies within the Horsehay and Lightmoor Ward. The ward population was 4,292 in 2011, an increase of 52.5% since the previous census (2011), and 6.3% of residents are from a BME background (compared with 10.6% borough-wide). The ward’s residents are younger than the borough average (23.3% aged 0-15 and 33.9% aged 25-44).

Deprivation and Crime

There are low levels of deprivation, with the southern area in the 30-40% least deprived and the northern in the 20-30% least deprived. Rates of crime and antisocial behaviour in the ward are below borough figures for all categories apart from burglaries at 11.2 per 1,000 population (compared with 8.7 borough-wide).

Satisfaction levels

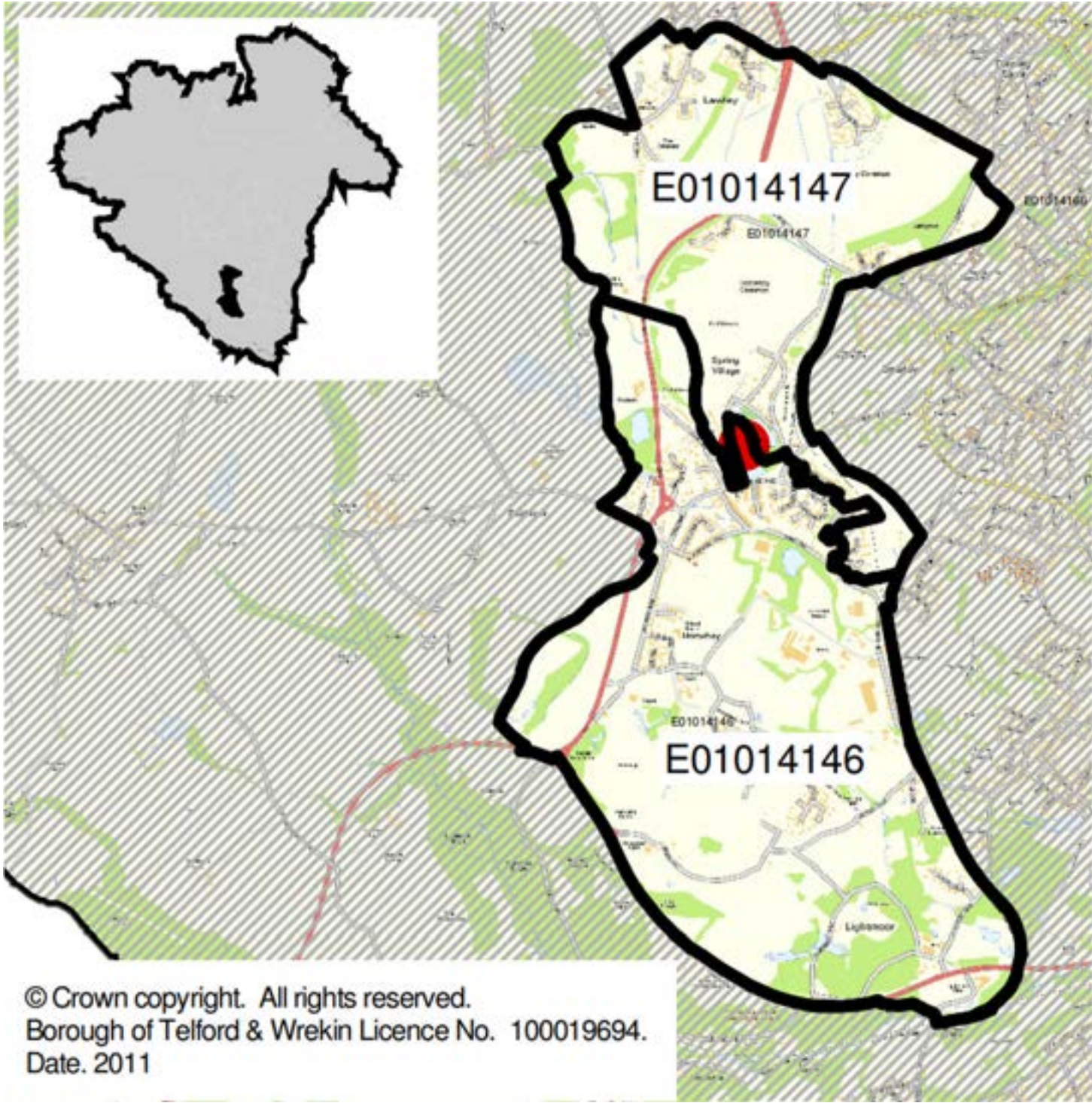
Satisfaction levels in the ward are higher than average across four of the five measures, but rank in the lowest ward scores for the percentage of people who agree that their area is a place where people from different backgrounds get on well together (62%, compared with 75% borough-wide).

Health

The Telford and Wrekin Population Profile 2017 (Joint Strategic Needs Assessment) presents the following data about health and disability within the ward:

Health indicator	Horsehay and Lightmoor Ward	Telford and Wrekin Borough
Self-reported health:		
Very good or good health	84.8%	80.2%
Bad or very bad health	4.8%	6.2%
Life expectancy:		
Male	78.9 years	78.3 years
Female	79.9 years	81.8 years
Children with a long term health problem or disability that limits their daily activities.	24.2%	18.6%
Adults (aged 16-64) with a long term health problem that limits their daily activities.	14.5%	18.6%
Older people (aged 65 and over) with a long term health problem that limits their daily activities.	14.5%	18.6%

According to the Ward Health profile (2014), the rate of emergency hospital admissions for all causes, stroke and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease is significantly worse than the England average. The admission rate for strokes is the third worst in the Borough.



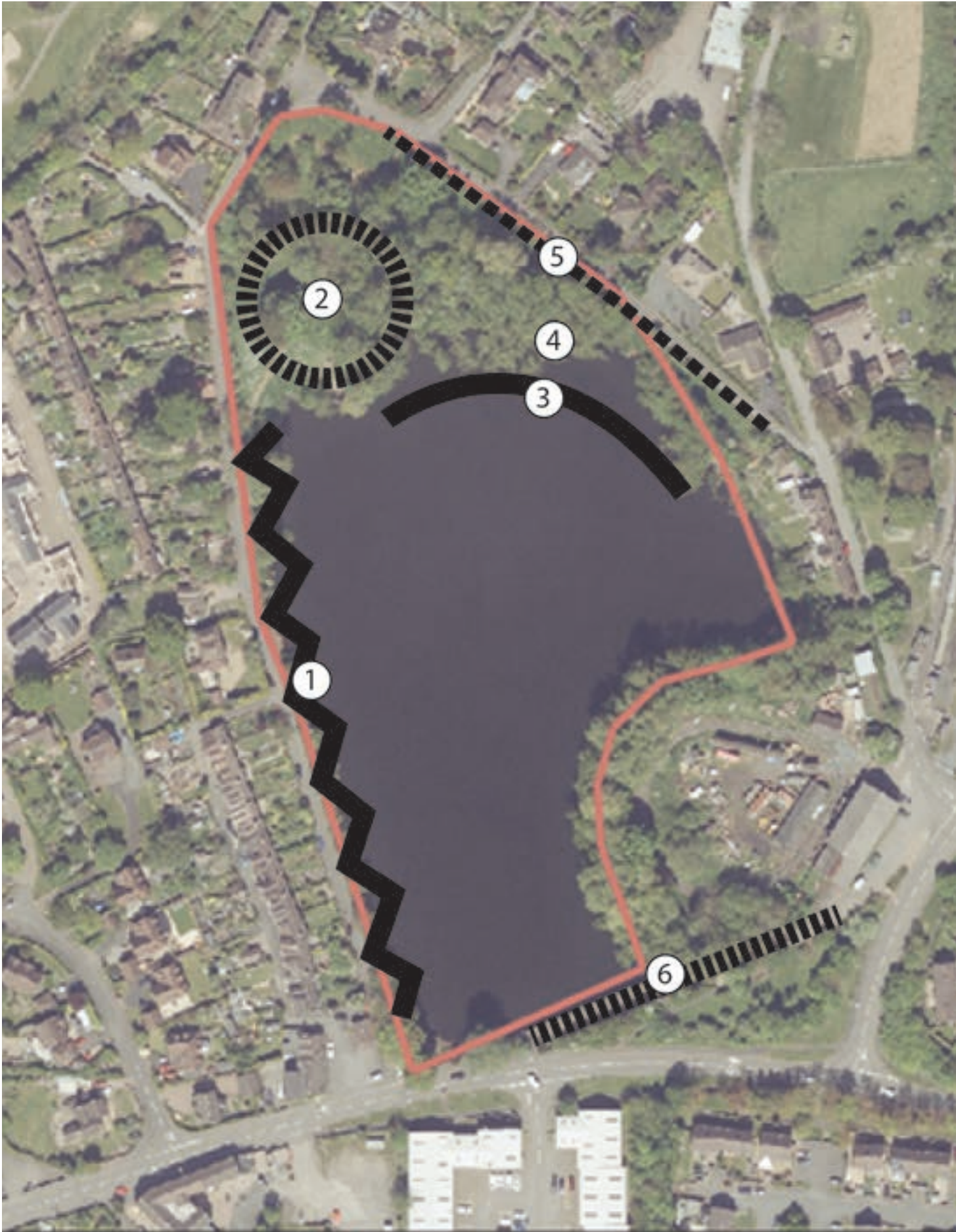
Horsehay and Lightmoor Ward map

3.3 Stakeholders

As part of the site analysis, workshops and site walk-arounds were carried out with the following stakeholder groups. A summary of the meetings is printed on the following pages.

- Telford Angling Association
- Friends of Horsehay Pool and Environs
- Telford Steam Railway Trust
- Council Members and Officers

Area/ Feature/ Issue	Discussion
Lease/licence	Currently have 3 year licence, which requires renewal. Would prefer 10 year lease, in order to make them eligible for external funding.
Membership	Summer is busiest season. Aspire to attract younger members, and make angling more accessible for all. Potential to partner with local care homes. Two bailiffs inspect the pool regularly, plus additional visits from TAA secretary. TWC don't consider angling a sport, and this limits outreach potential. Would like notice board(s) for posting information.
Stocking	Jan 2019 TAA spent approx. £7,500 on fish stock. Previously shared this information with TWC. West side of pool best for fishing because it is deep (no. 1 on map). Shallower water on north and east sides (no. 3 on map) Severn Trent pollution incident (from 2015) affecting water quality and fish (as advised by Wildlife Trust) (no. 4 on map). Severn Trent have committed to sorting the issue by 2025.
Pegs	Currently have 16 pegs. Several pegs no longer in use/inaccessible/in state of disrepair – repair and improvement works subject to updated management plan and licence. Would like to replace existing pegs with recycled plastic pegs, once 10 year lease is in place (so they can apply for funding). Single pegs approx £450 each; disabled double pegs approx. £1,000 each. Would also like to provide eco-toilet (to be funded by grants).
Car parking	Most use disused former Bridge Road for car parking (no. 6 on map), however there isn't always space, and its not suitable for disabled members. Some anglers are approached by local residents about car parking issues. Require allocated disabled car parking space(s). Rocks placed along Pool Side road (presumably by a resident) are a trip hazard, especially for partially sighted, and should be removed (no. 5 on map).
Events and matches	20 matches a year, including charity matches (required as part of licence) Would like to hold an 'Access to Angling' event, like the one at Little Appley, aimed at widening participation. Could hold it around the village green area, to the north of the pool (no.2 on map).
Habitat and vegetation	Floating islands aren't suitable, because the chains that hold down the islands do not allow for changes in water level. As a result, the chains often break and the islands can break up and cause a blockage in the outlet pipes. Dead trees in water are dangerous, and lines get snagged in them. Reed planting good for fish spawning, but ensure that it is away from pegs, and that it doesn't spread too much. TAA should be consulted on any additional planting. Local residents planting inappropriate species. Licence sets out 10m vegetation clearance radius requirement around pegs.



Stakeholder Workshop: Telford Angling Association

Area/ Feature/ Issue	Discussion
Road and car parking	<p>Pool View/New Row historically a rural bridleway; not tarmacked until the 1980s.</p> <p>Cars driving on verges, eroding road edges and grass banks (no. 1 on map).</p> <p>Increasing volume of traffic due to local business and delivery vans.</p> <p>Suggest 20mph speed limit to improve safety.</p> <p>Car parking by anglers has improved in the past year.</p> <p>Some residents have placed rocks to prevent parking on verges- need a unified approach.</p>
Planting	<p>Original 1970s municipal landscaping has either died back or become too overgrown (especially the crack willows and bamboo). Consider removing and replacing with more appropriate planting.</p> <p>Suggest reed planting to improve habitat, and deter geese from using surrounding land.</p> <p>Some residents have adopted parts of bank and maintain it- requires coordinated approach; Friends Group could potentially adopt some areas.</p> <p>Would prefer grass to be kept long to maintain ‘wild’ character and also to deter geese.</p>
Angling	<p>Inappropriate number of pegs within too close proximity to houses along Pool View/New Row. Potentially dangerous due to closeness of road and pedestrians. (no. 2 on map)</p> <p>Vegetation management by anglers is sometimes excessive – visual impact and contributes to bank erosion.</p> <p>More appropriate to have angling along northern and eastern edges, where there’s more space and its further away from houses. (no. 3 on map)</p>
Village Green	<p>Occasionally used for community events, but limited by presence of geese in summer.</p> <p>Sufficient number of picnic benches, but require repositioning and cleaning.</p> <p>No formal play provision required – not suitable for site, plus other play areas nearby.</p> <p>Streams have dried up recently – issue currently being investigated (no. 4 on map)</p> <p>Pocket Park funding awarded for proposals. First steps include commissioning a topographic survey, and laying the surfaced path.</p>
Signage and infrastructure	<p>Provide interpretation to inform visitors about the history of the area. One next to gabion wall, and the other at village green? (no. 5 on map). Previous conversations with Phoebe at TWC. Could also include community notice board.</p> <p>Style of bins are inappropriate for conservation area.</p> <p>Excessive street lighting – could they be replaced with low level pedestrian lighting?</p>
Habitat management and ecology	<p>Manage vegetation on island and remove dead and diseased trees overhanging channel.</p> <p>Dredge channel so it is more distinct. Open up views to pool from eastern side. (no. 6 on map).</p> <p>Japanese knotweed previously present on site.</p> <p>Badger sett on TSR land.</p> <p>Previously there used to be lots of frogs.</p>
Visitors and stakeholders	<p>Lawley Running Group use the site every week</p> <p>My Options disabled group host regular visits.</p>

Bridge Road and gateway area	<p>Retain walls – part of history of site (no. 7 on map)</p> <p>Do not overdevelop. Consider how to incorporate car parking.</p> <p>Landscape area around outflow.</p> <p>Plant up gabion wall.</p>
Management and operation	<p>Need a clear communication channel with TWC so Friends Group and local residents can be informed about management and maintenance actions.</p> <p>No policy on water safety currently exists.</p> <p>Would prefer long term management plan and masterplan which can be implemented as and when funding becomes available.</p> <p>Friends Group carry out regular litter picks – most litter collects in south eastern corner of pool (no. 8 on map)</p> <p>Previously spoken to chip shop about replacing polystyrene packaging with biodegradable wooden alternatives.</p> <p>Severn Trent works along Pool Side due to take place in Sept 2020.</p>



Stakeholder Workshop: Friends of Horsehay Pool

Area/ Feature/ Issue	Discussion
Conservation Area and heritage	Important to retain setting and views of Conservation Area. Conflict between green space/landscape and car parking. Old Loco Shed requires maintenance. Need to clear surroundings (no.1 on map).
Quality of water	Quality of water impacts ecology value Severn Trent sewage issue – important to coordinate any future works with the Management and Maintenance Plan.
Level of water	Water level much lower than it should be. Water being diverted from golf course to Moreton Coppice (causing localised flooding issues) (no. 2 on map) Potential to investigate as part of a separate commission.
Angling	Unsuitable materials and design of fishing pegs – slippery and not sensitive to Conservation Area setting. Too many pegs on western boundary, close to houses and road (no. 3 on map). Suggest relocating to northern/eastern banks. Conflicts over car parking between residents and anglers.
Cars	Erosion of road edge due to cars driving/parking on verges. Potential to incorporate car parking spaces on Village Green and along Pool View. Red Kite/ TWC to plot which properties have off-road parking, in order to determine capacity.
Seating	Unsuitable location of picnic benches on Village Green, under the shade of trees. Resident request for a memorial bench – to be incorporated within masterplan.
Options (local disability group)	Options make site furniture – including notice boards and benches (two next to the chip shop) Potential to commission Options for further site infrastructure as part of masterplan.
Signage	Parish Council could have a notice board at the site. Removing warning/no fishing signs. Interpretation boards to facilitate education, but need to be maintained properly.
Anti-social behaviour	ASB has been an issue around the railway and along Bridge Road. But generally, the site does not suffer from ASB
Canada geese	How can we deter the geese, especially in the summer? Need to prevent them from accessing Village Green area. (no. 4 on map)
Habitats and landscaping	Discussion around suitability of wild versus formal landscaping. Need to clear some trees around the Steam Railway Trust land, to open up views. (no. 5 on map) Clear trees which have fallen into pool, whilst retaining habitats.

Communication with stakeholders	Previously struggled to be informed about works before they happen. Agreed it was important to improve communication channels between council and residents moving forward. Need to ensure that consultation is representative, and not just one demographic.
Bridge Road	Reviewed Bridge Road proposals. Identified as an area with high potential. (no. 6 on map) Issues discussed included: car parking and vehicle use, views, walls, community use, vegetation management and landscaping, paths, and funding.



Stakeholder Workshop: Council Members

Area/ Feature/ Issue	Discussion
Land ownership	TSR owns the island and halfway into the highway. The rest of the land is on a 99 year lease. No angling permitted on TSR land.
Old Loco Shed and environs	Shed needs major repair works, but subject to funding priorities. Queried whether they could drain grey water from shed into pool when they add new guttering. Could incorporate an extension to the building and reinstatement of old track. (no. 1 on map) Seeking to remove shipping container and other parts from around the back of the shed (owned by previous TSR member) (no. 2 on map) Section of wall was damaged – looking to repair, and potentially build slightly higher than currently to improve security (no. 3 on map)
Trees and vegetation management	Undertaking tree surgery works, especially on northern side, due to proximity of trees to houses on Pool View (no. 4 on map) Other trees will be retained unless deemed dangerous.
Anti-social behaviour	Experienced trespassers and vandalism in the past. Improving security around the site, including high fencing. Fly-tipping over wall is a major issue (no. 5 on map)
Landscape proposals	Looking to install new paths and boardwalks through woodland, near water for use by TSR visitors and to focus on local wildlife. Local company developing proposals. (no. 6 on map) Re-paving much of the visitor area, and converting into a ‘street scene’ style.
Road crossing	Intending to install new crossing at the same time as the Severn Trent works. Paving will extend from gate to track, and then tarmac beyond. (no. 7 on map)



Stakeholder Workshop: Telford Steam Railway Trust

4.0 Recent and Planned Improvements

Recent and planned improvements to Horsehay Pool and its environs are summarised below, and include the following: Pocket Parks scheme (Friends of Horsehay Pool and Environs Group); Highways improvement scheme (TWC); the dam (TWC); foul sewage issue (Severn Trent Water); Ecology Management Plan (TWC); Telford Steam Railway Trust initiatives; and Bridge Road (TWC).

4.1 Pocket Parks

The Friends of Horsehay Pool and Environs Group was set up in 2018 to restore the area. In 2019, the Friends Group drew up plans for the north of the Site to inform an application to the Pocket Parks scheme. Their grant application was successful, and they have a total of £21,500 secured for the project (including £4,500 donation from Dawley Hamlets Parish Council). The project was to take place between March and July 2020, but this has been delayed due to the outbreak of Covid-19. The proposals include the following features:

- A new network of surfaced footpaths and boardwalks;
- Creation of a small wildlife pond;
- Habitat enhancement of streams and wetland areas;
- Bulb and wildflower planting;
- New seating;
- Bird and bat boxes; and
- Interpretation boards.



Pocket Parks proposal, Friends of Horsehay Pool and Environs

4.2 Highways improvement scheme

There are plans underway to improve a section of the unadopted road in Spring Village, outlined in dashed lines in the below map. Whilst this is not within the site boundary, it is an important access route to Horsehay Pool, and was included within the Access Audit.

The latest highway condition survey revealed that this section has been assessed as Grade 5, which is the worst possible condition grade, with several cracking and crazing defects occurring throughout, alongside the large volume of potholes across the area. In 2016, a Ward Member requested cost estimates to repair the section of the road. Micro-surfacing overlay was priced at approximately £9,000 and tarmac overlay £15-20,000.

As the road is unadopted, TWC’s Highways are unable to fund these repairs, so alternative funding is required. Local Ward Members have contributed £2,000, and Rights of Way funding could contribute an additional £3,000. Dawley Hamlets Parish Council have not committed any funds out of concerns that it would encourage this route being used as a rat run, which would be especially dangerous past the children’s play area. If speed cushions were included in the scheme, it would add further costs of £2-3,000.

Local Ward Members are developing an alternative plan to use the £2,000 member funding to purchase bagged tarmac so residents can carry out the repairs themselves. These works would fill in all potholes and give a consistent surface throughout which would stop further degradation of the surface and give an expected lifespan of 5-10 years. A potential side effect of this treatment could be surface water ponding as there is not adequate drainage on site. If these repair works were undertaken, there would not be a commitment from TWC to maintain to an adoptable standard or to adopt this road due to other statutory requirements for adopted roads such as drainage and street lighting. Consequently, it would be preferable if additional funding could be found to carry out the full maintenance works and allow for potential TWC adoption in the future.



Highway Conditions Survey

4.3 Dam

The ten year report (Stillwater Associates Ltd, September 2016) of the Horsehay Pool Reservoir, as required by Section 10 of the Reservoirs Act 1975, contains a number of recommendations. Firstly, it recommends repairs are carried out to the brick wave wall to prevent further damage, including spalling, loss of individual bricks and cracking, as necessary. In addition, any debris should be removed from the grille over the weir weekly. The report also noted a large tree which was growing near the west end of the dam wall and causing it to bulge towards the reservoir. This tree failed in a storm and caused the dam wall to be breached, leading to repair works being carried out in 2019. The report also recommends further surveys and studies to be undertaken at the Site, including:

- A new flood study to determine the freeboard during the design and safety check floods;
- The study should also examine the return periods of the floods for a range of flows up to the PMF, that will cause nuisance or damage to properties along Pool View Road, Bridge Road and beyond;
- Levels are taken around the reservoir to ascertain where the water levels would reach beyond the lowest point on the dam if overtopped;
- New drawings of the overflow structure and of the pipework arrangement and any outfall downstream are produced;
- On-site plan should be produced covering actions that would be taken on site in the event of a structural problem with the dam and should include details of how temporary pumps can be deployed;
- The height of the dam to be confirmed by a survey.

Separate to the required structural works, Local Parish and Ward Councillors requested TWC to review the feasibility of replacing the existing brick parapet with a new post and rail arrangement to improve the visibility of the pool. CH2M carried out a general visual inspection of the wall, and prepared a brief feasibility study for the consideration of TWC. Any new post and rail parapet would have to provide sufficient vehicle containment capacity and meet current standards. Subject to further structural investigations, a new reinforced concrete edge beam might be required to enable the new parapet to be mounted. CH2M advises that this option would not only be costly, but could also be unsuitable for the Conservation Area setting. Alternatively, if the road was restricted to non-vehicular traffic, only pedestrian railings would be required and this may reduce the scale of possible strengthening works and foundation design. The report recommends the following next steps to progress the study to the next stage:

- Carry out principal inspection of retaining wall (within touching distance- specialist access equipment required and access onto private land at Telford Steam Railway Trust)
- Carry out intrusive site investigation works to confirm construction details;
- Review maintenance works required; and
- Meet local councillors to discuss potential options and carry out further feasibility works.

4.4 Severn Trent

Severn Trent Water are aware that there is an issue with foul sewage entering the water on the eastern boundary of the pool near Pool Side. The area is currently fenced off and a fishing peg has been suspended.

Severn Trent Water had a scheme designed to rectify the issue, however the start date to construct this scheme has not yet been set. TWC are stressing the importance of this work to Severn Trent Water in an effort to have this work completed within the next twelve months.



Tree that was removed on west end of wall



Bulging caused by tree, which was later removed



Wall repair works being undertaken 2019-20



Completed section of repaired wall



Fenced off area on Pool Side due to Severn Trent Water foul sewage issue

4.5 Ecology Management Plan

A draft Ecology Management Plan (2020- 2025) was prepared in November 2019. The aim of the Plan is the sympathetic ecological restoration of the historic furnace pool and the appropriate management and enhancement of adjacent habitats within the Horsehay and Spring Village Conservation Area. TWC along with local volunteers and partner organisations will manage the Site to:

- Restore and enhance the wetland habitats to the north of the Site (the ‘island’ and its two ‘inflows’);
- Maintain and enhance the grassland areas to the north and north east of the Site;
- To appropriately manage the herbaceous/ornamental planting, and woodland/trees; and
- Promote the Site as a resource for local people and recognise the ecological and historical value of the Site.

4.6 Telford Steam Railway Trust

Telford Steam Railway Trust have a number of repair and enhancement initiatives in the pipeline, although all are subject to funding.

Old Loco Shed and environs

The Shed needs major structural repair works to ensure its long-term survival. The Trust are also considering an extension to the building, and reinstating a section of the former track along the old Bridge Road. There is also a commitment to clearing the environs around the back of the Shed, including the shipping container. As part of these external works, they will also seek to rebuild the section of damaged dam wall, and potentially build slightly higher than the existing height to improve security. However, further scoping work needs to be carried out to understand the feasibility of these proposed works, as the land ownership of the area is unclear. Furthermore, as it is located within the Conservation Area, permission will need to be granted before any works which might alter the character of the historic area commence.

Landscape

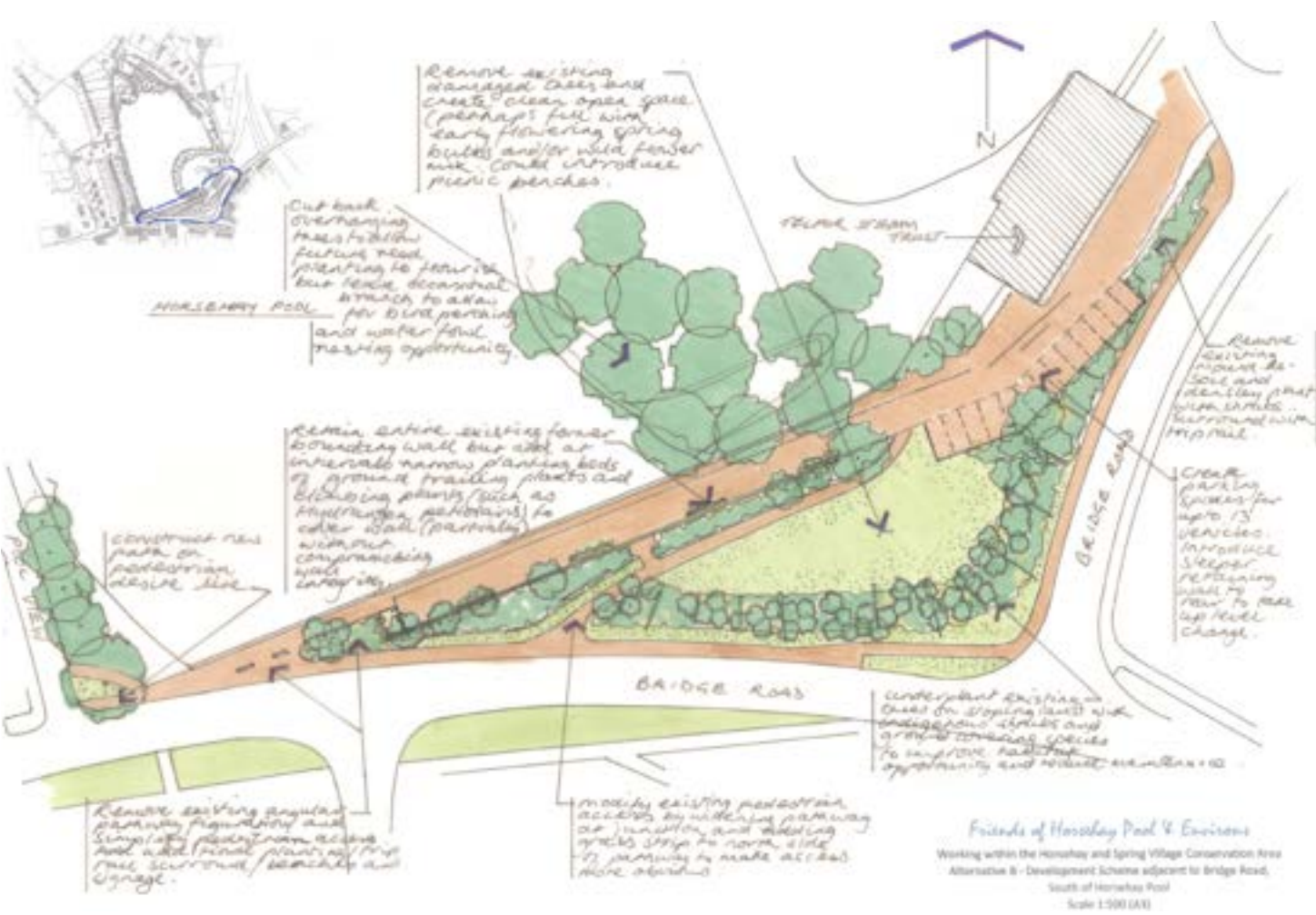
The Trust are looking to install new paths and boardwalks through the woodland, near the water edge for use by TSR visitors. They are also undertaking a continuous programme of tree surgery works, to remove any potentially dangerous trees, including the large copse of willow trees, which are prone to cracking and falling. Improvement works to the visitor area are also underway, with new paving being laid across much of the entrance with the intention to create a ‘street scene’ style. The paving will extend from the entrance gate to the track leading to the Old Loco Shed, and a new road crossing installed, once the Severn Trent works have commenced.



Fenced off area on Pool Side due to Severn Trent Water foul sewage issue

4.7 Bridge Road

The land off Bridge Road and adjacent to the south side of the pool has been identified for landscape enhancement works. Funding from TWC’s ‘Pride in Our Community’ programme has been secured for a proportion of these works. The exact proportion is subject to a community-approved design which will be brought forward as part of this MMP.



Bridge Road concept proposals

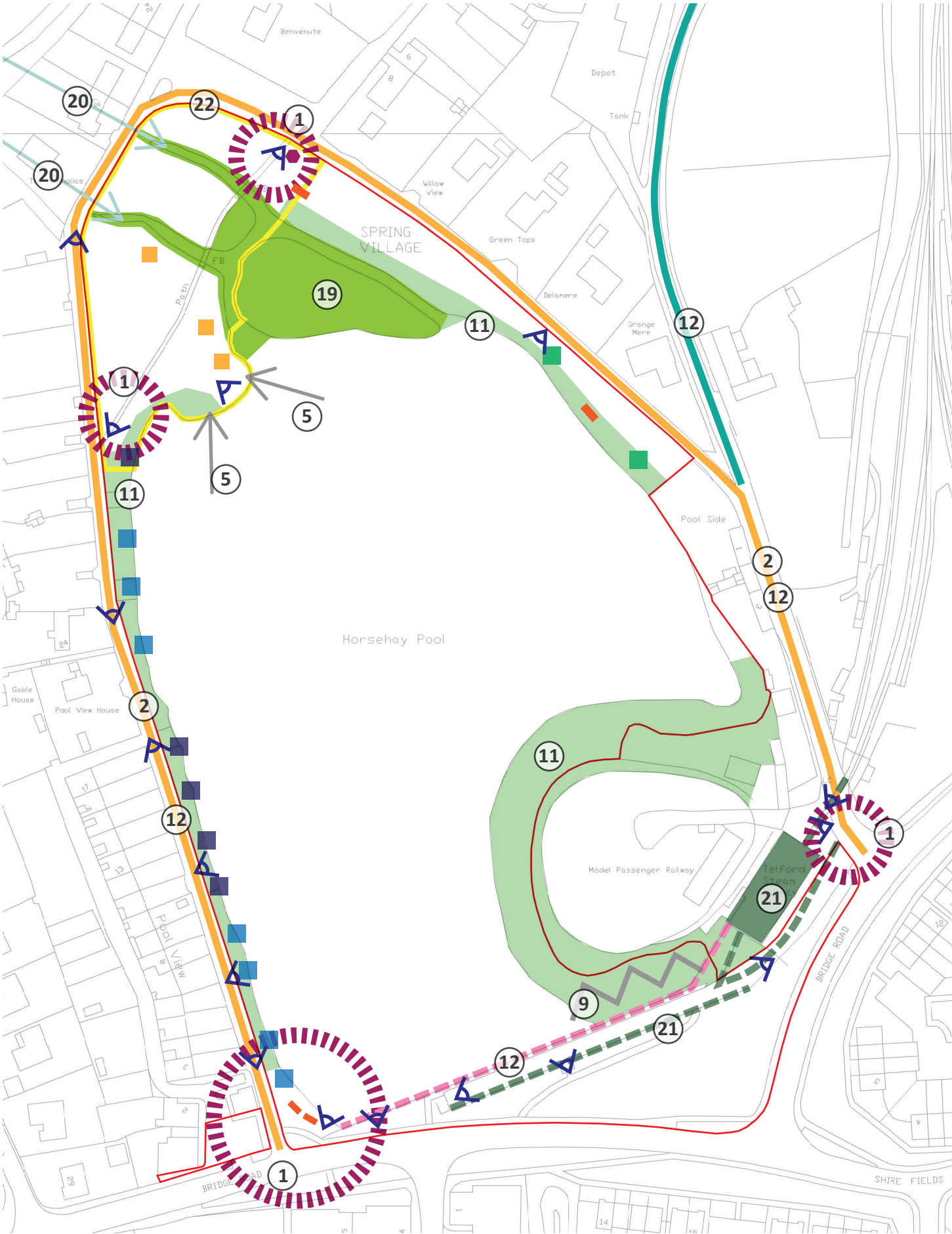
5.0 Analysis and Evaluation

In order to provide a framework for an overall analysis of the Site, the criteria of the Green Flag Award has been used. The award is a national quality standard for parks and green spaces and is an aspiration of the Authority to achieve.

In order to establish a baseline as to when the Site currently stands with regards to the likelihood of achieving a Green Flag Award, a mock Green Flag Assessment was carried out in March 2020, using the following categories. Each criteria is marked out of 10, with 1 being very poor and 10 being exceptional.

- **A welcome place**- the extent to which the site invites and draws people into it.
- **Healthy, safe and secure** - whether the users’ needs are provided for in a safe and secure way.
- **Clean and well maintained**- issues of waste management and site maintenance.
- **Environmental management**- how the management of the site takes into consideration issues of sustainability and climate change.
- **Biodiversity, landscape and heritage**- the management and conservation of natural features, wildlife and flora, landscape features and heritage assets.
- **Community involvement** - the extent to which the managing organisation involves members of the community in the site.
- **Marketing**- the ways that managers understand the key benefits of the site and how they are using this information to promote it appropriately.
- **Management**- how well the MMP is being implemented on site.

A Site Analysis plan is provided opposite, where the labelled numbers relate to the number given to the criteria in the table below.



Criteria	Score	Findings	Recommendations
A Welcoming Place			
1. Welcoming	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No sense of arrival or welcome. The corner of Bridge Road and Pool View acts as the gateway to the Horsehay and Spring Village Conservation Area, but views and visitor experience are compromised by inappropriate external works and landscaping. 	<p>R1.1- Improve gateway area on Bridge Road/ Pool View to provide a sense of arrival to the Conservation Area.</p> <p>R1.2- Welcome signage to improve identity and visitor understanding of the Horsehay Pool.</p> <p>R1.3- Improve other entrances around the Site, including from Spring Village (connecting with T50 trail).</p>
2. Good and safe access	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public open access throughout the Site. Lack of separate footpath along roads, with many areas too narrow for cars and pedestrians to pass safely. Lack of car parking for visitors and anglers. 	<p>R2.1- Install footpaths where feasible to separate road and pedestrian traffic.</p> <p>R2.2- Consider introducing traffic control measures along surrounding roads.</p> <p>R2.3- Provide car parking on old Bridge Road.</p>
3. Signage	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lack of signage at entrances mean visitors cannot orientate themselves. Lack of directional signage, including connections with surrounding Public Rights of Way network. Existing signage consists mainly of warning signs. These are inappropriate in number and position, and detract from the visual aspects and landscape character of the Site. 	<p>R3.1- Install welcome interpretive signage at all entrances to orientate people and facilitate education.</p> <p>R3.2- Install directional finger posts to direct visitors.</p> <p>R3.3- Install signs to indicate wheelchair accessible routes.</p> <p>R3.4- Signs should have bold and clear text, with some raised text information to be included to benefit users with visual impairments.</p> <p>R3.5- Safety notices should be consolidated.</p>
4. Equal access for all	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No disabled fishing facility. No disabled car parking. Lack of surfaced path in village green area. Topography is mostly flat around the site. Some sections of road do not have a drop kerb, including around chip shop. Most seating does not have a surfaced path leading to them. Picnic tables don't incorporate wheelchair station. 	<p>R4.1- Install fully accessible fishing pegs.</p> <p>R4.2- Provide disabled car parking where appropriate.</p> <p>R4.3- Provide an all-access surfaced circular route around the site.</p> <p>R4.4- Seating to be wheelchair and pushchair accessible.</p>

Healthy, Safe and Secure			
5. Appropriate provision of quality facilities and activities	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consultation undertaken to understand users' needs and the wider interests in the area. Street furniture in poor condition and inappropriate mixture of styles and designs. Unsuitable positioning of picnic tables in shade of trees. Large number of geese in summer prevents use of village green area. 	<p>R5.1- Replace existing street furniture and standardise design style across the Site.</p> <p>R5.2- Involve My Options group in the design and installation of street furniture.</p> <p>R5.3- Review existing and potential measures to manage geese numbers and access to land, including oiling programme and planting of reeds near access points.</p>
6. Safe equipment and facilities	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No condition survey of the Site's equipment and facilities has been completed. Some fishing pegs are in a dangerous state of disrepair. The positioning of some fishing pegs is unsuitable due to the dangerous proximity to the road and pedestrians. 	<p>R6.1- Carry out regular condition surveys of equipment and facilities at the Site.</p> <p>R6.2- Review position and number of fishing pegs, and replace as necessary.</p>
7. Personal security	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Site feels relatively safe due to its open aspect, and passive surveillance by houses. The Council does not have any staff presence on site. The Council works closely with the Police to report all incidents of anti-social behaviour or criminality within the pool, and holds regular meetings to ensure open space remains high on the policing agenda. Street lighting around the Site improves night-time safety. 	None at present.
8. Dog fouling	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dog fouling is not a major issue around the Site. There are a number of litter bins, which take dog waste located around the pool. 	<p>R8.1- Review frequency of bin emptying, especially if number of visitors increase.</p> <p>R8.2- Incorporate advisory dog control notices in signage if deemed necessary.</p>

Clean and Well Maintained			
9. Litter and waste management	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Site is kept relatively litter free. Litter picking is undertaken by park staff and the Friends Group. Flytipping over the eastern end of the dam wall, on Telford Steam Railway Trust land, is an issue. TWC have committed to becoming a 'Plastic Free Community' and to help local businesses be zero carbon by 2030. 	<p>R9.1- Review frequency of litter picks if visitor numbers increase.</p> <p>R9.2- Encourage fish and chip shop to use recyclable/ biodegradable packaging, as part of TWC's climate change and waste policies.</p>
10. Grounds maintenance and horticulture	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grounds maintenance is undertaken by TWC's contractor. Currently mainly consists of grass mowing and hedge trimming. 	R10.1- Ensure sufficient resources are provided if grounds maintenance requirements increase as proposals are implemented.
11. Arboriculture and woodland management	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Most of the banks to the pool are densely vegetated with trees and scrub. There are also scattered trees on the areas of amenity grassland. Trees are surveyed every three years. Number of dead and diseased trees around the Site. Some trees and tree saplings have been left unmanaged and are blocking historic vistas across the pool. 	<p>R11. 1- Remove dead and diseased trees. Leave deadwood for habitat where appropriate.</p> <p>R11.2- Remove trees blocking historic vistas.</p> <p>R11.3- Implement recommendations from tree surveys.</p> <p>R11.4- Develop tree planting strategy to ensure suitable age and species mix across the Site.</p> <p>R11.5- Remove areas of tree regrowth and individual self-set trees within the grassland areas of the Site.</p>
12. Buildings and infrastructure maintenance	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Graffiti and vandalism generally not an issue across the Site. Erosion of road edge due to cars driving and parking on verges. Section of unadopted road in Spring Village has been assessed as Grade 5, which is the worst possible condition grade, with several cracking and crazing defects occurring throughout, alongside the large number of potholes across the site. Severn Trent drainage issue currently unresolved. Areas of brick wave wall in state of disrepair. 	<p>R12.1- Graffiti and minor vandalism are to be addressed as a priority and recorded so any trends can be analysed and incorporated into future work plans.</p> <p>R12.2- Work with Severn Trent to implement repair works to drainage.</p> <p>R12.3- Work with Local Ward Members to carry out highways improvement scheme on unadopted road in Spring Village.</p> <p>R12.4- Carry out repairs to dam wall as per engineer recommendations to prevent further damage, including spalling, loss of individual bricks and cracking.</p>

13. Equipment maintenance		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No equipment on site. 	
Sustainability			
14. Managing Environment Impact	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All street lighting is LED and is illuminated on photo cells All contractors working on site are expected to have an audited and accredited Environmental System in place to ISO 14001 or equivalent. 	<p>R14.1- Carry out routine water quality monitoring consisting of monthly spot sampling from multiple locations around the pool. This will enable a target water quality investigation to identify sources of pollution. Continuous monitoring equipment can also provide a detailed picture of pollution events.</p> <p>R14.2- Installation of a reedbed in areas where there is a problem with misconnections could help with water quality issues, although aggressive emergent species such as common reed can eventually dominate area if not appropriately maintained.</p>
15. Waste Minimisation	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All of TWC's litter bin waste goes to an energy from waste plant. On the go recycling is not implemented in TWC's public parks, as previous schemes saw significant waste contamination. 	None at present.
16. Chemical Use	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Herbicide (glyposphate) is only used to treat invasive species and along the roadside kerb edges. 	None at present.
17. Peat use	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peat is not used on site. 	None applicable.
18. Climate Change Adaption Strategies	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Little evidence of TWC's approach to long term planning for climate change. TWC is moving towards a policy of 50:50 native introduced mix to enable plants to adapt to climate change. 	R18.1- Undertake a phased replant of ornamental plantings replacing with native species, in accordance with TWC's climate change adaptation planting strategy.

Conservation and Heritage			
19. Conservation of natural features, wild fauna and flora	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Currently, the Site has limited ecological value. Inappropriate municipal planting around the Site, including proliferation of bamboo. Potential to support protected and notable species, including breeding birds, roosting bats and amphibians. Large areas of amenity grassland of little ecological value. 	<p>R19.1- Identify areas of amenity grassland in the north where frequency of cutting can be reduced. Enhance these areas with additional sowing/green hay to increase and diversify local invertebrate assemblages.</p> <p>R19.2- Alter verge mowing regimes to reflect Plantlife (2019) guidance on road verge management.</p> <p>R19.3- Carry out regular habitat and species surveys.</p> <p>R19.4- Provide bat and bird boxes on mature trees in northern area of the Site.</p> <p>R19.5- Provide a bird feeding station, which could enhance bird abundance and species variety during winter months and provide local residents with an opportunity to engage more closely with wildlife.</p> <p>R19.6- New landscape planting should include native fruiting trees and single flowering species of shrubs and other plants that attract insects.</p> <p>R19.7- Provide invertebrate structures (e.g. bug hotels) and hedgehog nest/hibernation boxes in the wooded edges next to the amenity grassland found in northern area of the Site, in a sheltered place out of direct sunlight.</p> <p>R19.8- Restore and enhance wetland habitats to the north of the Site by removing deep silt, providing standing water suitable for spawning, and carrying out additional planting.</p> <p>R19.9- Retain some vegetation overhanging pool for birds, and provide marginal vegetation.</p>
20. Conservation of landscape features	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low water level of pool due to management changes in wider catchment. Area to the north of the pool contributes to the village feel of the Conservation Area. 	<p>R20.1- Feasibility study required to investigate cause of low water levels and possible solutions.</p> <p>R20.2- Ensure open views from viewpoints/benches through targeted tree removal.</p>

21. Conservation of buildings and structures	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Old Loco Shed and wall in need of repair. Wall which was formerly part of works in state of disrepair. Railway tracks and old Bridge Road convey historic development of area. Lack of interpretation of former buildings and structures associated with Horsehay Works. 	<p>R21.1- Retain and repair former factory wall.</p> <p>R21.2- Carry out feasibility study to replace existing brick parapet with a new post and rail arrangement to improve the visibility of the pool from the south.</p> <p>R21.3- Work with Telford Steam Railway Trust to carry out repair and enhancement works of old railway tracks, road crossing, wall and Old Loco Shed.</p> <p>R21.4- Install interpretation about former buildings and structures associated with Horsehay Works.</p>
Community Involvement			
22. Community Involvement in Management and Development	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Active engagement with stakeholders, including Telford Angling Association, Friends Group and Telford Steam Railway Trust. Lack of communication to local residents about planned works. Proactive involvement of Friends Group in development of the Site, including Pocket Parks proposal. 	<p>R22.1- Improve communication channels between Council and residents moving forward.</p> <p>R22.2- Work with Friends Group to implement Pocket Parks scheme.</p> <p>R22.3- Involve TAA in the design and installation of new fishing pegs to ensure the platforms meet their requirements.</p> <p>R22.4- Continue involvement with local stakeholders and residents in the management and development of the Site.</p>
23. Appropriate Provision for Community	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Village Green occasionally used for community events, but limited due to presence of geese in summer. The Site is regularly used by Lawley Running Group and My Options The Site is used for recreational fishing purposes and is run by Telford Angling Association. 	<p>R23.1- Events held at the pool will impact on the grounds maintenance of the site. In order to alleviate extra maintenance costs, event organisers should be charged to make good all damage caused as part of the event.</p> <p>R23.2- Develop an educational package for self-guided and staff-led visits around the Site.</p> <p>R23.3- Inclusion of aquatic and riparian vegetation will provide suitable spawning areas and nurseries for young fish.</p>

Marketing and Communication			
24. Marketing and Promotion	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marketing is currently limited to information on Telford Angling Association's website and Friends of Horsehay Pool's Facebook page. There is a project page on the Dawley Hamlets Parish Council website, but it is currently blank. There is no visitor leaflet for the park. The Friends Group and Parish Council have newsletters which they have shared project updates on. 	<p>R24.1- The Site would benefit from a dedicated marketing plan focusing on improved interpretation and information about the Site, whilst recognising that the Site has limited capacity for significant increases in visitor numbers.</p> <p>R24.2- Work with local stakeholders, including Friends Group, Parish Council and Telford Angling Association to provide up to date information about the Site and improvement works.</p>
25. Appropriate information channels	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TWC has a policy on water safety, but this is not included at the Site. TWC does not install life devices on its sites as policy. 'No swimming' signs are located around the Site. Information about fishing licenses is currently attached to trees, and is not easily accessible. 	<p>R25.1- Incorporate community notice board on Site, to include notices about fishing licence and water safety.</p>
26. Provision of appropriate educational interpretation and information	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is no interpretation on Site. No facilitated visits by school groups. 	<p>R26.1- Develop educational resources for the Site, and work in partnership with local schools.</p> <p>R26.2- Develop interpretation boards, which include references to online information (such as QR codes and web addresses)</p>
Management			
27. Implementation of Management Plan			<p>R27.1- Carry out recommendations of ten year report of Horsehay Pool Reservoir.</p> <p>R27.2- Apply to quality recognition schemes, including GFA.</p> <p>R27.3- Undertake fish stock assessment to investigate species composition, density and biomass of fish within the pool in order to assist in sustainable management, including additional fish stocking or stock cropping and any necessary habitat improvements.</p>

6.0 Vision, Aims and Objectives

A vision statement has been developed in order to provide a guide as to what the management of the site should achieve. The overall vision of Horsehay Pool is:

A valued community green space and wildlife habitat which celebrates the rich heritage and ecology of Horsehay Pool, and provides the local community with opportunities for informal recreation and education.

A number of aims have been developed which collectively will achieve the overall vision for the Site. The recommendations from the Green Flag Award mock assessment have been collated and sorted according to which aim they will help achieve.

Aim 1: To ensure that the special historic interest and character of the landscape is protected, conserved and enhanced.

- R1.1- Improve gateway area on Bridge Road/Pool View to provide a sense of arrival to the Conservation Area.
- R1.2- Welcome signage to improve identity and visitor understanding of the Horsehay Pool.
- R1.3- Improve other entrances around the Site, including from Spring Village (connecting with T50 trail).
- R5.1- Replace existing street furniture and standardise design style across the Site.
- R11.2- Remove trees blocking historic vistas.
- R12.1- Graffiti and minor vandalism are to be addressed as a priority and recorded so any trends can be analysed and incorporated into future work plans.
- R12.4- Carry out repairs to dam wall as per engineer recommendations to prevent further damage, including spalling, loss of individual bricks and cracking.
- R20.2- Ensure open views from viewpoints/benches through targeted tree removal.
- R21.1- Retain and repair former factory wall.
- R21.4- Install interpretation about former buildings and structures associated with Horsehay Works.

Aim 2: To restore and enhance the Site's biodiversity, and secure its long term resilience to climate change.

- R11. 1- Remove dead and diseased trees. Leave deadwood for habitat where appropriate.
- R11.3- Implement recommendations from tree surveys.
- R11.4- Develop tree planting strategy to ensure suitable age and species mix across the Site.
- R11.5- Remove areas of tree regrowth and individual self-set trees within the grassland areas of the Site.
- R18.1- Undertake a phased replant of ornamental plantings replacing with native species, in accordance with TWC's climate change adaptation planting strategy.
- R19.1- Identify areas of amenity grassland in the north where frequency of cutting can be reduced. Enhance these areas with additional sowing/green hay to increase and diversify local invertebrate assemblages.
- R19.2- Alter verge mowing regimes to reflect Plantlife (2019) guidance on road verge management.
- R19.3- Carry out regular habitat and species surveys.
- R19.4- Provide bat and bird boxes on mature trees in northern area of the Site.
- R19.5- Provide a bird feeding station, which could enhance bird abundance and species variety during winter

- months and provide local residents with an opportunity to engage more closely with wildlife.
- R19.6- New landscape planting should include native fruiting trees and single flowering species of shrubs and other plants that attract insects.
- R19.7- Provide invertebrate structures (e.g. bug hotels) and hedgehog nest/hibernation boxes.
- R19.8- Restore and enhance wetland habitats to the north of the Site by removing deep silt, providing standing water suitable for spawning, and carrying out additional planting.
- R19.9- Retain some vegetation overhanging pool for birds, and provide marginal vegetation.
- R23.3- Inclusion of aquatic and riparian vegetation will provide suitable spawning areas and nurseries for young fish.

Aim 3: To adopt environmental management principles and therefore reduce the impact of management operations on the environment.

- R5.3- Review existing and potential measures to manage geese numbers and access to land, including oiling programme and planting of reeds near access points.
- R8.1- Review frequency of bin emptying, especially if number of visitors increase.
- R9.1- Review frequency of litter picks if visitor numbers increase.
- R9.2- Encourage fish and chip shop to use recyclable/ biodegradable packaging, as part of TWC's climate change and waste policies.
- R10.1- Ensure sufficient resources are provided if grounds maintenance requirements increase as proposals are implemented.
- R14.1- Carry out routine water quality monitoring consisting of monthly spot sampling from multiple locations around the pool. This will enable a target water quality investigation to identify sources of pollution. Continuous monitoring equipment can also provide a detailed picture of pollution events.
- R14.2- Installation of a reedbed in areas where there is a problem with misconnections could help with water quality issues, although aggressive emergent species such as common reed can eventually dominate area if not appropriately maintained.

Aim 4: To provide a safe, accessible and welcoming space for all members of the community.

- R2.1- Install footpaths where feasible to separate road and pedestrian traffic.
- R2.2- Consider introducing traffic control measures along surrounding roads.
- R2.3- Provide car parking on old Bridge Road.
- R3.1- Install welcome interpretive signage at all entrances to orientate people and facilitate education.
- R3.2- Install directional finger posts to direct visitors.
- R3.3- Install signs to indicate wheelchair accessible routes.
- R3.4- Signs should have bold and clear text, with some raised text information to be included to benefit users with visual impairments.
- R3.5- Safety notices should be consolidated.
- R4.1- Install fully accessible fishing pegs.
- R4.2- Provide disabled car parking where appropriate.
- R4.3- Provide an all-access surfaced circular route around the site.
- R4.4- Seating to be wheelchair and pushchair accessible.
- R6.2- Review position and number of fishing pegs, and replace as necessary.
- R8.2- Incorporate advisory dog control notices in signage if deemed necessary.

Aim 5: To actively promote and enable opportunities for community participation and involvement in the management and use of the pool, and in so doing, increase the number and range of volunteers engaged in a wide range of activities.

- R5.2- Involve My Options group in the design and installation of street furniture.
- R22.1- Improve communication channels between Council and residents moving forward.
- R22.2- Work with Friends Group to implement Pocket Parks scheme.
- R22.3- Involve TAA in the design and installation of new fishing pegs to ensure the platforms meet their requirements.
- R22.4- Continue involvement with local stakeholders and residents in the management and development of the Site.
- R23.1- Events held at the pool will impact on the grounds maintenance of the site. In order to alleviate extra maintenance costs, event organisers should be charged to make good all damage caused as part of the event.
- R23.2- Develop an educational package for self-guided and staff-led visits around the Site.
- R24.1- The Site would benefit from a dedicated marketing plan focusing on improved interpretation and information about the Site, whilst recognising that the Site has limited capacity for significant increases in visitor numbers.
- R24.2- Work with local stakeholders, including Friends Group, Parish Council and Telford Angling Association to provide up to date information about the Site and improvement works.
- R25.1- Incorporate community notice board on Site, to include notices about fishing licence and water safety.
- R26.1- Develop educational resources for the Site, and work in partnership with local schools.
- R26.2- Develop interpretation boards, which include references to online information (such as QR codes and web addresses)

Aim 6: To provide a responsive, flexible and high quality management service and work with the Friends of Horsehay Pool, the Parish Council and other community members to realise the vision.

- R6.1- Carry out regular condition surveys of equipment and facilities at the Site.
- R12.2- Work with Severn Trent to implement repair works to drainage.
- R12.3- Work with Local Ward Members to carry out highways improvement scheme on unadopted road in Spring Village.
- R20.1- Feasibility study required to investigate cause of low water levels and possible solutions.
- R21.2- Carry out feasibility study to replace existing brick parapet with a new post and rail arrangement to improve the visibility of the pool from the south.
- R21.3- Work with Telford Steam Railway Trust to carry out repair and enhancement works of old railway tracks, road crossing, wall and Old Loco Shed.
- R27.1- Carry out recommendations of ten year report of Horsehay Pool Reservoir.
- R27.2- Apply to quality recognition schemes, including GFA.
- R27.3- Undertake fish stock assessment to investigate species composition, density and biomass of fish within the pool in order to assist in sustainable management, including additional fish stocking or stock cropping and any necessary habitat improvements.



Interpretation boards about wildlife and heritage



Wildflower meadow



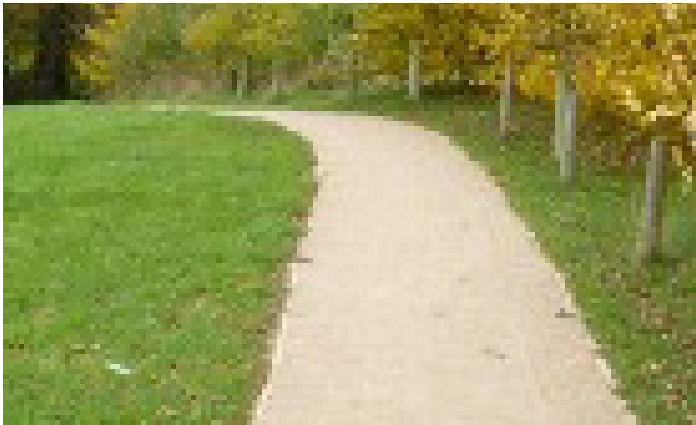
Wheelchair accesible picnic benches



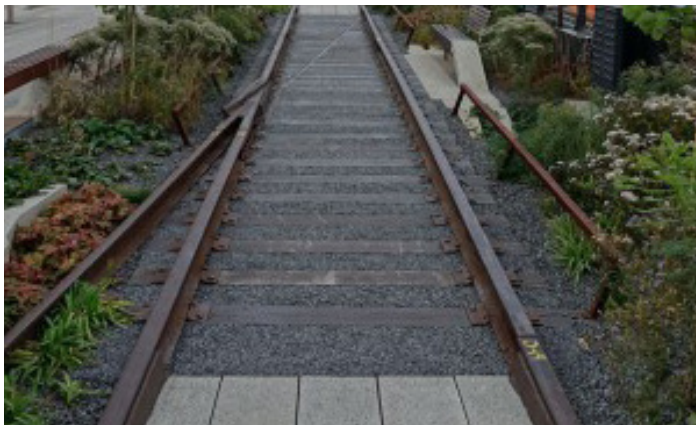
Wheelchair accessible fishing pegs



Bird boxes



All-access surfaced path



Reinterpreted former train lines



Pond planting for wildlife

7.0 Sketch Masterplan Options and Consultation Feedback

Following the initial site assessment and stakeholder discussions, three sketch masterplan options were developed in response to the proposed aims and actions for Horsehay Pool. The spatial layouts and configuration of the options are based on the results of the site analysis and overall requirements of the varying stakeholder groups. The sketch options are summarised below.

7.1 Sketch Option 1

Key features:

1. Wildlife pond with marginal planting, suitable for spawning of amphibians.
2. Surfaced path and seating to provide an all-access route around the site.
3. Enhancement of existing grassland with wildflower seeding and bulb planting. Management of self-set trees and bankside vegetation to open up views.
4. Installation of accessible fishing pegs.
5. Resurfacing of old Bridge Road and reinstatement of former train lines to Old Loco Shed. Provision of formalised car parking spaces, and bollards to prevent vehicular access along pedestrianised old Bridge Road.
6. Extended surfaced area on raised verge behind former factory wall to offer elevated views across pool.
7. Improved gateway area, incorporating resurfacing, tree planting, seating and interpretation board.
8. Bank vegetation cleared and new path established on grass verge to separate pedestrians from vehicles. Fishing pegs removed along western bank.
9. Aquatic and marginal planting suitable for fish spawning
10. De-silting of northern/eastern area and creation of island from material.
11. Reed planting to deter geese access.
12. Surfaced picnic area connecting to new surfaced path network. Area could also be suitable for small-scale community events.
13. Natural play trail, incorporating natural features such as log balance beams and stepping logs.



Sketch perspective view showing new surfaced path network, picnic area and natural play trail through village green area in northern area of site.



Sketch perspective view showing mound adjacent to Bridge Road, with new viewing area incorporating surfaced path, seating and interpretation.



Sketch Option 1 Plan

7.2 Sketch Option 2

Key features:

1. Circular path and boardwalks overlooking stream and new wetland area, enhanced with wildlife-friendly planting.
2. New path and seating along eastern edge of pool.
3. All-access fishing pontoon to replace existing fishing pegs.
4. Resurfacing of old Bridge Road and reinstatement of former train lines to Old Loco Shed. Provision of formalised car parking spaces, and bollards to prevent vehicular access along pedestrianised old Bridge Road.
5. Interpretation panels mounted on old factory wall, depicting the historic development of Horsehay.
6. Renovated shrub beds and re-establishment of elevated viewing area across pool.
7. Post and rail fencing to replace dam wall and offer uninterrupted views across the pool. Gateway area on the corner of Bridge Road and Pool View enhanced with resurfacing and seating.
8. Bankside vegetation managed, with phased removal of non-native planting and dead, diseased and damaged trees, and replacement with native shrubs and trees.
9. New surfaced path through village green area with seating and interpretation.
10. Reedbeds to deter access from geese, and filter water from sewage misconnection.
11. Picnic area set within grass area, enhanced with wildflower seeding and bulb planting.



Sketch perspective view of the old Bridge Road transformed into a pedestrianised plaza, with a new fencing offering enhanced views across the pool.



Sketch perspective view of fishing pontoon to replace existing fishing pegs, providing all-access angling opportunities.



Sketch Option 2 Plan

7.3 Sketch Option 3

Key features:

1. New surfaced path network.
2. Benches set within planting beds. Bankside vegetation thinned to provide views across pool.
3. New all-access fishing pegs.
4. Resurfacing of old Bridge Road and reinstatement of former train lines to Old Loco Shed. Provision of formalised car parking spaces along old factory wall.
5. Hammerhead turning circle for cars.
6. Entrance area off Bridge Road enhanced with new landscaping.
7. Existing fishing pegs (up to 3no.) renovated and access formalised. Bankside vegetation managed, with phased removal of non-native planting and dead, diseased and damaged trees, and replacement with native shrubs and trees.
8. Disabled car parking for easy access to disabled fishing pegs on northern bank.
9. Surfaced area with interpretation and picnic benches, offering extended views of the pool and island.
10. Disabled fishing pegs on northern bank.
11. De-silting of northern/eastern area and creation of island from material.



Sketch perspective view showing Pool Side, with new all-access fishing pegs, surfaced path network and seating set within planting beds.



Sketch perspective view showing surfaced area with interpretation, picnic benches and accessible fishing pegs. Extended views of the pool and the island.



Sketch Option 3 Plan

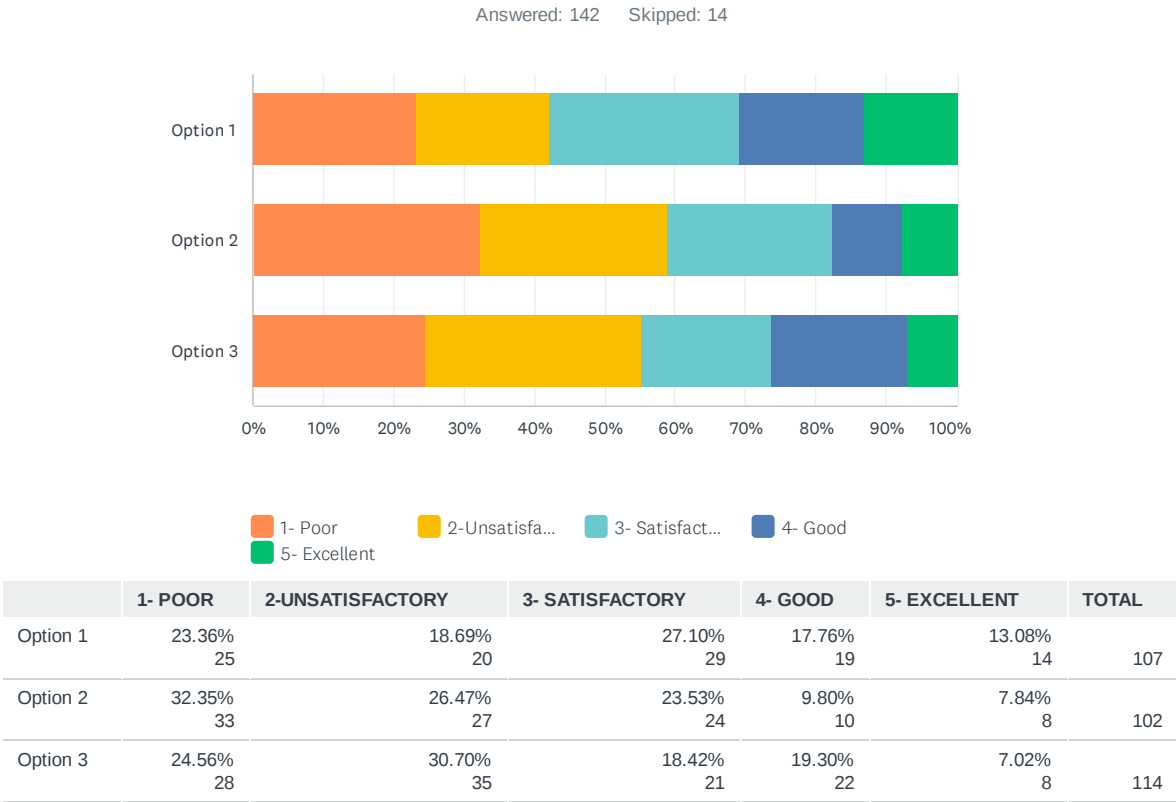
7.4 Public Consultation Feedback

During 2021, the sketch options were presented to the general public. Due the restrictions in place at the time because of COVID-19, face to face consultation with the general public was curtailed and the consultation was undertaken using an on line questionnaire form. A full breakdown of theresponses is outlined in Appendix C. A summary of the responses is outlined below.

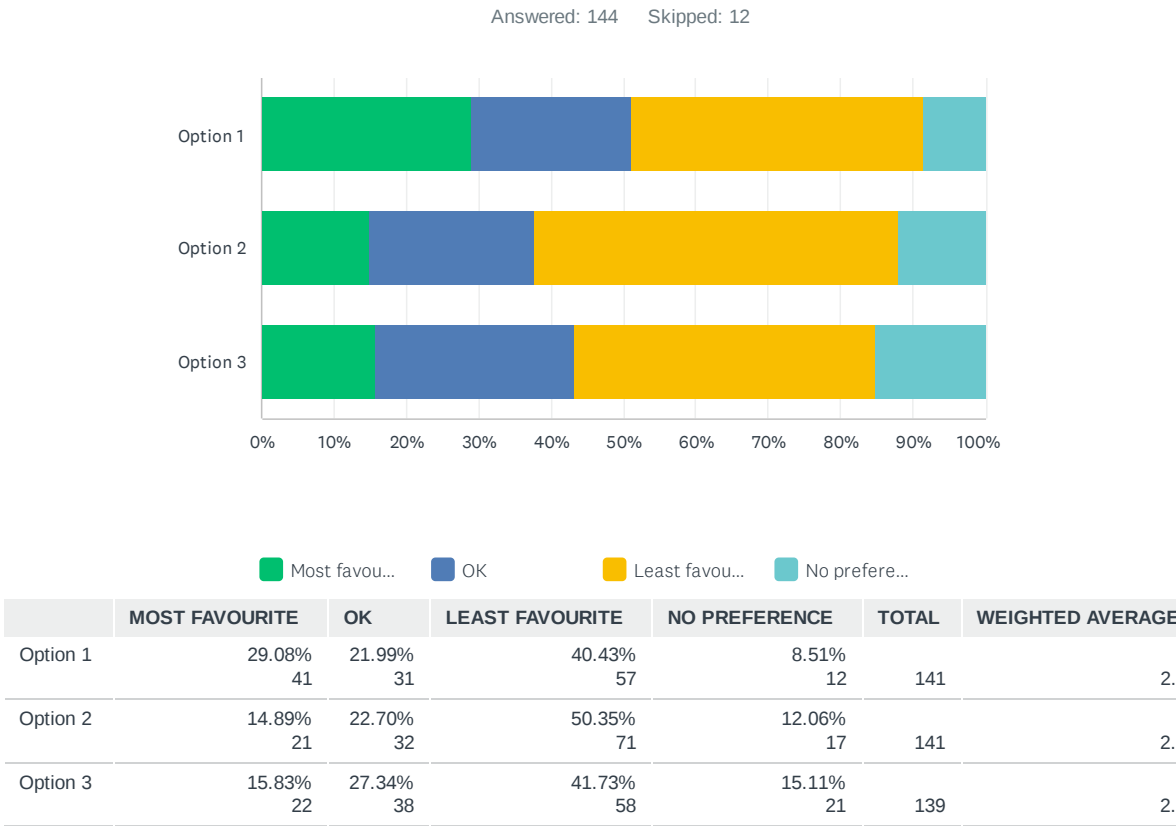
- The consultation was carried out from the 30th November 2020 until the 13th January 2021 and received 156 questionnaire responses and written responses from Telford Angling Association, Friends of Horsehay Pool, Councillor Jayne Greenway, Dave Hopkins (supported by Dawley Hamlets Parish Council) and pool view residents.
- Reed bed planting along the water’s edge was requested by consultees to improve water quality levels and deter Canada Geese from footpaths and social spaces.
- Island creation was also looked upon favourably by some as a way to provide a safe space for breeding indigenous waterfowl whilst simultaneously acting as a method to utilise silt excavated from the desilting of the pool. Other consultees viewed desilting the pool as a waste of funding.
- A circular walkway, connecting all areas surrounding the pool whilst partitioning pedestrian and vehicle routes, creating a safe through route for able bodied and disabled pedestrians.
- Contention over the positioning of fishing pegs placement and design, with some consultees unhappy with repositioning and pontoon design claiming it would cause issues for less able-bodied users and inhibit views across the water. Other consultees welcomed the changes, claiming repositioning would have a positive effect on circulation along the western embankment.
- Calls for a Traffic Management Plan, Fishing Plan and Ecology Plan have been made in response to the Management Plan proposal, to resolve speeding, parking, and collapsing verge issues surrounding the pool, together with preserving and enhancing the wildlife along the embankment and in the pool.
- Water levels and pollution are a concern for many users of Horsehay Pool, with consultees commenting on the need to resolve the periodic sewage penetration into the pool as a priority.
- Concerns over noise pollution produced from natural play area by some consultees whilst others view it as a positive asset to the area.

The results of the questionnaire was discussed with the client team and Council Members at Telford and Wrekin Council. A proposed Concept Masterplan was then developed to take forward to physical changes and management of the site required over subsequent years. The Concept Masterplan is provided in section 8.0.

Q6 Having looked at the draft management plan, how would you rate each option overall?



Q7 Overall please rank your preferred option for the management plan. With 1 being your favourite and 3 being your least favourite.



8.0 Horsehay Pool: Concept Masterplan

8.1 Overview

The Concept Masterplan seeks to bring together and balance the many contrasting aspirations for Horsehay Pool. It is proposed that the masterplan will be realised over a period time and several phases depending on the availability of funding. The masterplan brings forward the aims and actions outlined in section 6.0 with the following ambitions.

Key features:

1. Enhance area for wildlife and create pond areas and channels with marginal planting.
2. Focus on enhancing existing grassland and promote wildflowers. Manage self-set trees and vegetation to create views.
3. Work to create accessible fishing pegs and improve local water quality.
4. Seek to create additional car parking spaces and improve access for cars and pedestrians.
5. Investigate creation and funding of landscape area to improve sense of arrival.
6. Improve gateway area with new surfacing and interpretation.
7. Seek to develop new access route to bankside fishing pegs and create dedicated disabled fishing pegs.
8. Seek to improve existing fishing pegs and enhance access together managing bankside vegetation.
9. Investigate funding and opportunities for creating “village green” amenity space for local community and visitors.
10. Consider opportunities for informal natural play for children.
11. Investigate and determine a long term strategy for improving water quality, creating marginal vegetation and improving Horsehay Pool for fishing and wildlife.



9.0 Next Steps

Red Kite have prepared Management Plan and accompanying masterplan to facilitate the future direction and management of Horsehay Pool. This document should be seen as the starting point of journey to bring people together and realise the true potential of the open space. Red Kite would recommend the following next steps in relation the MP and the masterplan.

- Develop a phasing plan and priorities for Horsehay Pool linked to current available funding.
- Develop technical design proposals and cost estimates for each proposed phases.
- Investigate potential sources of external funding in relation to the actions and masterplan.
- Work with Telford and Wrekin Council Highways to determine feasibility for roadway and footpath alterations.
- Work with Telford and Wrekin Council Engineers to investigate feasibility of improving water quality through extraction of silt/organic matter, planting of marginal and aquatic vegetation and reducing water pollution.
- Work with TAA to developing a funding strategy to create new fishing pegs.
- Work with the local community to develop proposals and secure funding to create amenity spaces and improve wildlife.



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1.0 Introduction

This report sets out the findings and results of the public consultation carried out to gather feedback on the concept design options and management plan proposals for Horsehay Pool, located within Horsehay, situated on the outskirts of Telford, Shropshire.

Red Kite Network Limited was instructed by Telford and Wrekin Council to carry out works in order to form a long-term strategy to bring together all interested stakeholders and local residents through the construction of three potential concept masterplans using evidence gathered through analysing the site's context, initial stakeholder meetings and technical analysis. In summary the brief for Red Kite included:

- To provide a long-term strategy that brings together all interested stakeholders and local residents.
- Address user group conflict by creating a strategy which utilises factual evidence to support the contents of the management plan and inform the proposed site improvements.
- Provide three masterplan options for public consultation for potential upgrades to the site.

A summary of the consultation feedback is provided within the report. Following further discussions regarding the consultation feedback with Telford and Wrekin Council it is envisaged that a final masterplan will be prepared. This will then form the agreed approach for managing and enhancing Horsehay Pool.



2.0 Methodology

As part of the brief for the project, Red Kite had originally proposed the following scope for the consultation.

- Preliminary site visits with key stakeholder groups e.g. Ward Members;
- A structured site-based assessment with key stakeholders;
- Public drop-in sessions at local venues to display proposals and gain feedback.

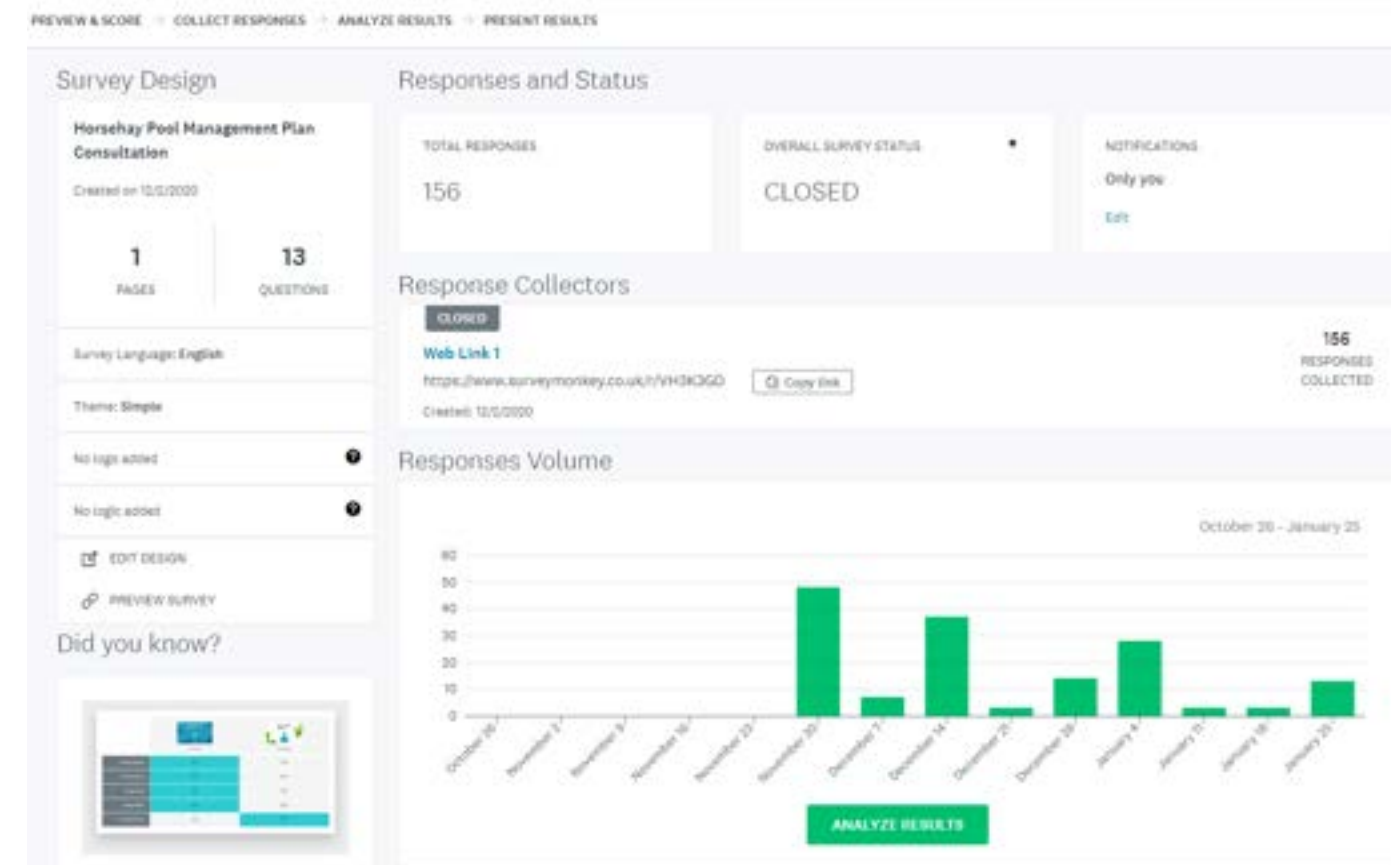
The original consultation was planned for Spring 2020. However due to COVID-19 restrictions only the preliminary site visits with stakeholder were conducted in February 2020 and the planned face to face drop-in sessions were postponed.

During November 2020, in light of the continued COVID-19 restrictions of face to face meetings, the brief was amended to an online consultation. Telford and Wrekin Council developed a separate web page for the consultation and the management plan and proposed masterplan options were provided. A link to an online survey was also provided for people to provide feedback. To help publicise the consultation, Telford and Wrekin Council promoted via facebook and twitter. Letters and copies of the design options were also sent directly to residents living in vicinity of Horsehay Pool.

The online survey ran from 3rd December 2020 and closed at 12 noon on the 1st February 2021.

Limitations of the survey included:

- Reliance on online communication due to COVID-19 restrictions. This could have potentially restricted responses from those individuals not engaged with social media or not having received a letter.
- Respondents to the questionnaire were self-selecting individuals and not a random or predetermined sample. This may have an effect on representation.
- Online approach did not allow for qualitative discussion between user groups or opportunities to understand view points and agree compromises.



3.0 Survey Results

The results of the online survey where 156 responses were received have been summarised below. Comments received responding to Questions 8, 9, 10 and 11 are attached in appendix 1.

Question 1: To help us make sure we have got a representative view from all residents and users, please tell us a bit about yourself.

After receiving 155 responses to the online survey our findings were as follows:

- The demographic of the survey was found to be mostly made up of responses from males (63.23%) compared to females who made up the remaining percent (36.13) and a singular ineligible response (0.65%).
- Most common age range for survey responses were found to be balanced between age groups 25-39 (40%) and 40-64 (41.29%), with survey interaction decreasing in the age groups of 0-24 (7.10%) and 65+ (11.61%).
- The highest volume of responses was concentrated around the local area of Horsehay Pool (64.52% of responses), the volume of response lessened in correlation with the growing distance away from Horsehay Pool (see diagram 01).

Question 2: Are you a member of a group or organisation that uses or has interest in Horsehay Pool? If so, please state the name of the group or organisation here.

Upon receiving 135 responses we discovered that over half the respondents were members of an organisation or group with interest (48.15%). 4.44% claimed to be part of a group but did not specify whilst 47.41% stated not be affiliated with any groups.

The most popular group that participated in the survey was the TAA (Telford Angling Association) that made up 40% of participants. Other popular groups that participated were local residents (12.59%) and members of the FOHP group (4.44%).

Individuals that frequent but were found to be in lesser numbers according to the data are members of the Steam Trust, Lawley Running Club, Telford and Wrekin Educational Service, Horsehay Facebook Group and a bird watching club.

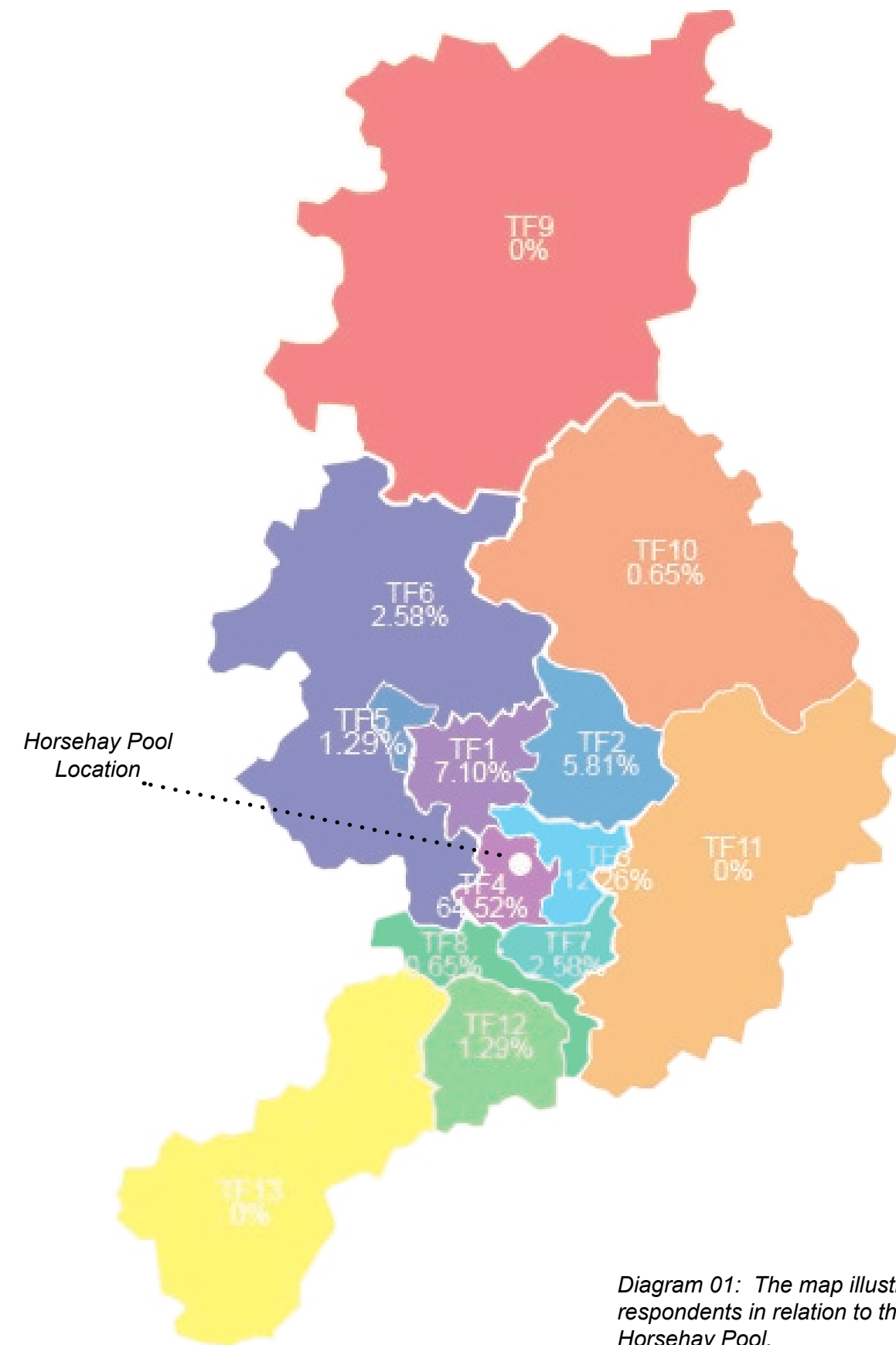
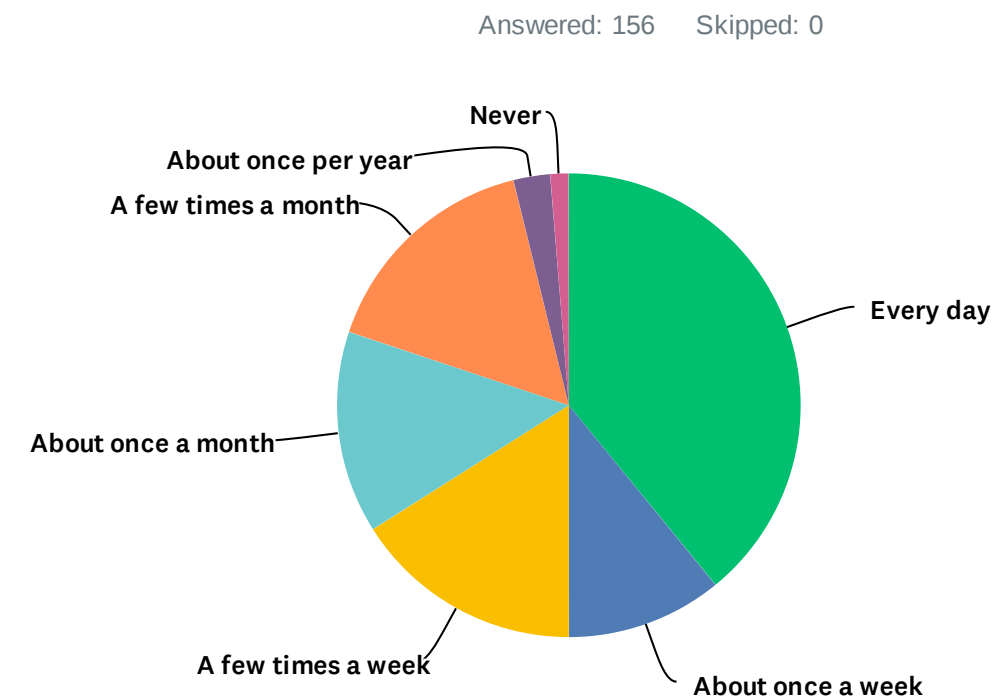


Diagram 01: The map illustrates the volume of respondents in relation to the distance away from Horsehay Pool.

3.0 Survey Results

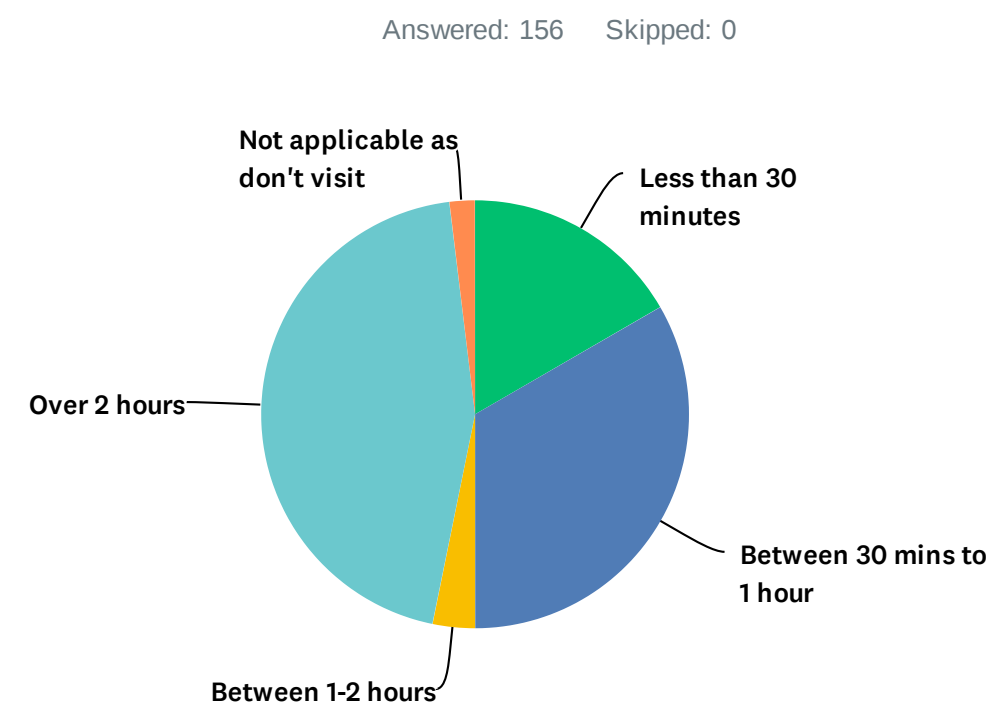
Question 3: Please tell us how frequently you use or visit Horsehay Pool?

The majority of users' state that they frequent Horsehay Pool everyday (39.10). A high volume of users also visit the space on more than one occasion over a week and monthly period whilst a lesser volume of visitors frequented once a week or month. Evidence suggests that people who use Horsehay Pool are returning and using frequently.



Question 4: If you visit Horsehay Pool, please tell us how long do your visit last?

When people visit, they attend for long periods of time. It was found that most users occupy the space for longer than two hours (44.87%) or attend between 30 minutes to an hour (33.33%). Another considerable group of users were found to spend less than 30 minutes at Horsehay Pool (16.67%) however less people tended to occupy the space for periods between one to two hours (3.21%) or had never visited (1.92%).

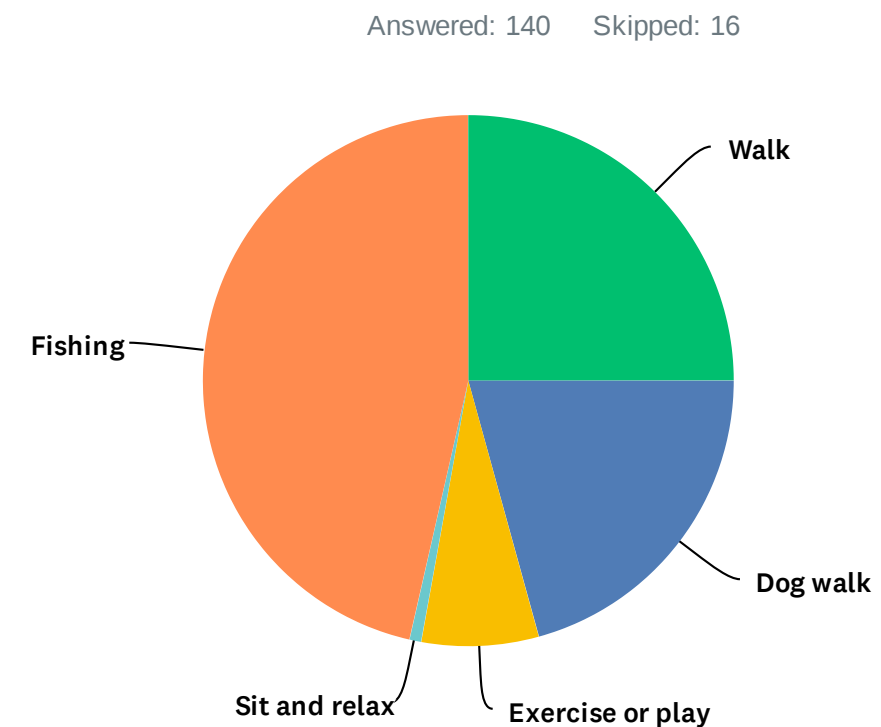


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Question 5: Please tell us the main reason for your visit?

Most popular uses that were discovered for the area were fishing (46.43%) followed by general walking activities such as recreational (25%) or dog walking (20.71%). Other uses that were not as common were exercise or play (7.14%) and sitting and relaxing (0.71%).

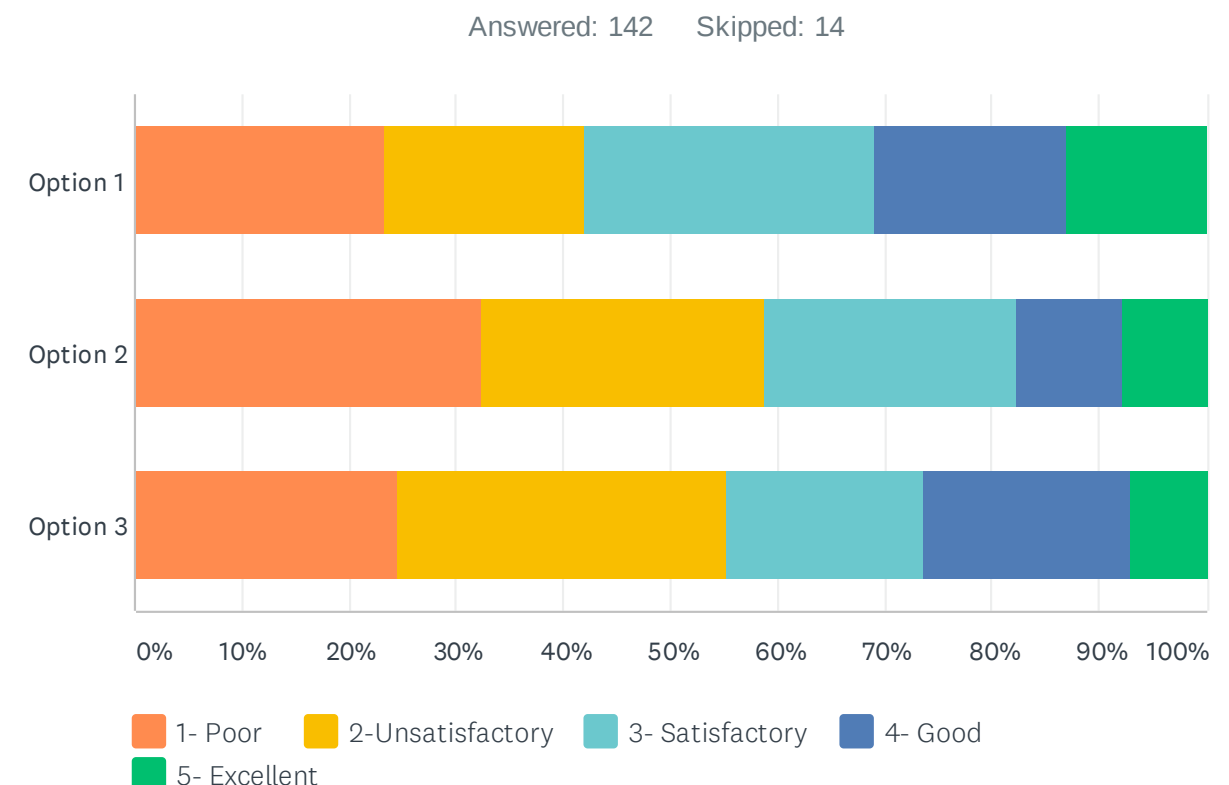
Other uses that were highlighted from the word-based responses are photography, running and wildlife observation, a high volume of these responses also stated that they were residents of the area.



Question 6: Having looked at the draft management plan, how would you rate each option overall?

Management Plan Option one was voted most favourable with 30.84% of positive feedback compared to option three with 26.32% and option two with 17.64%. Option one was also found to have the most participants generally satisfied with the management plan (27.10%) followed by management plan option two (23.53%) then three (18.42%). The highest volume of participants were unhappy with option two (32.35%) followed by option three (24.56%) then one (23.36%).

Taking into account the 142 participants out of the 155 that answered this question, this data suggests that although management plan option one had the highest percent of positive and satisfactory votes, more people participated in the voting on management plan three to option one (114 people compared to 107). As a result of this, option three can be considered most favourable with around 62 visitors being feeling positive or satisfied compared to 59.



3.0 Survey Results

Question 7: Overall, please rank your preferred option for the management plan. With 1 being your favourite and 3 being your least favourite.

Management plan one was found to be the most preferred option with 51.07% positive feedback, followed by option three (43.17%) then option two (37.59%). With option one and option 2 having the most votes cast (each 141 participants) it has been found that option one is the most favourable.

Question 8, 9, 10 and 11

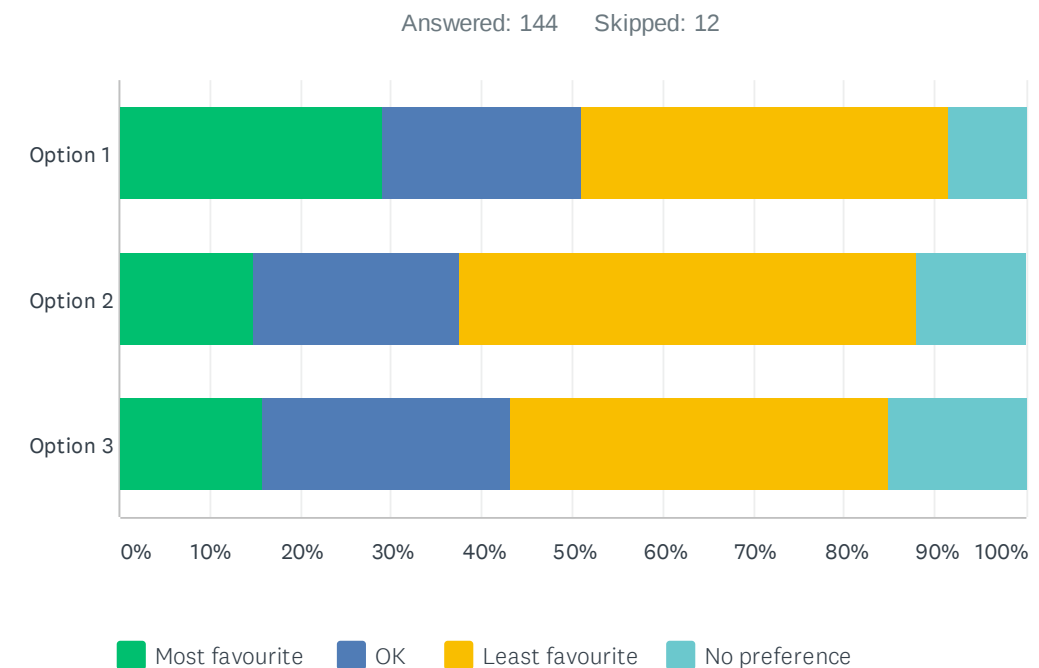
Due to the significant number of responses in relation to these questions we have summarised the key topics and issues brought forward which can be found below:

- Concerns over conservation of natural attributes of the landscape, biodiversity and encouragement of wildlife.
- The placement, quantity and orientation of the fishing pegs together with DDA access to those who wish to use them.
- Generally positive feedback about the designs put forward.
- Footpath placement and materials used.
- The creation of the island in the centre received positive and negative reviews.

For further detail on the topics raised and list of all responses to questions 8 to 11, please see appendix 1.

Question 12. If you wish to be kept informed about the management plan or would like to become more involved with the management of Horsehay Pool, please let us have your contact details.

We obtained 87 responses from participants who wish to be kept updated about Horsehay Pool and its development. This information is confidential and is available upon request.



Q8 Please tell us what you like most about your preferred option.

don't old bridge Road removals cars park ideal side pool provision bridge Road 10/05/2016 see local help path enjoy natural environment wildlife really looking already island feel
Nothing great will allow access removal better points
fishing pegs pontoon pool green fishing years
option history area s pegs able keeping still parking walk
people addition View cars make house around pool place left way
Picnic area accessible taking much improved safe use preferred option anglers Retains natural
natural looking natural Retains

Q9 Please tell us what you like least about your preferred option.

anglers village green thought looks good CAUSE preferred option road children play disabled non picnic area way N wall USE seating Nothing look fishing pegs really good
change will Removal options bridge road fishing litter area
addition pool already pegs development pontoons residents need
maintained parking see island night enough day Lack Pool View grass play area
access encourage people surfacing enough pegs leaves put

Q10 Please tell us how you think your preferred option could be improved.

picnic area spread evenly around also bridge road protected see increase accessed
keep local people fishermen use including will use improve enhanced
needs move fishing small option much area ensure
pool Adding parking Anglers pegs people using
fishing pegs preserve wildlife Remove residents cars better
problem grassed make around pool maintain Leave think natural single pegs 11
evenly around pool N

Q11 If you would like to make any further comments about the Horsehay Pool Management Plan, please use the box below.

give place traffic put visitors used for about maintained village fishing pegs home houses around pontoons use increase see better see think replaced much better local pool many look left bridge road access local residents option go also new pegs use anglers give good mentioned plan support parking time residents improved area can pool within fishing removal need large people use want will
see water in road added see go on area make follow Angling Association TAA way fishing pool newly working way Council placed water cars car parking across help with already community everyone know suggestion management plan manage results etc create way encourage when problem past

4.0 Written Responses

Email responses were received from the dates 3rd December 2020 and closed on the 1st February. Responses were received from various groups and organisations, these are as follows:

- Friends of Horsehay Pool
- TAA (Telford Angling Association)
- Cllr Jayne Greenway
- David Hopkins (wish support from Dawley Hamlets Parish Council)
- Pool view residents

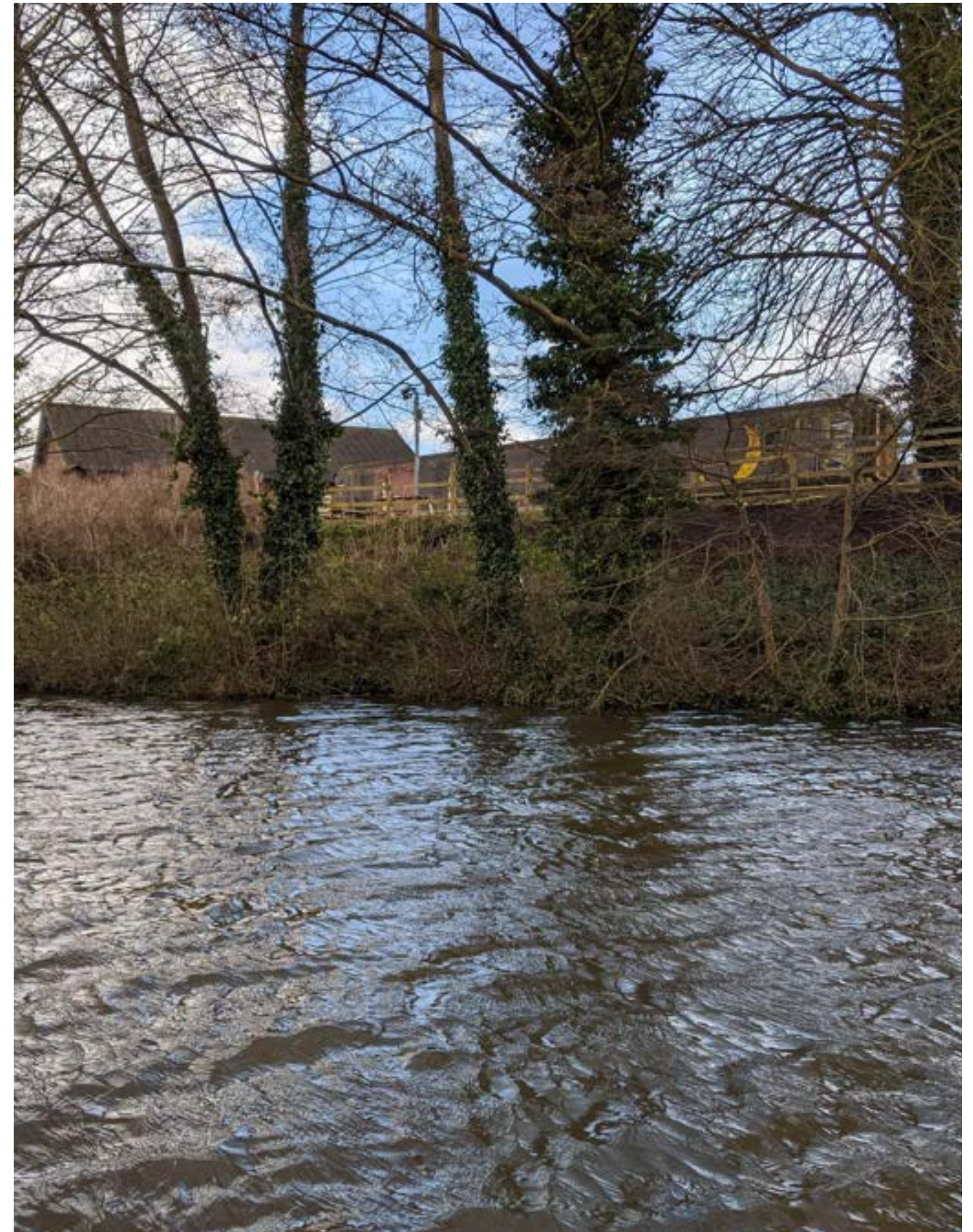
Responses can be found as part of appendix 2.



5.0 Conclusions and Recommendations

In conclusion, the findings we have come across through the public consultation can be summarised in the following points:

- Visitors of Horsehay Pool are mostly local residents and people who visit from the surrounding area.
- Option one was considered the most favourable out of the proposals put forward.
- Common activities are fishing, walking and other activities where visitors spend prolonged periods of time at Horsehay Pool.
- Users of the space frequent regularly.
- Main topics which are debated about the management plans are the fishing pegs, picnic area, island creation, natural heritage and biodiversity of the site.



Appendices 1 & 2

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Appendix 1

Q8 Please tell us what you like most about your preferred option.

Answered: 139 Skipped: 17

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I have chosen option 3 as the question does not allow me to mark all three options as poor I believe that all three options are unsatisfactory	1/31/2021 10:19 PM
2	Parking on bridge road for all visitors to the pool. Improved safety arrangements for the entrance to the pool with no parking permitted on the road beside the chip shop and the provision of more litter bins that are in keeping with the conservation area. Retention of the dam wall and old factory wall – both are of historic and cultural value and should be key features in the plan to protect the area. Railings would be an unnecessary expense and potential hazard - the money could be better spent preserving the natural value of the area.	1/31/2021 5:49 PM
3	Option 1 will benefit the main feature of the attraction which is to walk around the pond	1/28/2021 6:15 PM
4	No picnic areas	1/26/2021 5:01 PM
5	Least invasive	1/25/2021 9:21 PM
6	Natural play area for local children, the parks nearby are old and run down - with more families living in the area it would be a great addition to the site and may bring more people to the area	1/25/2021 8:34 PM
7	I feel it offers some modernisation while leaving some features intact	1/25/2021 8:12 PM
8	Marginal planting, enhancement of existing grassland with wildflower seeding, desilting and creation of an island, aquatic and marginal planting, reed planting, relocation of fishing pegs	1/25/2021 7:41 PM
9	N/A	1/25/2021 7:04 PM
10	The pathway on the western edge - keep pedestrians and cars separate on that stretch	1/25/2021 5:50 PM
11	Fishing pegs moved away from narrow road on W.	1/25/2021 5:08 PM
12	I have no preferred option , they are all unsatisfactory	1/24/2021 6:05 PM
13	I have no preferred option they are all unsatisfactory	1/24/2021 6:00 PM
14	- It is best to keep the Bridge Road walls, it is part of the areas heritage, and if there were railings it would definitely result in more litter being thrown/dropped/blown into the pool. This already happens at the seated area by the chip shop and where people congregate. - The bamboo and non-native plants need taking out. - The north and east sides of the pool would be utilized better, with management of the vegetation, and some fishing to be more over that side, where there is more space and perhaps a little for them to park. - Planting beds – it would be nice for natural native / wild flowers to be encouraged and sown. - I love my view across the pool from my house. - Improved gateway area – potential for some better planting and encouraging people not to trample the greenery. - Make more use of the northern area where there is more room. - I like the idea of a wildlife pond for amphibians. There are lots of baby frogs and toads that come into my garden	1/21/2021 12:57 PM
15	The most natural which keeps nature enjoyment as the main focus.	1/17/2021 1:58 PM
16	Leaves the area looking most natural.	1/17/2021 1:23 PM
17	There are no preferred options. This question is loaded	1/14/2021 12:45 PM
18	Retains the natural flow of the pool and walk better	1/10/2021 8:03 PM
19	It strives to improve access for Disabled Anglers and doesn't remove or sacrifice the current peg setup, but improves on it. Horsehay is very easy to access vs other fishing pools so better pegs for those with disabilities is a brilliant idea.	1/9/2021 10:39 PM
20	better acces to fishing, picnic and play area. natural play area. reed to deter geese access. looks tidy.	1/9/2021 8:31 PM
21	I don't think there is a huge ammount between them but I favour 2 or 3 . With the idea of an organic play area/stepping stones for kids (from option 1). Really needs something for young children to get them interested in the area. Key pieces for me would be managing the site, keeping it clean and tidy and place maintained (low maintenance). The grassed area is a mud path come autumn. A solid ground under any benches is key as it does get muddy. It would be fantastic if the pathway that leads from the golf course/farm lane was maintained. This would reduce the number of cars that park up and make it easy to visit without being covered in mud (or neecessity for welington boots). If anything needs less traffic not more. Elevated Viewing area from Bridge Road is a decent idea. Good solid fishing pods are also important that can practically be maintained as it would intice my young son. Personally I think getting people walking and out of cars is better for the environment than maintaining	1/9/2021 8:02 PM

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species and weed like plantation that just becomes messy and unmanageable and blocks walk ways.

22	Nothing	1/9/2021 11:08 AM
23	Option 1 seems the least invasive to the existing look of the area as it is now and really just management is needed to maintain what is there already. Wildlife pond/ wildflowers etc are emphasised and this is important as are nesting birds. The random rubble wall is retained in this plan thankfully (please no railings whichever choice) and car parking/ car access kept from old Bridge Road.	1/8/2021 6:17 PM
24	Seating areas and reuse of the fishing pegs around the pool	1/8/2021 4:15 PM
25	All very poor	1/7/2021 10:59 PM
26	separate wildlife pond at top end, new path running from the chip shop (8) on the picture	1/7/2021 6:56 PM
27	Fishing pegs	1/7/2021 2:41 PM
28	I dont like any of the plans as you are tacking away the majority of pegs that we already have Platforms are a bad idea as mental health and dangerous for people who have disability ie wheel chair users	1/7/2021 10:20 AM
29	Fishing pegs are set out better, all features fit seamlessly in option 3	1/7/2021 8:45 AM
30	nothing I think that they are all awful	1/7/2021 8:08 AM
31	Don,t fishing has not even been considered Taa who lease the water not even informed! Says it all!	1/7/2021 6:34 AM
32	How the pool is opened up more to both Anglers and walkers	1/7/2021 6:23 AM
33	Stop fishing on there	1/7/2021 12:51 AM
34	I like to enjoy fishing and relaxing have a chippy enjoying fish peace and quier	1/7/2021 12:37 AM
35	I would rather the pool stay as it is and just have the 16+ Exsisting fishing pegs rebuilt witch I know TAA have been asking about for the last 2+ years	1/6/2021 11:24 PM
36	Accessible fishing is available all around the lake and small island creation.	1/6/2021 11:10 PM
37	None of them are suitable for anybody who would understand angling	1/6/2021 11:09 PM
38	Unfortunately TAA don't like any of the options shown.	1/6/2021 9:53 PM
39	Option 1 makes best use of the northern green area	1/3/2021 10:32 PM
40	I believe option 3 keeps in line with the history of the pool.	1/3/2021 1:30 PM
41	Option 3 is not bias to people living in the cottages. There is a bit of NIMBY with regards to fishing pegs. Option 3 spreads this out, increases riparian landscapes and habitats and increases public spaces. I'm not sure on the viability of an island space with dredged silt, it needs more structure/coir/revetment possibly.	1/2/2021 10:14 PM
42	Liked the idea of producing a small island in the pool.	1/2/2021 6:46 PM
43	Leaves the most green and seems to have the least impact on the environment. Less trees removed to make way for a path. Having open spaces isnt good for wildlife. Ideally there would be more trees planted.	1/2/2021 4:18 PM
44	Like the pontoon and island	1/2/2021 10:13 AM
45	Full renovation of the area with the addition of local history and wildlife information. It targets areas that are unsightly and are in need of updates	1/1/2021 11:31 PM
46	Suitable for all.	1/1/2021 9:42 PM
47	It's a balanced setup that helps everyone from residents to walkers to families to fishermen.	1/1/2021 7:51 PM
48	Option 1 appears to have more space for Wildlife to thrive without too much human interference the 'island' in the middle would be fantastic for wildlife privacy and breeding.	1/1/2021 5:07 PM
49	Non of the options are my proffered option. The options should be put back to the what they were 3 to 4 years ago. Fishing should have far more pegs than any of the options show. We shouldn't be changing the use of the pool just to placate a few individuals. I've lived here 25 years plus and the pool is currently in a bad way due to said individuals. Dont buy a property next to the pool and complain when people fish. If You go with the virtually no fishing pegs options, which is every option from what I can see then don't complain if TAA	1/1/2021 2:30 PM

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pull out and the pool has no policing by a fishing group. Once anglers are aware the pool is not being policed then the locals will soon complain when people night fish it etc. No facilities for toilets etc. Fishing has kept this pool going for years and the clubs concerned always kept the pegs tidy and took action with litter left etc. Non of the options shown are viable. Please do an open consultation with all the residents of the pool side and not just a few blinkered ones who think they speak for the majority. They dont.

50	Overall suitability for residents and local visitors	1/1/2021 1:11 PM
51	Better pedestrian/vehicular divide along Pool View. Bridge Road views across the pool improved. Communal picnic area to the north looks good	12/29/2020 3:00 PM
52	nice walk for me and the dog	12/26/2020 2:56 PM
53	I want something that will retain the natural look of the place. It doesn't need loads of proper solid pathways everywhere and loads of concrete. The reason I use the pool all the time is to escape to a somewhat natural setting not a town park. In my opinion none of the options are brilliant. All it really needs is someone to fix the fishing points.	12/22/2020 3:43 PM
54	Perimeter surface path is good to separate pedestrians and vehicles.	12/21/2020 3:19 PM
55	Option 1 has a path all the way around the pool so would be safe for families to enjoy safely. The seating looks great for people to stay longer and the natural wooden enrichment is a great idea. The pegs for fishing look great too.	12/20/2020 1:08 PM
56	It has more pegs for fishing as a lot of people like to fish the pool but due to the lack of pegs and the fact that one side of the pool has been fenced off so you can only fish a limited number of pegs is a joke really and it should be put back to how it was	12/20/2020 10:14 AM
57	The path that goes the whole way around the pool	12/18/2020 6:25 PM
58	Dont like any of it! RUBBISH	12/18/2020 5:51 PM
59	point 6 - improved views over pond but needs old train lines to loco reinstated	12/18/2020 12:04 PM
60	Least disruption	12/17/2020 8:35 PM
61	I like the idea of being able to walk safely around the pool off the road.	12/17/2020 7:21 PM
62	There's nothing i like about any of the options.	12/16/2020 11:04 PM
63	The nature play trail. My daughter would love that	12/16/2020 7:07 PM
64	Nothing asking for trouble on all the ideas the large pontoons kids will fall in cause drowning issues and life aids will be destroyed second put up who's going to repair damage to the pontoons having all disabilities pegs down far end will cause those with hidden disabilities such as depression anxiety be made to feel they can not fish a pool they have for many years and will push them away plus risk of coronavirus the other option is disgusting how can you fish to the left or right of you when all the pegs are in line with each other making it a coronavirus risk as well as causing many other issues leave the pool in the hands of TAA who know what they are doing and are able to make it safe for everyone to use with or without disabilities simple as	12/16/2020 12:04 PM
65	Fishing stages and Reed beds	12/16/2020 9:03 AM
66	Nothing. It would help a couple of the house occupants kept there nose out. I pleasure fish and the abuse I've at to take off the lady with the camera is unexceptional. I've seen the plans being put forward and think there ridiculous, I agree with John Portman that TAA will not except these plans	12/16/2020 5:25 AM
67	Nothing, why is the pool being reduced on the number of fishing pegs, rod and line licences have increased and you want to reduce pegs	12/15/2020 11:05 PM
68	I don't like any at all, completely wrong, and who ever has come up with this has no idea of fishing at all.	12/15/2020 10:30 PM
69	Fishing pegs all around pool	12/15/2020 10:29 PM
70	I don't like any of the options. All options are going to have a detrimental impact on the pool in the future. Anglers prevent many problems eg anti social behaviour, pollution issues, poaching, reporting injured water foul, etc	12/15/2020 9:54 PM
71	None of the options are good	12/15/2020 9:28 PM
72	I really like the viewing promenade idea with railing replacing the old wall. Less fishing pegs.	12/15/2020 8:33 PM
73	The improvement on all options for a picnic area are good. Any habitat improvements are	12/15/2020 8:21 PM

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very much welcomed. The reduction in the number and location of the fishing pegs and is poor. Currently there 16 pegs any reduction in number would have a detrimental impact on the local community ability to go fishing. The better areas are on the bank next to the cottages and removal of those pegs would reduce the chances of people being able to fish making the pool full very quickly.

74	There is plenty of access for fishing in option 3 whilst the other 2 options don't really allow for much fishing, to lose so much access to fishing on the lake would in turn ruin the angling as you couldn't access fish holding areas	12/15/2020 7:27 PM
75	None suitable for angling. All look very crowded and prejudice towards disabled.	12/15/2020 6:48 PM
76	The fact we as anglers still get some pegs to fish from but still not enough	12/15/2020 5:00 PM
77	Don't like any of the peg layouts, it's never going to work how they are, all the pegs should stay where they are	12/15/2020 4:39 PM
78	Car parking on the old bridge road to reduce traffic on the residential side of the pool; some laid paths in the village green but not taking over too much of the grassed area (as in 1 and 3); I like the pedestrian plaza;	12/15/2020 3:04 PM
79	Option two keeping it green area lots wildflowers. No 7 will create very attractive view looking out removing ugly dam barrier walls. Perfect for families looking out full visual ideal for wheelchair user to able to see too	12/15/2020 1:22 PM
80	I have fished Horsehay since 1976 option 3 gives the most access to the pool for anglers as it always has been. Everyone will have access to enjoy the pool with very little if any disturbance to residents.	12/15/2020 12:03 PM
81	There is no preferred option the first two are ridiculous and have not been constructed by anyone worry any knowledge of waterways or angling. Not to mention the habitat for fish.	12/15/2020 10:42 AM
82	All options are not acceptable. They are drawn up with no consideration for the history of the pool and it's users	12/15/2020 10:18 AM
83	The pegs are spread better for fishing. Still not a great option as losing lots of pegs already there	12/15/2020 9:42 AM
84	I don't like any of the options as they are completely unsuitable for angling and safety on the pool	12/15/2020 4:51 AM
85	Should be left as it was	12/15/2020 12:52 AM
86	It has retained the original layout of the pool. Fishing can take place on both sides of the pool. I don't fish myself but like to see the pool being used.	12/14/2020 4:23 PM
87	Point 8 in sketch 3 is probably the most important point, because it removes the constant conflict between anglers, anglers cars, pedestrians and all other vehicles on the western bank. The western bank cannot sustain this constant pressure and the removal of the anglers, related vehicles and the provision of a footpath removes these conflicts and makes the area safe for all.	12/14/2020 4:23 PM
88	I like option 2 the most. It seems the most complimentary. The only thing I'm not keen on is the removal of the dam wall. That is part of the history of the area.	12/14/2020 8:45 AM
89	Nothing	12/12/2020 9:52 AM
90	Dont like any of the options	12/9/2020 6:45 PM
91	The footpath and removal of fishing platforms	12/9/2020 8:23 AM
92	removal of pegs from Poolview, Old Row. Paths around pool. Picnic area.	12/8/2020 1:49 PM
93	proper parking and access, but i thought the fishing club had said that fishing along the deeper area of the pool was best, and this option takes the pegs out, so i do not think this would be a good option for everyone	12/7/2020 4:22 PM
94	does more to allow access without changing the overall character , the reed bed will help with the geese	12/7/2020 2:57 PM
95	Supporting nature and biodiversity	12/7/2020 1:22 PM
96	The positives include the resurfacing and improved landscaping of the old Bridge Road and the provision of formalised car parking spaces along here. The addition of accessible fishing pegs is also very much welcomed in order to ensure that the area is accessible to all. We	12/6/2020 9:24 PM

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would welcome the provision of fishing pegs on the opposite side of the pool as all anglers tend to be concentrated along Pool View.

97	I feel it would still keep the natural feel to the environment. The other options commercialise it.	12/6/2020 4:39 PM
98	removal of fishing pegs from western boundary which would help resolve parking issues, anti social behaviour from anglers	12/6/2020 12:34 PM
99	The wildlife pond and meadow and the island. Also the seating area to the south.	12/5/2020 4:43 PM
100	Picnic area and parking	12/5/2020 10:46 AM
101	That you are keeping the fishing pegs	12/5/2020 8:12 AM
102	Has something for everyone	12/4/2020 10:21 PM
103	Most suitable of three options for all users. Could do with a couple more fishing pegs	12/4/2020 9:54 PM
104	The fishing pegs all around the pool and the new island.	12/4/2020 5:02 PM
105	Nothing	12/4/2020 3:21 PM
106	Designated parking in the old road. Fishing points around the pool as there is now.	12/4/2020 2:53 PM
107	It allows fishing and will protect the wildlife more then a no fishing pool	12/4/2020 11:06 AM
108	Nothing it's a fishing water and there is no thought about the people who fish there , taking away peg is not a good thing with a year , like we have had people have took to fishing to get them out the house and help with there mental health or other problems and by taking away peg is only pushing people back into there houses if you can't drive or have walking problems	12/4/2020 10:26 AM
109	Fishing pegs to remain as they are if moved we loose a lot of good swims	12/4/2020 10:20 AM
110	The open fishing pegs where as 1 and 2 are very cramped with would cause issues for those that suffer with mental health like myself	12/4/2020 10:18 AM
111	Fishing access	12/4/2020 8:34 AM
112	It's takes into consideration the local residents	12/4/2020 8:20 AM
113	Not enough fishing pegs but best option from all three	12/4/2020 8:09 AM
114	Wildlife pond with marginal plants Like what has been proposed for the northern side of the pool	12/4/2020 7:57 AM
115	Nothing really, we wont get a say anyway	12/4/2020 7:00 AM
116	The thing I like the most about my preferred option which is option 3 is it looks way more organized than the others and more access to the pool	12/4/2020 1:44 AM
117	Picnic area	12/3/2020 11:41 PM
118	Fishing fishing fishing	12/3/2020 11:15 PM
119	The new fishing pegs and the island	12/3/2020 10:55 PM
120	Nothing they are all bad	12/3/2020 10:39 PM
121	The walk around the pool	12/3/2020 10:11 PM
122	The island and clearing of waterways	12/3/2020 10:04 PM
123	The fishing pegs are spread across the whole pool. Not cramped into one area.	12/3/2020 9:55 PM
124	I would prefer it if the area were left as it is.	12/3/2020 9:43 PM
125	Parking, pool side access and gathered fishing pegs appeal.	12/3/2020 9:31 PM
126	The balance logs and picnic area and paths	12/3/2020 8:43 PM
127	Fishing pegs and access to all around the pool not just one area.	12/3/2020 8:12 PM
128	I like the pontoons across the pool.	12/3/2020 7:31 PM
129	Play area for children looks great. Fishing pegs do not inhibit poolside access to duck feeding. Park identified in a suitable location. Island provides a nice view and will be great for wildlife.	12/3/2020 6:50 PM

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130	Good use of existing site and wildlife benefits	12/3/2020 5:42 PM
131	User friendly	12/3/2020 5:41 PM
132	Making it more of public place to visit with more benches and fix up the fishing stations	12/3/2020 4:54 PM
133	Green is not resurfaced, wildlife taken into account	12/3/2020 3:59 PM
134	The spacing out and island position	12/3/2020 2:40 PM
135	Fishing pontoon rather than pegs. Incorporate bridge wall into pond more	12/3/2020 1:17 PM
136	A new formalised footpath in front of New Row and Pool View to ensure separation of pedestrians and vehicles.	12/3/2020 12:42 PM
137	uninterrupted views of lake picnic area fishing pontoon	12/3/2020 12:10 PM
138	It leaves the fishing pegs in place and enhances the area.	12/3/2020 12:06 PM
139	Retaining natural features and increasing Pool life. Removing of fishing pegs from the existing places to the other side away from the areas most walked. opening up the views.	12/3/2020 12:02 PM

Q9 Please tell us what you like least about your preferred option.

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I don't like any of the options on offer	1/31/2021 10:19 PM
2	I strongly disagree with the footpath along Old Row/Pool View. The pool banks should be preserved and stabilised. The addition of a footpath would destroy the minimal amount of flora and fauna along the edge of the pool where frogs and small mammals live and use to travel to and from the pool. Removal of scrub and grass will further endanger their already precarious existence. I disagree with the extensive resurfacing of the green area at the far end of the pool. The area is small and compact and the amount of tables and benches already there are sufficient. As much grass as possible should be retained to allow nature to thrive and to conserve the natural feel of the area. To impose a significantly large artificial area of the current green would be detrimental to the conservation of green space and the informality of the area. I disagree with the addition of children's play equipment. There is a formalised play area only 200m away from the pool that has space for additional facilities and picnic area where children can play safely. The pool area should be for an education and appreciation of all things wild and natural. The pool and surrounding area should promote the ideals of nature conservation, protection and should not be regarded as a formal town park. Its historical value and potential as a nature reserve is more appropriate given the heritage and historic value of the surrounding area.	1/31/2021 5:49 PM
3	They do not address the main attraction which is to walk around the pond	1/28/2021 6:15 PM
4	Fishing to be considered especially disabled access and fishing TAA run a club and event for Disabled fishing and Disabled angling has not been considered	1/26/2021 9:39 AM
5	Unsure	1/25/2021 9:21 PM
6	Not open enough	1/25/2021 8:34 PM
7	The changes to old bridge road	1/25/2021 8:12 PM
8	Removal of bank vegetation to create a footpath is inappropriate - it would be devastating to wildlife and the stability of the sides of the pool. Surface picnic area is too extensive with too many tables and benches for the space available. The area is not large enough to sustain more tables than there already are. The grassed area should remain as natural as possible. Increased development of the land would suggest the area would lose its natural feel and there would be less green space for families to play. There is no need for a natural play area in this position when a play area exists no more than 200 metres away. This would result in less green space available which seems unnecessary when the current play site is large enough and would benefit from development. In addition, having the play area in its current location helps to spread footfall (which has significantly increased over the last 12 months) rather than concentrate this in one small area.	1/25/2021 7:41 PM
9	N/A	1/25/2021 7:04 PM
10	Nothing really	1/25/2021 5:50 PM
11	Picnic benches grouped too close together.	1/25/2021 5:08 PM
12	Pontoon	1/24/2021 6:05 PM
13	No preferred option they are all unsatisfactory with no consultation with one of the most impacted residents.	1/24/2021 6:00 PM
14	- Im not keen on the area being tarted-up too much – it is better looking natural and being maintained rather than over-used. That is the beauty of the area, that it isn't so sterile like Telford town-park. - Too much 'surfacing' will definitely create more surface run-off, pooling and flooding in areas, this already happens near to the fish shop were there is seating and surfaced area there. - I don't see the point in the natural play area – more mud (could be dangerous) and scare the wildlife. Need the grassy area for green space and for wildlife, not over-used. Wooden benches by the chip shop have been vandalised recently and had to be replaced. - Reed planting could cause the area to be taken over by them, and clogged up. - I don't know where a path next to the pool would be, there's no room. - Gateway needs protecting – people take the short-cut and create more mud and the greenery is trampled. - The big old trees should be maintained and protected. - Why so many 'interpretation boards'? Money is better spent on maintaining the greenery and trees. A notice-board is understandable & could have community / fishing information too. - Why is there seating needed in Bridge Road? People tend to walk along there and look over the wall at the pool, not sit there. It could encourage some of the people that use the parking area at night to sit hidden from view. Bridge Road is nice and quiet, good for dog walking away from cars, and it's where I learnt to ride my bike when I was little. - Perhaps have collapsible bollards by	1/21/2021 12:57 PM

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the Steam Trust, so that if needed that area can be used for parking in events. It gives the option then. - The walls and the verges need maintaining.

15	Still leaves some fishing opposite Pool view residences.	1/17/2021 1:58 PM
16	Only lack of an island which would encourage nesting birds.	1/17/2021 1:23 PM
17	There are no preferred options. This question is loaded	1/14/2021 12:45 PM
18	Didn't like the resurfaced seating area or lack of fishing pontoons on Pool View	1/10/2021 8:03 PM
19	It compromises the whole fishing aspect aiming for a more leisurely park like setup (of which we have many already in Telford). Horsehay is a great pool to fish, Fishing is a great sport and very big locally. It should be supported, not restricted.	1/9/2021 10:39 PM
20	There is no fishing area in the current space (number 8 area in sketch) there is only one picnic area.	1/9/2021 8:31 PM
21	Option 2 is probably favorite over option 3. Needs solid walking path and solid ground under picnic area.	1/9/2021 8:02 PM
22	My son of 5 is being coached by TAA and has autism the plans are not suitable for my son out in deep water also safety risk of being around a crowd as he does run sometimes when he has a melt down this could cause safety risk for him and others on the same peg who ever thought about the consideration for people with disabilities has not thought about autism we have used this pool and peg areas since he was a baby as it calmed him down he is also being coached by a TAA coach who has said this would be a safety hazard my sons case as needs to be away from crowds	1/9/2021 11:08 AM
23	Option 1 has a new path along Pool View Road with bank vegetation removed - that is very difficult to visualise and extremely difficult to succeed with. There would have to be drastic land change - there seems no room and finding you have to resort to erecting railings to assuage danger there would be awful - when you could leave well alone. There is no need for log balance beams and stepping logs, not only are they more trouble than they're worth re injuries but are out of place -meaning this pool should retain it's character as basically looking natural (there is a child's play ground very near to it.) .	1/8/2021 6:17 PM
24	I like it how it is	1/8/2021 4:15 PM
25	All very poor	1/7/2021 10:59 PM
26	picnic area, should be grass	1/7/2021 6:56 PM
27	Moaning residents	1/7/2021 2:41 PM
28	I dont like any of the plans as you are tacking away the majority of pegs that we already have Platforms are a bad idea as mental health and dangerous for people who have disability ie wheel chair users	1/7/2021 10:20 AM
29	Nothing	1/7/2021 8:45 AM
30	they are all bad	1/7/2021 8:08 AM
31	N/a	1/7/2021 6:34 AM
32	Na	1/7/2021 6:23 AM
33	It's crap	1/7/2021 12:51 AM
34	I don't like any of the options floating island will not work as water level is always up and down so chain will break plus if when fishing and you have a break off there's a good chance the fish will end up snagging up to the support chain of island resulting in dieing from prolonged stress .. plus the pontoons for fishing pegs over the deepest part of the lake is just a stupid idea and I can see kids falling in and Drowning ...	1/6/2021 11:24 PM
35	No picnic area	1/6/2021 11:10 PM
36	As previous question	1/6/2021 11:09 PM
37	Again we don't like any of the options shown	1/6/2021 9:53 PM
38	The minimal development of the road/path/bridge area to the south compared to option 2	1/3/2021 10:32 PM
39	too much change	1/3/2021 1:30 PM
40	Designated disabled pegs. All pegs should be accessible for disabled users. The deeper water (pegs removed) is one of the best fishing areas too.	1/2/2021 10:14 PM

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41	Don't like loss of space to parking or hard standing picnic area.	1/2/2021 6:46 PM
42	No where isolated for animals. Theres no big island for birds etc.	1/2/2021 4:18 PM
43	All are goos so no real negative	1/2/2021 10:13 AM
44	With a lot of changes, concerned that the work would not be completed for a long time	1/1/2021 11:31 PM
45	Unsure	1/1/2021 9:42 PM
46	Feels unachievable	1/1/2021 7:51 PM
47	Just hoping not too much Wildlife will be disturbed in the process.	1/1/2021 5:07 PM
48	I don't agree with any of the options. Thay are laughable at best. Involve the TAA and put it back to the way it was a few years ago and reinstall proper pegs down the west side where thay have always been.	1/1/2021 2:30 PM
49	Car parking on bridge road this blocking information on wall and causing a nuisance	1/1/2021 1:11 PM
50	Size of the proposed island	12/29/2020 3:00 PM
51	all looks good	12/26/2020 2:56 PM
52	I am assuming the large fishing point is at the widest part of the lake. I wouldn't like it there as that is a nice place to sit and look at the lake	12/22/2020 3:43 PM
53	Not sure about the creation of the island	12/21/2020 3:19 PM
54	The reed planting to deter geese.	12/20/2020 1:08 PM
55	Very little consideration for anglers as 3 pegs is not enough for size of the pool considering there use to be more than 12 fishing pegs on the entire pool	12/20/2020 10:14 AM
56	Nothing, it all looked good	12/18/2020 6:25 PM
57	See above	12/18/2020 5:51 PM
58	no reinstated train lines to old loco shed and no pontoon	12/18/2020 12:04 PM
59	Cars parking outside my property ,at all times of the day and night we already have a constant battle with rude anglers blocking our drive way , and parking on the grass verges which are clearly sign posted not to ,making the road narrow so emergency vehicles can not get through to to elderly residents on the east side of the pool may I stress this is a conservation area and we are proud of where we live	12/17/2020 8:35 PM
60	Not use the island is a good idea, someone is going to try and get to it.	12/17/2020 7:21 PM
61	Not enough fishing pegs on the pool and a floating island is a very bad idea.	12/16/2020 11:04 PM
62	Nothing	12/16/2020 7:07 PM
63	To he fair hate all the ideas you gave forced on to taa as non of them will work at all	12/16/2020 12:04 PM
64	Lack of parking and dangerous railings along damn	12/16/2020 9:03 AM
65	Spreading the pegs apart and not having so many pegs	12/16/2020 5:25 AM
66	All are not good enough, TAA do a fantastic job throughout Telford and Wrekin even bring youngsters into the sport and you want to reduce the opportunity for youngsters to gain an interest and skill, supporting local businesses	12/15/2020 11:05 PM
67	There is no options, they do not favour anything to do with fishing but I'm guessing this was the idea anyway, absolute joke.	12/15/2020 10:30 PM
68	Not enough pegs nearest houses.	12/15/2020 10:29 PM
69	Lack of angling pegs which will encourage more people to sit round the pool causing litter problems ' anti social behaviour. This is a fishing pool and anglers respect and has the pool in there best interest	12/15/2020 9:54 PM
70	Not viable to the safe practices of fishing	12/15/2020 9:28 PM
71	I'd like the island as well but no fishing pegs.	12/15/2020 8:33 PM
72	The reduction in the number of fishing pegs.	12/15/2020 8:21 PM
73	Removing the peg closest to the chippy	12/15/2020 7:27 PM

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74	Unsafe. Not enough pegs and the thought of being cramped on pontoons makes me anxious	12/15/2020 6:48 PM
75	Not enough pegs allocated in the plan	12/15/2020 5:00 PM
76	Don't like any of it	12/15/2020 4:39 PM
77	the fishing pontoons however i hope this gives space for TAA without them taking over every access point to the lake. I feed the ducks with my daughter every day, but some days we cannot get close to the water as there are anglers at every space including by the chip shop and at the north end by the village green.	12/15/2020 3:04 PM
78	Others options too many picnic bench will create litters issues	12/15/2020 1:22 PM
79	Nothing	12/15/2020 12:03 PM
80	Moving the fishing to the shallows were fish dont really live is rediculas. Pontoons are rediculas and will lead to deaths not just anglers but kids will 100% use these to swim from onnthe summer. Option 3 still needs a tremendous amount of work and is no means adequate.	12/15/2020 10:42 AM
81	Not enough fishing platforms, these pegs were put in place because they are areas that are holding fish, good bottom and depth. To move them would cause issues	12/15/2020 10:18 AM
82	Losing pegs	12/15/2020 9:42 AM
83	It looks like some parts of the community and users. Of the pool have been overlooked and not consulted	12/15/2020 4:51 AM
84	Maybe option 3 but without island	12/15/2020 12:52 AM
85	Designated Disabled parking bays will be used by non disabled visitors and this won't be managed. It may create a boy racer type area at night.	12/14/2020 4:23 PM
86	The pontoons are really awful and should not be considered. Aesthetically they would be awful and would no doubt contribute to water litter. Similar pontoons at Telford Town Park were closed due to safety fears, as children will be drawn to them and create conflict between anglers and non anglers.	12/14/2020 4:23 PM
87	I don't like the thought of hard landscaping at the northern end	12/14/2020 8:45 AM
88	The report is extremely lengthy and full of 'Inputs'. and very few 'Outputs'. The proposals are necessarily cost driven. The friends etc who were consulted in preparing the draft plan all have lovely visions but little appreciation id the revenue costs to beatify the area. Why include contributions for Unadopted road repairs ? If the original developers didn't contribute via S106 then tough - poor planning decisions that end in increase in general taxation in later years. Do the very basics, let nature take its course or the users look after the site. Get rid of all bins, they encourage litter. Do not put in lots of furniture: the repair and maintenance costs will come back to haunt you in years to come.	12/12/2020 9:52 AM
89	Dont like anything regarding pontoon fishing pegs	12/9/2020 6:45 PM
90	Nothing	12/9/2020 8:23 AM
91	please don't include privately owned driveway access to rear of Poolview terrace in your plans. This is not and never has been a right of way.	12/8/2020 1:49 PM
92	i think all options try to deter geese - but i feel that this is not very wildlife friendly. it is a pool, and as such should not be deterring water birds at all.	12/7/2020 4:22 PM
93	Nothing	12/7/2020 2:57 PM
94	Too much about fishing	12/7/2020 1:22 PM
95	I do not agree with the over development of the village green. The addition of hard surfacing and additional fishing pegs in this area goes against the conservation area appraisal principles and this area should be kept as green.	12/6/2020 9:24 PM
96	Doesn't feel in keeping with the pool or the area	12/6/2020 4:39 PM
97	happy with Option 1	12/6/2020 12:34 PM
98	I'm not sure about the path (8).The fact that there isnt one at the moment actually slows the traffic and stops cars speeding around the pool.I like the narrow road	12/5/2020 4:43 PM
99	Parking area - prefer option 1	12/5/2020 10:46 AM
100	That there would be less pegs then now	12/5/2020 8:12 AM

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101	N/a	12/4/2020 10:21 PM
102	Options 1 and 2 are not suitable, especially option 2 pegs as they are a health and safety hazard	12/4/2020 9:54 PM
103	The reduction in fishing pegs.	12/4/2020 5:02 PM
104	Floating pontoons are an accident waiting to happen. As for 'disabled access' to restrict the disabled to one area, and that the mudfiest shallowest part of the lake, is discriminatory ! As for the pontoon idea on the westernside, surely you cant expect anglers to fish parallel to the bank, and sit over several feet of water,	12/4/2020 3:44 PM
105	Lack of disability access and reduction of fishing pegs	12/4/2020 3:21 PM
106	Amount of disruption that is going to be caused for the residents living around the pool while the developments occur.	12/4/2020 2:53 PM
107	Nothing	12/4/2020 11:06 AM
108	Leave fishing pegs in just update them to the new plastic ones,	12/4/2020 10:26 AM
109	Na	12/4/2020 10:20 AM
110	Way too cramped, and it would be too awkward for any anglers to set up or even fish due to not being able to cast properly	12/4/2020 10:18 AM
111	Removal of any fishing access	12/4/2020 8:34 AM
112	It seems to be commercialising the pool	12/4/2020 8:20 AM
113	Not enough fishing pegs	12/4/2020 8:09 AM
114	Island in the middle!	12/4/2020 7:57 AM
115	Putting fishing last	12/4/2020 7:00 AM
116	The only thing I like least is that there is no access to the bank by the train station but I understand if that would be a problem	12/4/2020 1:44 AM
117	Pontoons would end up being poorly maintained	12/3/2020 11:41 PM
118	Dog walkers	12/3/2020 11:15 PM
119	The removal of fishing pegs from the east bank	12/3/2020 10:55 PM
120	Nothing	12/3/2020 10:39 PM
121	No natural play area for children	12/3/2020 10:11 PM
122	Position of disabled parking	12/3/2020 10:04 PM
123	Access to anglers on the best part of the pool for fishing has been completely removed. Rendering the pool useless to anglers at any time of the year other than June July and August.	12/3/2020 9:55 PM
124	The area is not designed for hordes of visitors to the area, the lanes are narrow and not suitable for more vehicles	12/3/2020 9:43 PM
125	Reed planting	12/3/2020 9:31 PM
126	All looks good	12/3/2020 8:43 PM
127	Nothing	12/3/2020 8:12 PM
128	The extra carpark using up the village green.	12/3/2020 7:31 PM
129	Doesn't really contribute to residents, only visitors that fish although appreciate it might have a greater environmental impact	12/3/2020 6:50 PM
130	Fishing pegs may be better as described in option 2	12/3/2020 5:42 PM
131	N/a	12/3/2020 5:41 PM
132	Don't have a least	12/3/2020 4:54 PM
133	Resurfacing of the green	12/3/2020 3:59 PM
134	The fishing planks in the water	12/3/2020 2:40 PM
135	No covered seating	12/3/2020 1:17 PM

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136	The historic notice boards detailed within option 3 are not included within option 1.	12/3/2020 12:42 PM
137	No sign of bins - need to do more to encourage people to stop littering and leaving dog poo	12/3/2020 12:10 PM
138	Nothing it all looks positive.	12/3/2020 12:06 PM
139	None	12/3/2020 12:02 PM
140	n/a	12/3/2020 11:46 AM

Q10 Please tell us how you think your preferred option could be improved.

Answered: 138 Skipped: 18

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	It couldn't as all three options are unsatisfactory	1/31/2021 10:19 PM
2	<p>There should be a planned cohesive strategy to enhance the pool and surrounding area to preserve its wild and natural landscape. It should be a safe haven that protects and conserves wildlife and natural habitats whilst living side by side with residents and visitors. Many residents work hard to protect existing species that have survived the traumas of increasing footfall and vehicles during more normal times and the pandemic. Their efforts should not be ignored and improved communication between TWC, their contractors and the Friends of Horsehay Pool group should be a prerequisite for greater protection and understanding of the needs of the area. The historic value and landscape should be enhanced and preserved. It should retain its informality and serve as an educational tool especially as the pandemic has reinforced the need for natural green spaces amongst a continued development of this area and others. The restoration and enhancement of the site's biodiversity is essential to protect its longevity. There should be perimeter markers (currently in existence in the form of wooden posts and rocks) to ensure no further erosion of grassed areas by vehicles which destroy the edges around the whole perimeter of the pool. Grassed and scrub areas are receding substantially in some places and therefore impacting on the beauty of the area. A priority must surely be the work required by Severn Trent to rectify the 2015 incident and prevent further sewage leakages into the pool that are still ongoing. Their commitment to resolve this issue by 2025 is surely inappropriate and is now a matter of urgency. Fallen and felled trees need to be replaced. The pool and houses that are of historic significance need to be protected by an increase in tree planting. Trees should not be cleared or removed unless diseased and in which case should be replaced immediately. In addition, residents should be afforded the privacy and security provided by tree screening for example from the views proposed from the benches that would be situated at bridge road end. Bird and bat numbers have significantly reduced in recent years because of a lack of nesting and roosting trees. As part of a conservation area tree planting should increase to both enhance and protect the environment. The green spaces around the pool should be valued and the landscape should be protected, conserved and enhanced. The area is not huge and should not undergo considerable changes which may result in a loss of green space so that its natural beauty is sustained.</p>	1/31/2021 5:49 PM
3	Widening the road to prevent any interaction between the general public and the traffic	1/28/2021 6:15 PM
4	Continuation of path on green verge alongside pool to Bridge road	1/26/2021 5:01 PM
5	TAA to have a say and actually considered	1/26/2021 9:39 AM
6	Unsure	1/25/2021 9:21 PM
7	More focus on wildlife preservation	1/25/2021 8:34 PM
8	<p>As a resident of nearly 50 years, I hope you will give the following points serious consideration. The area has always been a wild natural environment that has been a sanctuary and habitat for a wonderful variety of wildlife species. It never has been and never should be a formalised public park that detracts from, and is at the expense of, the nature reserve that it should be. The conservation and protection of wildlife should surely be the primary aim in any continued development of this area. Over the years there has been a depletion of the wildlife population and many residents have long been fighting to preserve the naturalness of the pool with the purpose of attracting and preserving wildlife. The inlets and waterways around the original island have dried up since the open cast mining and subsequent work in that area. Investigating what has caused this and reinstating the water will reinstate the wild fowl nesting areas and amphibian spawning sites. Increased traffic around the pool including visitors to the green have resulted in an increase in ducks and frogs being killed on the road. Mismanagement of the surrounding area by the contractors has caused significant damage. There have been instances of driving on the green and harsh blunt cutting of scrub areas and bushes around the pool exposing and destroying both wildfowl and birds' nests. A proper management plan sensitive to the needs of the wildlife and in keeping with the natural feel of the area should be a priority. A planned programme of tree management is also required, including for replanting when trees are cut down. Perimeter posts and rocks that prevent driving and parking on the grass are essential to preserve the grassed areas and prevent erosion. Vehicles have destroyed areas of green because of careless and irresponsible driving where there is no barrier to the grass. The edges of the grass around the perimeter road and grassed area should be protected. More and better communication is needed between residents and the Telford and Wrekin council's contractors.</p>	1/25/2021 7:41 PM
9	Better facilities around the pool	1/25/2021 7:04 PM
10	Maybe one way system for cars around lake	1/25/2021 5:50 PM

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11	Spread the benches out.	1/25/2021 5:08 PM
12	I don't have a preferred option , they are all unsatisfactory	1/24/2021 6:05 PM
13	The prospect of installing a fishing jetty is ill conceived. It would be a health and safety nightmare. It would pose a danger to children. It would encourage anti-social behaviour. This is a conservation area not a fisherman's theme park. Any suggestion of dredging the pool to improve fishing would be vigorously rejected. The survey could not have identified the large colony of fresh water clams that exist in the pool. These form an important part of the eco-system and dredging would destroy this natural resource. Urgent attention needs to be taken to address the fly tipping and the sewerage problem. I feel this survey has been aimed purely at visitors with scant regard to locals. My garden directly flanks the pool and at no time was I approached for input or consulted on any proposals that would have potentially a detrimental impact on my property or environment.	1/24/2021 6:00 PM
14	- Make sure the island is looked-after and doesn't spread and take-over too large space. - Make sure the reeds don't take over, block views and clog the water. - More space and opportunity to use the North & East side, especially for fishing. - How would management of banks and vegetation work? – they would need to be accessed to maintain. - Im not keen on the area being tarted-up too much - its better looking natural and being maintained rather than over-used. That is the beauty of the area, that it isn't so sterile like Telford town-park. - The big old trees should be maintained and protected. - There needs to be better signage for telling people where to park, if increasing numbers of people are using the area – to encourage them to park by the Steam Trains. There isn't much room and there are parking issues.	1/21/2021 12:57 PM
15	I would like to see the footpath (8) and island offered in Option 1 (10)included for ease of access opposite Pool View and the island for the birds and wildlife on the pool. Clear no parking near the proposed picnic area to prevent inconsiderate parking opposite the residences on New Row, which can be a problem.	1/17/2021 1:58 PM
16	Adding a path as in no8 on Option 1.	1/17/2021 1:23 PM
17	Leave Horsehay Pool as it is. Manage the pool and Spring Village in a competent and professional manner	1/14/2021 12:45 PM
18	Ideally to prevent cars being able to come past Loco shed, cars often go down their out of view and people are using the seclusion to smoke cannabis or use poppers. Need to have the area opened up so it can't be used as an area to hide in.	1/10/2021 8:03 PM
19	Go as far as to improve waste bin access, consult Telford Angling Association more on water quality and care, they are experts in this field!	1/9/2021 10:39 PM
20	with another picnic area and fishing pegs (where currently are) less seating in gateway area and (where number 7 is in sketch) and leave some grass.	1/9/2021 8:31 PM
21	Option 2 and 3. Need the kids activities identified in Option 1.	1/9/2021 8:02 PM
22	Single pegs for all disabilities	1/9/2021 11:08 AM
23	Option 1 can be improved by less intervention. Too many surfaced paths and areas take away the charm of the locality I would say No to play equipment/logs etc which would be just another added element with no benefit like the bike rails by the benches which I haven't seen used and I am regularly walking there. People also go there for quiet contemplation that has to be taken into account.	1/8/2021 6:17 PM
24	I like it how it is	1/8/2021 4:15 PM
25	Could be better suited to all who use the pool,	1/7/2021 10:59 PM
26	the seating area of plan 2	1/7/2021 6:56 PM
27	More fish stock	1/7/2021 2:41 PM
28	Leave all the current pegs as they are absorbed just replace with proper places to pack ect	1/7/2021 10:20 AM
29	It's perfect as it is	1/7/2021 8:45 AM
30	get all parties involved with plan	1/7/2021 8:08 AM
31	Consider other people who use the water not just the residents	1/7/2021 6:34 AM
32	NA	1/7/2021 6:23 AM
33	Fill the pool in build a paki temple on there	1/7/2021 12:51 AM

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34	Forgetting about all three of your Opposed options and just rebuilding the Exsisting pegs already there.	1/6/2021 11:24 PM
35	Picnic area and small children's play area that would compliment the surroundings.	1/6/2021 11:10 PM
36	Anglers need to be spaced out around pools or fish just move to areas where they can't be caught. You can make fishing pegs in small areas of the lake but they won't be used much if people can't catch any fish. Counter productive.	1/6/2021 11:09 PM
37	Anglers to be considered more and not try and take away the pool because someone bought a house and suddenly decided they don't like fisherman	1/6/2021 10:35 PM
38	By taking time to listen to Telford Angling Association	1/6/2021 9:53 PM
39	By incorporating points 5 and 7 from option 2	1/3/2021 10:32 PM
40	I like the option and im happy with how it is	1/3/2021 1:30 PM
41	All pegs disabled access	1/2/2021 10:14 PM
42	Ensure that picnic area at Northern end of pool is not hard surfaced.	1/2/2021 6:46 PM
43	Planting more trees	1/2/2021 4:18 PM
44	Increase pontoon area available to get a view from inside pool. Add a bird hide	1/2/2021 10:13 AM
45	Incorporating more of the seating area style from option 3	1/1/2021 11:31 PM
46	Increased fishing locations. More dog refuse bins (enough personally at the moment just not used appropriately).	1/1/2021 9:42 PM
47	Take the fishing rights away from TAA. They have mismanaged the pool for many years - it's their least favourite of those in their portfolio and it shows. They have invested little and only want to pick fights with residents. The lady in charge is an unpleasant human.	1/1/2021 7:51 PM
48	Avoiding disturbing Wildlife habitats	1/1/2021 5:07 PM
49	See above. Non of the options are my preferred option	1/1/2021 2:30 PM
50	Letting site develops naturally and giving local residents scope to improve their living area	1/1/2021 1:11 PM
51	All fishing pegs are adjacent to shallow water...needs some redistribution. Will this be resolves post de-silting? Will some of the fishing pegs enable disabled access.	12/29/2020 3:00 PM
52	ensure it is maintained properly once completed	12/26/2020 2:56 PM
53	More natural!!	12/22/2020 3:43 PM
54	I would prefer the picnic area to remain grassed as per option 2 to retain more natural environment directly opposite my property	12/21/2020 3:19 PM
55	More fishing pegs on the other side of the pool.	12/20/2020 1:08 PM
56	Better parking restore the pegs and make them bigger so you fish further out away from roadside noise and people	12/20/2020 10:14 AM
57	I'm not sure I could add anything	12/18/2020 6:25 PM
58	see above	12/18/2020 5:51 PM
59	mixing some of its best bits with option 2 - points 3 & 4 and option 3 points 3 and 11 if possible.	12/18/2020 12:04 PM
60	So kind of double yellowed lines /no parking around the pool to stop people parking outside residents households and becoming rude and aggressive when asked to move	12/17/2020 8:35 PM
61	Maybe sacrifice the green area below (5) + (6) for carpark away from loco shed.	12/17/2020 7:21 PM
62	Scrap all the ideas and just repair the current pegs.	12/16/2020 11:04 PM
63	Well signposted	12/16/2020 7:07 PM
64	It can't improve rubbish can you bit of a silly question non of them will work out at all	12/16/2020 12:04 PM
65	Parking as in option 3. Fishermen currently do not park in old Bridge Road and often park obstructively along the rows.	12/16/2020 9:03 AM
66	Leaving the pegs as they are and allowing taa to upgrade them	12/16/2020 5:25 AM

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67	Talk to the people and clubs that use the pool, instead of organising plans behind their backs	12/15/2020 11:05 PM
68	The fact you haven't asked anyone concerned shows how fake this management plan is.	12/15/2020 10:30 PM
69	More fishing pegs.	12/15/2020 10:29 PM
70	Repair the current pegs and keep them as single pegs. Provide a parking area so there isn't conflict with residents	12/15/2020 9:54 PM
71	N/A	12/15/2020 9:28 PM
72	Put the island in. Remove the fishing pegs.	12/15/2020 8:33 PM
73	Increase the number of fishing pegs to at least 16. The more people who can use and value the pool the more success you will have with changes and improvements.	12/15/2020 8:21 PM
74	Additional pegs around the lake all with disabled access and plenty of seating areas so everyone can enjoy the lake but not at the cost of the angling	12/15/2020 7:27 PM
75	None are suitable. I have no option that's suitable for angling I do.	12/15/2020 6:48 PM
76	16 pegs on the pool as it has always been this way	12/15/2020 5:00 PM
77	Keep the pegs where they are, update the pegs and tidy up the bushes	12/15/2020 4:39 PM
78	leave it as it was	12/15/2020 4:20 PM
79	I like the nature play trail in option 1, especially as the park in spring village is not being repaired. I also like the island in the centre of the pool.	12/15/2020 3:04 PM
80	Liking the idea with little man-made Island to put in to create safe haven for ducks/wildlife at nights	12/15/2020 1:22 PM
81	More fishing pegs on the west bank	12/15/2020 12:03 PM
82	None. More work needs doing.	12/15/2020 10:42 AM
83	Make all the pegs good and floating island. Have a look at earlswood lakes , Solihull . They have poles in place to stop the island moving	12/15/2020 10:18 AM
84	More pegs	12/15/2020 9:42 AM
85	The placement of fishing places needs to be more evenly distributed around the pool This will help any access issues Putting in pontoons will be impossible to manage and keep safe and it will also cause parking issues on the local roads with limited access	12/15/2020 4:51 AM
86	Parking mainly	12/15/2020 12:52 AM
87	I am not anti angling, I have done some fishing myself in the past. However, over the years as the amount of traffic on roads has increased, there has been a continual problem along the western bank. Moving anglers to point 4 on the sketch isn't ideal. Even with dredging, this area of the pool isn't deep enough for fishing and will only result in anglers setting up adhoc pegs on the western bank, which is by far the best for anglers. I think that option 1 could be improved by closing Horsehay pool to anglers completely and I shall elaborate on this in the next answer.	12/14/2020 4:23 PM
88	Just the dam wall to remain	12/14/2020 8:45 AM
89	Whatever you do don't waste time or money on consultants and consultations. Make some common sense and reasonable decisions.	12/12/2020 9:52 AM
90	Single peg areas per a person the idea of pontoons are dangerous to fishing and community	12/9/2020 6:45 PM
91	Looks fine	12/9/2020 8:23 AM
92	resident permit parking. Risk assessment of fishing pegs. risk to children using pegs for feeding ducks etc.	12/8/2020 1:49 PM
93	i think by spreading the fishing pegs back around the pool, and no longer trying to deter water birds from around the pool	12/7/2020 4:22 PM
94	ensuring water drainage off the course course is improved to prevent the streams at the north end of the pool to flow. the bridges could also be improved	12/7/2020 2:57 PM
95	Minimal changes	12/6/2020 4:39 PM
96	happy with Option 1	12/6/2020 12:34 PM

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97	screening of some sort of the fish and chip shop car park .A small wall?	12/5/2020 4:43 PM
98	Redo parking area as option 1	12/5/2020 10:46 AM
99	More fishing pegs	12/5/2020 8:12 AM
100	N/a	12/4/2020 10:21 PM
101	Maybe another peg down by the chip shop	12/4/2020 9:54 PM
102	More fishing pegs spread evenly around the pool.	12/4/2020 5:02 PM
103	Scrap the lot and start again, involving people and anglers who no what theyre doing.	12/4/2020 3:44 PM
104	Re write the management plan	12/4/2020 3:21 PM
105	Plans to monitor and regulate parking by visitors so as to not impact the residents	12/4/2020 2:53 PM
106	More help from the council	12/4/2020 11:06 AM
107	By updating the fishing pegs and leaving the same number of pegs in u are helping people with some own problems. The wildlife life will grow more and end up like the birds on the flash in priorslee , interbreed and no one to manage that problem	12/4/2020 10:26 AM
108	Na	12/4/2020 10:20 AM
109	It's good how it is	12/4/2020 10:18 AM
110	Leave the fishing alone	12/4/2020 8:34 AM
111	A couple more places to fish	12/4/2020 8:20 AM
112	Think more from angers perspective	12/4/2020 8:09 AM
113	Remove the island	12/4/2020 7:57 AM
114	Not sure	12/4/2020 7:00 AM
115	Access to the bank by the train station	12/4/2020 1:44 AM
116	Further usage of pool	12/3/2020 11:41 PM
117	Maintain the pool get more bigger fish	12/3/2020 11:15 PM
118	The whole pool dredged	12/3/2020 10:55 PM
119	Do more for angling the taa dose so much for all the local pools and should be kept and used as a resource	12/3/2020 10:39 PM
120	Adding in some of the options in option 1	12/3/2020 10:11 PM
121	N/a	12/3/2020 10:04 PM
122	The fishing pegs need to be spread evenly around the pool. There is adequate parking on bridge road for 20 cars. Not including other areas around the area. The pegs need to be spread evenly around the pool. On the land ownership graphic on page 6, it shows TWCand unregistered land around the pool on the south east side. There's is more than enough room for 2-3 angling pegs. In this currently left to ruin land.	12/3/2020 9:55 PM
123	N/a	12/3/2020 9:43 PM
124	Remove reed area	12/3/2020 9:31 PM
125	Not sure I would improve it	12/3/2020 8:43 PM
126	Better parking	12/3/2020 8:12 PM
127	Keep as much natural habitat as possible. Get rid of the bamboo	12/3/2020 7:31 PM
128	Utilise some history and wildlife boards. Maybe a stick den??	12/3/2020 6:50 PM
129	Bird feeding station in village green area would be lovely and possibly include small bird hide on site...	12/3/2020 5:42 PM
130	N/a	12/3/2020 5:41 PM
131	Can't think of anything else to improve	12/3/2020 4:54 PM
132	I'd like to keep the dam wall	12/3/2020 3:59 PM

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133	Lighting	12/3/2020 2:40 PM
134	I would like to sit under a gazebo type structure so that I can enjoy the pond when it's raining still	12/3/2020 1:17 PM
135	Include the historic notice boards from option 3. Facilitate the redevelopment of the TSR locomotive shed to make use of this area of the site which could be so much more by landscaping and improving functionality.	12/3/2020 12:42 PM
136	More bins	12/3/2020 12:10 PM
137	Nothing it all looks positive.	12/3/2020 12:06 PM
138	Its fine	12/3/2020 12:02 PM

Q11 If you would like to make any further comments about the Horsehay Pool Management Plan, please use the box below.

Answered: 108 Skipped: 48

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	<p>I moved to the area 15 years ago and fell in love with the pool for its peace ,tranquillity, and beauty Having visited all of the other pools looked after by TAA this is seems to be the least maintained of them all.I agree something needs to be done to upgrade the pool but in my opinion the three options on offer are unacceptable The pool needs to be developed in such a way that benefits all of the residents who have the pleasure in living next to it It is at this point I need to raise my objection to the organisation The friends of Horsehay Pool, I, along with many local residents believe that don't speak for the many and their only objective is to stop angling on the pool Please find below my thoughts on what is important on the development of the pool 1 Address the issue of waste water running into the pool, this will improve the bio diversity of the pool. 2 Replace all the fishing platforms in their current positions along with the planting of water reeds and iris either side of the platforms this will help the wildlife and create a new habitat for reed nesting birds and make sure that all are the pegs are suitable for disabled anglers 3 Develop the dam end of the pool with a raised area to include seating ,planted with native trees and shrubs eventually hiding the view of the industrial estate from the opposite end of the pool. A new Angling / Visitors Car Park. The installation of information boards showing the historical importance of the pool along with information on the wildlife and flora and fauna contents of the pool, an information board showing all the information regarding Angling (Rules ,regulations , Angling times (reverting back to dawn til dusk fishing)Angling tuition and contest dates) 4 The development of a pathway from the Codfather to the picnic area , the removal of non native plants and replaced with more suitable native trees and shrubs, a series of litter and dog bins along the entire new pathway and picnic area, 5 A small car park on the edge of the picnic area for disabled anglers to gain access to the pegs furthest away from the new car park, replace and re position three picnic tables, a permanent pathway across the picnic area across the two bridges the development of a wildlife pond to the left of the second bridge, making sure there is continued maintenance of the water intake to the pool, then the continuation of the pathway from the second bridge along the pool as far has the bungalow at the end of the road near to the steam railway , along with the thinning out trees and shrubs and installation of benches to the with clear directions to the car park situated a eco toilet block</p>	1/31/2021 10:19 PM
2	<p>All the planoptions have merit but, unfortunately this draft Interim management lacked the science required to assess the sustainability of the pond itself with regard to continued water inlet, quality of water to support a stable ecological balance of fish stock, insectlife, amphibians mammals and birds. As a member of the friends group we were looking for logical guidance as to developing the pool to reach its potential to enrich biodiversity. I am not convinced that the current occasional re-stocking of a mixture of course fish species designed to support the current fishing arrangements will necessarily support an enriched eco system. the pool has no oxygenating plans, lengths of marginal reed species to offer filtration/nesting material for waterfowl or fish spawning/nurturing habitat. As a resident the emphasis should really be about improving the wild space for the natural environmet with individual use by humans being secondary consideration. We have witnessed a massive increase in pedestrian and vehicular use of the surroung edges to the pool over the last couple of years (up to one hundred fold for pedestrians alone, so do accept that some organisation and structural improvements will undoubtedly have to be considered, but lets get the environmental science in better shape first to lead the decision making for the rest of any works in context.We have offered the Council an informed response to the plan in some detail through the Friends group collective response. Many thanks for Red Kites work so far, much appreciated.</p>	1/30/2021 4:43 PM
3	<p>There is no value in creating large hard surfaces areas as in option 2 this is not a need, option 3 does not address walking safely around the pond. The single most attractive feature is to walk around the pond. Hence option 1 is clearly the most appropriate</p>	1/28/2021 6:15 PM
4	<p>Car parking around pool should be limited to residents permit controlled parking and service vehicles</p>	1/26/2021 5:01 PM
5	<p>The pool is a fishing pool and fisherman and women support local business so why aren't the fishing community being considered</p>	1/26/2021 9:39 AM
6	No	1/25/2021 9:21 PM
7	None	1/25/2021 8:34 PM
8	<p>None of the proposed plans are suitable to preserve the pool and surrounding area as a wildlife habitat and learning environment. The plans all lead to overdevelopment and repurposing into a formal and sterile park space.</p>	1/25/2021 7:41 PM
9	Better facilities around the pool	1/25/2021 7:04 PM

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10	<p>The aim should be to encourage quiet enjoyment of nature rather than attempting to turn the pool into a town park. The volume of traffic around the narrow roads is already a problem and nothing should be done to increase this. Any additional parking directly by the pool should be kept to an absolute minimum. Any such parking, however designated, is likely to be misused and there is a high likelihood of anti social behaviour including litter and noise*. This is particularly so if the parking is grouped as in Option 3. There is an overemphasis on the requirements of anglers. Whether TWC should be encouraging this sedentary pastime is a question but in any event the provision of expensive 'fishing pegs' should be at the expense of the Angling Association rather than council tax payers. *Officers will be aware that the shelter in the play area at Spring Village had to be removed.</p>	1/25/2021 5:08 PM
11	<p>Immediate attention must be given to raw sewage leakage in to the pool, removal of large fallen tree in the pool at the east side and the persistent flying tipping here. Of next importance is rat control - not mentioned in any plan. I object to the fact that this survey is aimed at visitors and not residents, all plans for attracting more visitors to the site should be re-evaluated post covid distancing guidelines. I strongly object to the suggestion of pontoon which would cut across in front of my garden, is totally unsuitable for a conservation area and impossible to socially distance. I am very upset that there was no consultation on this suggestion or any suggestion, especially as this would directly Affect our property. As our garden runs directly down to the pool we would be face to face with the pontoon and unable to use our garden. Next is removal of unsuitable planting e.g. bamboo. I also object to suggestions of shrub beds and wildflower planning as these would need to be maintained and further reduce available space to get off the road and avoid cars and socially distance from the increased numbers of visitors we are already struggling with. The steam trust should be given help to mend the leaking gutter in the old loco shed, cut down the trees which were planted by the council and then left to grow huge and sort out the mess on the steam trust field. Dog walking also is not mentioned and I would like to see signs requiring dogs to be on leads and of course a max speed limit - also not mentioned. I strongly object to parking spaces in bridge road as this is the dog walking route to avoid traffic on the main road, if we have parking here then it will be impossible to walk round. Socially distancing in the village for dog walking is already very difficult. Strongly agree that geese control measures are required but don't want to see pool clogged up with reeds. I have no confidence that planting in or around the pool will be managed as we have been waiting years for removal of dead and fallen trees and fly tipping with no result. The plan should also have covered directing visitors away from the pool to the other available walks in the locality e.g, on the golf course path (which I understand is currently blocked)and Telford 500 which again was not mentioned. I also want to applaud the suggestions made last week by the Friends of Horsehay which have some sensible suggestions about traffic control which would have been useful to include in the plans. perhaps it would be worthwhile to redo the plan on the light of COVID guidelines and include suggestions from the friends and local residents.</p>	1/24/2021 6:05 PM
12	<p>- It is best to keep the Bridge Road walls, it is part of the areas original heritage, and if there were railings it would definitely result in more litter being thrown/dropped/blown into the pool. This already happens at the seated area by the chip shop. - I have been on litter-picks in the area, and have also seen lots of rubbish left up by the current benches in the northern end. - Too much 'surfacing' will definitely create more surface run-off, pooling and flooding in areas, this already happens near to the fish shop seating area. - I live next to the pool, by a larger fishing peg. I don't mind it, I find most of the fishermen polite and it is best and most helpful when they park by the chip-shop area so that everyone has room. - I strim the nettles on the bank by me, to make sure that it doesn't get overgrown, and so people wouldn't get stung. I'm happy to help maintain it. - Definitely get rid of any bamboo. There is sometimes Japanese Knotweed – it has been reported previously. - It would be nice to see some more native natural wildflowers in the right habitat. There are daffodils on the bank by me (which were already there), and there were snowdrops (I added some of these, (unless they've been trampled away)) on the bank. They look in-keeping, and not like they should be in a garden. - There used to be a parish notice-board at the north of the pool not long ago. However it wasn't maintained, and didn't seem to be used much. Also the weeds/reeds took that area over. - I think 'maintaining' the area should be a priority, cutting back overgrown reeds, weeds and bushes, not too much spending on interpretation boards. - Maybe the road could be made one-way, if that would help. - There needs to be better signage for informing people where to park, if increasing numbers of people are using the area – to encourage them to park by the Steam Trains. There isn't much room and there can be parking issues along Pool View.</p>	1/21/2021 12:57 PM
13	<p>Could there be "No Parking" signs opposite the houses in New Row opposite the picnic area as inconsiderate people parking opposite the drives make turning in to our off road parking a real problem.</p>	1/17/2021 1:23 PM
14	<p>The Management Plan will encourage more traffic in Spring Village which is already a major</p>	1/14/2021 12:45 PM

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concern and a dangerous Sat Nav Rat Run. The speed through the village is an accident waiting to happen. We do not want or need a 'Disneyesque' Horsehay Pool. Telford & Wrekin Council should look to their responsibility and maintain and manage the pool and surrounding area and not neglect it. The Management Plan draws attention to the play area which will further increase traffic over narrow lanes that are deteriorating with damaged verges. Leave well alone

15	I would definitely like to see the area improved so the disabled access is better. My partner has a leg problem and the ground around the north side of the pool can become very slippery in winter with mud, sitting water etc so it would be good to find a way of making it more accessible.	1/10/2021 8:03 PM
16	Maybe an extra bin because of the litter made from people eating by the pond (fish and chip shop). Most of the time the paper and containers are on the floor.	1/9/2021 8:31 PM
17	I've made points above but in a nutshell. 1. Make it accessible from farm lane, golf course access point 2. Picnic area needs to be accessible (is too muddy/messy). 3. Maintenance over the course of a period of time needs to be considered. So low maintenance! 4. Fishing areas are good. 5. More walking access. Less car access. 6. The railway/train yard I try to support but is a 'real eyesore' especially from Bridge road view. 7. Viewing area on bridge road would be a nice to have. 8. Island in pond could be a good idea if is low profile. 9. Dog fouling is a bit of a problem on the pond vicinity (bridge road/farm lane)	1/9/2021 8:02 PM
18	This is a plan for all communities to use but I feel that my son is not able to do this with this sort of plan that doesn't allow safety for him on crowded pegs	1/9/2021 11:08 AM
19	People like me will have to live with whatever is put there. The sense in the whole thing is that the fishing pegs would be better sited on the eastern side- the opposite side of the pool to where they are now. To the north side of the pool- the watercourse area with log bridges are charming and should be managed as a wildlife pond and wild flower meadow area. To surface over the grass in this northern part in too large area accommodating picnic benches with too wide paths would also be detrimental to it's character. Log/beam play equipment not necessary or needed The existing walls and pedestrian route should definitely be retained at the Bridge road site that is why option 2 got my worst rating - incongruous railings admitting more litter into the pool is the last thing you want. The wall differentiates Horsehay Pool from others and is part of its heritage. Bamboo should be eradicated where possible -it is pernicious in its land grabbing ways. My daughter lives at Pool view and I nearby, having litter picked it can be said that just the maintaining of the area as it stands would be a good use of monies rather than any option here.	1/8/2021 6:17 PM
20	Health and safety would never pass the pontoons or the floating island.Very poor with little thought for all users of the pool and surrounding area.	1/7/2021 10:59 PM
21	It is imperative that the water level problem is addressed, no water is flowing in anymore, if you want to improve the eco-system it has to be a "live" system	1/7/2021 6:56 PM
22	Lack of input and consultation with those that actually use and protect the area	1/7/2021 12:50 PM
23	I think that if the.managmnet plan was out into practice you'd get a lot of people poaching and as now you have bailiffs patrolling it daily to stop this	1/7/2021 10:20 AM
24	As an angler option 2 is just not practical with the pegs and could turn in to a huge health and safety risk for children with the pegs stretching out into the pool	1/7/2021 8:45 AM
25	all party's need to be involved with development	1/7/2021 8:08 AM
26	One word TAA!!!!!!!!!!!!	1/7/2021 6:34 AM
27	Na	1/7/2021 6:23 AM
28	No	1/7/2021 12:51 AM
29	All three options i thing are no good and dangerous for young children and disabled people with non visible disabilities	1/6/2021 11:24 PM
30	There seems to be a lot of prejudice toward anglers who use the pool. I can't see why but what I have seen is the utter lack of professionalism displayed on social media (Facebook) by the management of TAA. I suggest that they look to work with other angling bodies as well such as Angling Trust.	1/6/2021 11:10 PM
31	The management plan don't take fishing in to consideration. At most pushes us to the back	1/6/2021 10:53 PM
32	History shows this is a communal fishing pool ,for many many citizens over the last century , and should be the primary use for the pool in the future , a venue worth investing in for the local Angling community	1/6/2021 10:52 PM

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33	Please consider anglers stop ignoring them they bring plenty off business to local shop and chop shop	1/6/2021 10:35 PM
34	The options are just not satisfactory. Telford Angling Association is all for working with everyone but understand this is starting to look a little one sided. Traffic is the main problem with the road being a 30 mile an hour zone which is ludicrous. Traffic calming measures need to be put in place to slow it all down. Anglers are not really causing the problems with traffic. Removal of pegs makes no sense and I definitely know some residents don't want pegs on the west side and are trying to say they hinder the road safety. This road is not a public footpath so common sense has to prevail as I know now that they are trying to say covid 2m measures would be a problem which is really scraping the barrel of reasons why to not have pegs. TAA would install brand new recycled anti slip brown plastic pegs as approved by TWC on Apley Pool, the look amazing. These do not pollute the waters and will last years so I'd suggest the friends ground need to pay a visit to our very good friends and partners friends of apley woods who have a lovely set up and work with TAA with no problems. Fishing and catch reports give a good indication of the health and number of fish within the pool which make up part of the natural food chain within. Fish are an integral part of the ecosystem so being able to monitor catches gives us a indication of the health of the pool overall which in turn has a effect on all other inhabitants. The ecosystem is also supported by the fish we put in which is a food source for many forms of wildlife which would eventually run out if not for TAA.. Option 1 6 pegs on Eastern Bank which is the poorer fishing location which will effectively be pegs which have limited potential for fishing. Option 2, 12 pegs Western and Eastern boundaries which can not be effectively use as not safe. Sorry but none of the options are suitable. I also heard that dredging the North end might be a option but this has a massive ie impact and would cost 1000s of pounds sll because of a few pegs on the west side of the lake. That money would be better used else where. We see no reason not to just replace the pegs that are already there and use the money to sort the traffic and parking out around the area We also been working with Shropshire Wildlife and they have trained and given us Water testing kits to which our water keepers test the pool regularly.. We have done everything, agreed to the 8am rule which to be fair isn't a problem, we patrol day and night and sort all issues out on the water and we talk to most of the residents on the West Side and never have a problem in fact they like to see anglers on there and often are interested in what lies beneath the water. My name is Jon Portman Chairman Telford Angling Association 07990570779 Please consider the facts.	1/6/2021 9:53 PM
35	Lack of provision for a footpath through TSR woodland that would complete a pool side loop	1/3/2021 10:32 PM
36	Anglers kept the upkeep of this pool for many years only for a couple of residents to stop this, anglers give up many hours of free time to look after telford pools and i believe they should be encouraged here more	1/3/2021 1:30 PM
37	No room for a forest school area	1/2/2021 10:14 PM
38	Just leave it alone. Development isnt good for the environment in the first place	1/2/2021 4:18 PM
39	No	1/2/2021 10:13 AM
40	Please again I urge you to find an alternative to TAA having the fishing rights. They don't deserve them.	1/1/2021 7:51 PM
41	Please re think this and actually speak to the people that live in new and old row. Not just a few individuals. Who don't like fishing. As I said in previous comments we need the local angling club to police the pool like they do now. If that goes then I won't be happy.	1/1/2021 2:30 PM
42	Did the study do enough research. Seems to have neglected all wildlife and while Canadian geese may be a nuisance, why do they visit Horsehay? And where else could they go?	1/1/2021 1:11 PM
43	it is nice to be consulted on local issues	12/26/2020 2:56 PM
44	Again just want to keep the place as natural as possible and not put tonnes of concrete everywhere. Its not a town park after all	12/22/2020 3:43 PM
45	Great care needs to be taken to ensure that any increase in visitor numbers doesn't impact on residents due to poor/irresponsible parking which we see currently	12/21/2020 3:19 PM
46	Your trying to change it into a nature reserve but it will just get left to become an area you won't want to bust as people blame the anglers for mess when it's teenagers drinking dog walkers not picking up there mess and people feeding the ducks and letting the bread packets go into the water I know this because I have seen it many a times	12/20/2020 10:14 AM
47	No comments	12/18/2020 6:25 PM
48	Cancel now and save the money for something more useful	12/18/2020 5:51 PM

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49	This conservation area has significantly declined and needs to be a local priority for improvement, thanks.	12/18/2020 12:04 PM
50	Please consider the residents who live here all we ask is we are left in peace and quiet which is why we purchased our property's in the first place ,maybe consider calling at the households and asking our opinions	12/17/2020 8:35 PM
51	change the junction below (5) + (6) it is crazy that the road goes straight into the housing estate, should follow round into Great Western Drive.	12/17/2020 7:21 PM
52	Option 2 with the pontoons is a very bad idea I can't believe this has been brought forward as an option. Safety wise its shocking.	12/16/2020 11:04 PM
53	None	12/16/2020 7:07 PM
54	Yes stop firveing your big ideas on to every one when they will not work I bet non of you have sat around a fishing pool fishing and had six other people set up around you while having an anxiety attack or felt you need to leave because you don't feel safe any more on a watter that you set up on first and now having to leave no because you sit in your nice warm offices all day and think about us at all do you so do the right thing and leave the waters in the hands that you are renting them out of and stop investing in bloody South watter and invest in smaller towns no one wants your plans no one wants little towns destroys so get of your bums and do somthing about it	12/16/2020 12:04 PM
55	We do not need a so called entrance gate. We do not live in Disneyland, this is our home. Is the contamination from sewage being tackled. Septic tanks need emptying. Ours is done yearly at considerable expense.	12/16/2020 9:03 AM
56	Leave us disabled anglers alone and let us get on with what we know best, were not hurting anyone we just want to enjoy our angling	12/16/2020 5:25 AM
57	I feel this survey is quite poor and is trying to direct people instead of giving them a better way of expressing their opinions	12/15/2020 11:05 PM
58	Yes Im Jon Portman, chairman of Telford Angling Association. I'm totally shocked you haven't included us and you will find my video about this on my Facebook page and it looks like you haven't told anyone else about it except the little circle of trust. We asked for the management plan week after week to be fobbed off then you put it out for everyone to see first. Unprofessional, TAA are shocked on how bad this has been handled.	12/15/2020 10:30 PM
59	None	12/15/2020 10:29 PM
60	It's a great pool and should be enjoyed by everyone. Anglers dog walkers bird watches etc all work together on many pools too mantain and keep them in a healthy condition.	12/15/2020 9:54 PM
61	Listen to the representatives from the TAA & take their advice on board.	12/15/2020 9:28 PM
62	The reduction in fishing peg numbers shows that it is not been adequately valued in the writing of this plan. Better parking, improved habitat and improved access are all needed in the plan and would be supported by all. It seems the importance of fishing on Horsehay pool has be overlooked. If the peg numbers are not increased there may be increased instance of people created there own pegs which would be counterproductive to the plan, once approved.	12/15/2020 8:21 PM
63	People who fish the pool.,Are the only ones paying to use the pool.,	12/15/2020 8:18 PM
64	Misinformation. No angling consultation. And prejudice actions.	12/15/2020 6:48 PM
65	I no sometimes things have to change but making the 16 pegs already on the pool less is not good the pegs just need replacing or repairing I fished this pool for many years and enjoy the surroundings just needs a few repairs	12/15/2020 5:00 PM
66	I would like the see the residents working with telford angling association rather than working against us, TAA do a great job maintaining and keeping all the pools safe. Without TAA it's just going to be a free for all and will be much worse for everyone. I would also like to see the council working with TAA with the management plan, as we as anglers can give a lot of good ideas on how to improve the pool for everyone	12/15/2020 4:39 PM
67	I strongly object to the disabled car parking space in option 3. It is right outside our drive way. Cars parked there already make it very difficult for us to access our drive. It is also next to a blind bend in the road causing the potential for accidents. Cars often come around there too quickly. There is also always surface water at this point after any amount of rain - a tarmaced parking space will reduce the drainage through the grass and create more flooding.	12/15/2020 3:04 PM

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68	Wish this plan not being control runs by friend of horsehay pool teams , their team staff are horrid making myself and others residents uncomfortable with their bullies. This isn't acceptable manners and behaviour	12/15/2020 1:22 PM
69	I would like to be able to fish quietly without being insulted verbally by certain residents who are acting illegally and are saying they are supported by the council in their actions.	12/15/2020 12:03 PM
70	I'd like to know how much this report cost, as it clearly wasn't done by anyone with expert knowledge. It also reeks of asking for opinions after the fact. As reading online no one was consulted. I think it's pretty clear someone at TW has been liaising with one or two people as the report and ideas put out are all one-sided.	12/15/2020 10:42 AM
71	I have fished this pool for 40 plus years , I also played around there when I was a kid. Would love to see it cleaned up but would not want to lose the fishing pegs	12/15/2020 10:18 AM
72	Don't know why it needs to be changed. All it needs is for the pegs to be replaced	12/15/2020 9:42 AM
73	I don't. Know who Red Kit are but they have not got any water management experience or knowledge if they come out with a plan like this. The main purpose of the plan seems to be to remove angling from the West Bank of the pool and put it elsewhere. They have also not considered what happens with placing 6 fishing stations on the east bank near to Telford steam railway trust. This part gets busy at certain times when there is an event on at the trust which will make access difficult. I know this because I am a Horsehay common resident and regularly use this road	12/15/2020 4:51 AM
74	I think the plan was poorly shown by council	12/15/2020 12:52 AM
75	Living close to Horsehay pool and using it to run round is lovely. Unfortunately a few of the "local" people don't like other people using the pool and the area around it. Some parking for people fishing is desperately needed as the residents don't like people parking by their houses.	12/14/2020 4:23 PM
76	Other members of your group may have mentioned that Telford Angling Association only took on the pool from Dawley Angling Society in recent years. Dawley used to employ a bailiff (John) who lived on Pool View. Because he lived on site, he was always there to resolve problems on site, litter pick (although litter was never the problem it is now) and resolve any parking issues etc. This really disguised a problem, because parking, access, litter etc have always been there, but they were acted on quickly. On my frequent visits to the pool, I used to speak to Dawley club officials and they made no secret that the pool was problematic to manage (because of proximity of residents and confined site etc) and that it was difficult to make money, because I they paid rental for the whole pool, but could only really fish the western bank. The tip is closed for access due to the steam trust and the north eastern pegs are too shallow and snaggy. I believe that they asked the Council for a rent reduction to reflect this situation, but the Council refused. Dawley gave up the water and many residents thought that it wouldn't be fished again and that was probably the most sensible outcome given all of the problems on site. We were surprised when it was then let to Telford and things went downhill from there really. A visit to the TAA website gives you an idea of how much water they fish in Telford (https://www.telfordanglingassociation.org/ourwaters). Looking through the images of each of their venues, it is obvious that Horsehay is problematic, because on the other waters, there is not a house in site, they are mainly set in large open spaces. The map on page 5 of this plan also shows the number of accessible waters close to Horsehay Pool. I haven't got involved with the Friends of Group etc because of some of the individuals on it, however, have they ever asked, if TAA have access to all of that water (most Council owned) which is well distributed across Telford North and South, why do they have to have access to Horsehay Pool, which is historically sensitive and difficult to manage? Club officials have admitted that the pool runs at a loss, so wouldn't the easiest solution be to stop fishing at Horsehay, turn the pool over to nature and anglers can fish any of the other waters that are already freely available to them? TAA would be financially better off, but could be compensated for any fish stocked since they have managed the pool. As a long time resident and a person who has fished the pool past and present, this really is the most sensible solution, as we are really talking about the loss of 6 platforms based on sketch 1 or 12 platforms overall. Given that they already have multiple pools with platforms running in to double figures, is this really such a significant loss? It would actually improve the financial position, given that the pool reportedly runs at a loss. One of the proposals suggests an island being constructed in the pool. From a nature and wildlife position I would love this, however I fear that there could be problems if an island is created and fishing is still allowed. TAA manage Apley Pool, located on the edge of Apley Woods, which I also walk but less frequently. Apley pool had a floating island created several years ago, which has been good for wildlife. However anglers like to fish against the island as fish shelter under it. Unfortunately many anglers cast on to the island in their attempt to get closer and closer to it, and there is often line left trailing from the island where anglers have got their tackle	12/14/2020 4:23 PM

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stuck. Visit the pool on any busy sunny day in the summer and you will see anglers trying to fish to the island. I fear that creation of an island at Horsehay Pool will result in the same problem and this should be considered very carefully if fishing is allowed to continue. In sketch 1, where is the parking for anglers using these platforms (point 4). I encourage the Council to adopt the unadopted roads in the village, or work locally to find sustainable highway management plans for these roads in to the future. They have been a problem for years and will continue to be, unless there is a change of policy. I once spoke to a local Councillor who said that she wanted the Council to take them on, but they wouldn't. These can't be ignored forever and will only continue to be a problem. Dog fouling continues to be a problem, as it has been for years. This needs stronger enforcement. Question 7 in this questionnaire is worded wrongly in my opinion and encourages respondents to support option 1.

77	Nothing to add	12/14/2020 8:45 AM
78	The ideas of the pegs is a very serious health and safety issue , drowning , not suitable for disabled anglers at all with carers , unsuitable for community with kids , no health and safety has been thought of with pontoons on a fishing pool in a community area and may even temp people to swim in the pool use as diving boards	12/9/2020 6:45 PM
79	No	12/9/2020 8:23 AM
80	During lockdown and in school holidays use of area by pedestrians, cyclists, children and dogs increases. 100 an hour in lockdown. big increase in delivery vans. Consider one way traffic. Traffic calming.	12/8/2020 1:49 PM
81	The drainage off the golf course is obviously an issue that needs to be resolved if the pool is to be properly managed	12/7/2020 2:57 PM
82	As part of the Outdoor Education service, I would like to be able to assist/ work alongside the management plan with outr groups of local children/ My Options. Helping with the works could be used to help them gain their John Muir Award. We also have access to canoes and expertise to assist with litter removal and have helped in Town Park as birds become entangled in abandoned fishing lines	12/7/2020 1:22 PM
83	As a resident of Pool View, I am firstly concerned by the references to the 'unadopted highway' at the rear of our properties. To be clear, the section of road separating each house and garden sits within the legal red line ownership boundary of the houses and this is within our deeds. There is also no legal right of way for each house over this area of land. This makes the road an entirely private piece of land. Any plan which references this piece of land implies that this road may be used by the public which is untrue and we would prefer to discourage any members of the public to utilise this. We already have some issues with walkers and non resident cars driving down the back at some speed which is extremely tight and risks causing damage to owner's vehicles and property, not to mention young children who play between the houses and gardens. Secondly, the plan implies that residents have been previously consulted, we have not been consulted and we do not know of any residents who have been. It feels that this plan is very much designed to help local anglers and tourists and ignores residents. At present, we have two vehicles in our household as have many Pool View residents and park our cars at the front of the house, these two implied spaces would be in line with TWC's parking standards for 2 spaces for 2 or more bedrooms. Personally, we currently do not have any major issues with anglers parking as many are only parked up for a few hours however we have had a few isolated incidents over the last few years where we have been unable to park close to our house due to anglers parking and have had to unload shopping etc whilst temporarily parked in the highway. This blocks the road and can be stressful, however these have been isolated incidents. However, I am extremely concerned that the plan implies that more parking would be provided for anglers and it is unclear whether this would be along Pool View. As you can imagine, the road is already used for parking by residents as there is no other available parking spaces and any encouragement of anglers' parking at the expense of residents would not only anger residents but would ultimately devalue our houses. We recognise that when the cottages were constructed in 1750, car parking was not a necessity however today, parking is required and any new build homes would be provided with spaces in line with your parking standards. We are fully aware of many councils' wishes to encourage residents to become car free and the regular issues surrounding car parking on such local plans, however we currently feel that the lack of good enough public transport in the area means that car parking is still very much required. Furthermore, as an expectant mother, I am concerned that increased anglers parking outside Pool View would mean that I may often be unable to park at the front and this will be difficult to unload a baby and shopping etc outside my home to then move the car to somewhere where I can find parking. Therefore if the plan is to encourage further anglers to the area then we would welcome the introduction of permit only parking for residents along Pool View. Finally, although I welcome the opportunity for	12/6/2020 9:24 PM

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more careful management of the ecology and planting within the area, the introduction of more hard surfacing and additional street furniture including fishing pegs within the village green would ultimately go against the principles of the Horsehay and Spring Village Conservation Area appraisal which states the following "The leafy, soft landscaping around the Pool creates natural pockets of enclosure and some views across the Pool. Accumulative loss of trees and vegetation around the Pool would dramatically impact the scenery of the Conservation Area and the views and visual character of 'centre piece' that the Pool plays in the area." Any addition of hard surfaced areas would ultimately result in the loss of vegetation. I recognise that Option 2 is the best in terms of retaining the green feel of this area however I would be totally opposed to the large fishing pontoons which I believe are wholly unsuitable for the size of the pool and would also detract from the conservation area principles. I am very aware that at present the pontoons are badly managed and are left to ruin and I have no doubt that large pontoons would also be poorly maintained and would ultimately become extremely unsightly and dangerous as they fall into ruin as many of the other pegs have recently. Furthermore the location of the large pontoon off Pool View would exasperate my previous arguments.

84	I am pleased about these improvements, and hope that local residents opinions are listened to. When we were asked about the Horsehay Common plan the golf course was chosen and having spoken to several local residents I dont know anyone who voted for this option.	12/5/2020 4:43 PM
85	N/a	12/4/2020 10:21 PM
86	I think this is all in good intention but will not be used as intended. In all I believe if the residents are neglecting it now what is to make them care for it in the future.	12/4/2020 9:54 PM
87	I can not understand why the local angling club have not been consulted and it seems the council is bowing down to a few local residents	12/4/2020 5:02 PM
88	Seriously? Who dreamt this up ?	12/4/2020 3:44 PM
89	At least let TAA and anglers have a say or be involved in the creation of the management plan.	12/4/2020 3:21 PM
90	Taking note of residents concerns, not just those part of the friends of Horsehay pool, they do NOT represent all residents	12/4/2020 2:53 PM
91	No	12/4/2020 11:06 AM
92	Update the fishing pegs trim trees back and oust some bird stuff in . There are plenty of other water in Shropshire Telford like the flash that need work doing to them , like when was the last time the flash in priorslee de silted , the water is now only about 2 ft deep , who is going to look to the future when it will just be a mud hold because it's full of leaves and rubbish	12/4/2020 10:26 AM
93	Concerned we have a problem with poachers and other disrespects of the wildlife is anglers deter a lot of this behaviour I hope you all make a sensible decision	12/4/2020 10:20 AM
94	Don't take away a brilliant fishing pool	12/4/2020 8:34 AM
95	As a resident of the area, I feel privileged to live in such a beautiful place. I love the fact it is a local focal area where people choose to come and walk there dogs go for a run and a place where people can come relax and fish. I spend time chatting to people who are undertaking these activities and the increase amount of people challenging themselves on the T50 trail that passes through to enhance the pool and revitalise the area would be fabulous.	12/4/2020 7:57 AM
96	I would love night fishing to be allowed	12/4/2020 1:44 AM
97	I believe it would be good to encourage more usage of the pool, there is a large amount of people both open water swimming and paddle boarding, this pool I believe would be ideal for both activities, both of these would have zero impact on the biosphere and would help getting people active within the t&w area	12/3/2020 11:41 PM
98	Bigger healthier fish in the pool cleaned maintained healthier water for the fish	12/3/2020 11:15 PM
99	Stocking of some bigger carp 20lb+	12/3/2020 10:55 PM
100	Making the roadside pedestrian only would not help with parking for fishermen and visitors therefore alienating residents in local housing	12/3/2020 10:07 PM
101	N/a	12/3/2020 10:04 PM
102	None of the local residents were communicated with, only the groups and organisations mentioned in the report. Their views do not represent the majority of the people in the area.	12/3/2020 9:43 PM

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103	I hope the opinions of all are listened to and not just the west bank moaners	12/3/2020 8:12 PM
104	Also Great crested grebe have been visitors of the pool.	12/3/2020 7:31 PM
105	N/a	12/3/2020 5:42 PM
106	No	12/3/2020 2:40 PM
107	I would love a place where open swimming is an option rather than constant fishing pools that are everywhere. Fishermen seem to get priority over every pool. More people than ever want to experience open water swimming	12/3/2020 1:17 PM
108	Can I comment that the accessible pontoon on option 2 would be a good idea if everyone could be trusted to use it for its intended purpose. I think this would be open to abuse by non anglers.	12/3/2020 12:06 PM

Appendix 2

FW: Horsehay Pool & Bridge Road

1 message

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14 December 2020 at 10:19

For your info and review.

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Good morning Roger,

Thank you for getting back to me and letting me know about the proposals for widening and supporting the consultation process. I think that is all very positive and should encourage the involvement of local residents. I have no doubt that there will be a diversity of views!

Bridge Road.

I have attached two plans, one showing the roadway as it is at the moment and the other showing the most recent proposal based on the work I've done and the discussions I've had with various people over the last three years.

These plans were drawn up for the Parish Council by Pat Davies, one of the members of the FOHPE. Pat did draw up two alternative proposals and I believe those are the ones that Red Kite received. I don't think you received the proposed version that I am sending to you now.

There are a number of reasons why this proposal is my preferred option.

- It connects up the roadway with the under-used green space.
- It reorients those areas towards the pool.
- It facilitates practical disabled access for the whole site.
- It affirms the space as a pedestrianised social area.
- It creates a sufficiently large open space in the best position by the pool, suitable for appropriate social gatherings and community use.
- It recognises and takes into account the topography and natural growth in the area by locating the main social area at the Eastern end of the site.
- It recognises the need for parking but locates it in the most convenient and least intrusive location.
- It maintains a safe through route for pedestrians.
- It provides a view of the pool that is accessible for children and visitors in wheelchairs or mobility scooters.
- It provides a safely enclosed area that separates it from the new Bridge Road.

There are various factors and practicalities involved in making this plan a reality and I would be happy to discuss those with you. The cost, funding sources and the sequence of any implementation are significant. I do not see this as a quickly achievable plan but I would prefer to be ambitious and I see it as something that is fundamentally worthwhile. I hope it would meet a consensus of opinion as part of the consultation process.

I would very much like to meet with you, Debbie and representatives from Red Kite to clarify these proposals as part of the overall Management Plan. I think a socially distanced site meeting is the best way initially in order to clarify the points I have made above.

I am available at any reasonable time for the foreseeable future - that's one of the side effects of coronavirus.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes,

Dave Hopkins.

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Bridge Road Proposed Plan 2020.pdf

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Bridge Road Existing Plan 2020.pdf

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Criteria	Comment
1. Welcoming	Agreed 'streetscene' needs to be uncluttered with a consistency of materials and design for furniture
2. Access	Please see Traffic Management Plan document
3. Signage	Agreed 'streetscene' needs to be uncluttered with a consistency of materials and design for furniture. Must not be turned into sign city.
4. Access	Agreed, provision needs to comply fully with DDA
5. Provision of facilities and activities	Point made previously re street furniture, definite need for plan to manage geese numbers
6. Safe equipment and facilities	Surveys are a good idea, there will need to be maintenance fund to carry out necessary repairs, whatever improvements are made must be maintained. Fishing peg location needs to be determined by the Traffic Plan, the Fisheries Plan, Ecology Plan and the overarching Health and Safety Plan for the site
7. Personal Security	Street lighting is considered in the Traffic Management Plan document
8. Dog fouling	Agreed
9. Litter & waste management	Fly tipping is an issue as mentioned; as well as sporadic incidents elsewhere around the Pool.
10. Grounds Maintenance	No chemicals should be used in the whole of the Conservation Area (only exception would be the use under licence to treat pernicious weeds).
11. Arboriculture/woodland management	Tree removal for 'viewing' purposes must be considered carefully, and must not destroy natural habitats and the eco system. Deadwood for habitat is essential as well as selected trees fallen into the water must be left as they are a haven for wildlife and fish. Appreciably they should not be left near to fishing pegs.
12. Buildings and infrastructure	Erosion of the road edge is serious issue and covered off in the Traffic Plan Suggestions document An absolute priority is the drainage pollution into the Pool at the northern end. This has been going on since 2015, which is far too long raw sewage is discharging into the Pool. Alarming it has been evidenced that sewage poses a potential COVID-19 transmission risk. Re; www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2020/05/200506133603.htm
13.	
14. Environment impact	Regular and consistent water quality monitoring is essential. The results need to be known and interpreted, with any corrective recommendations made. Reedbed species choice needs to be appropriate and non invasive
15.	
16. Chemicals	No chemical policy for the Conservation Area. Glyphosate carries health risks to humans and wildlife.
17.	
18. Climate change	This is important and an area that can really engage the local community

Analysis and Evaluation Feedback

19. Conservation of natural features	All valid points. Unsure about bird feeding station; who will manage it? It will attract vermin. Some gardens have bird feeders for wild birds, possibly a programme to kick start bird stations in gardens for those who don't have them.
20. Conservation of landscape features	Water study is essential, ingress and egress. Does the Pool leak? The level changes in the summer are excessive and not just transpiration. Possible leak at the dam?
21. Conservation of buildings and structures	Any changes to the parapet must consider impact on the eco system and water body. This proposal needs considering as part of the whole plan and not in isolation
22. Community involvement	Effective dialogue is critical, allowing two-way communication.
23.	
24. Marketing & Promotion	It is probably most appropriate that the Parish Council is the catalyst for a marketing plan and communications including social media. This activity can be delegated to specific user groups within strict policy guidelines; to ensure that social media conduct is appropriate.
25.	
26.	
27. Implementation of plan	Fish stock assessment should be part of the Fisheries Policy

Friends of Horsehay Pool Response to Management Plan

Executive Summary

We are delighted to receive a copy of the Council's draft Management Plan for Horsehay Pool and its environs. As you know this Group was established in 2018 and from the outset of our formation, we wanted to see a management plan for the area.

Our aim as a Group is "To assist with the development and maintenance of Horsehay pool and Environs, including wildlife, habitats, fisheries, heritage and infrastructure of the area". The majority of the draft Management Plan supports these aims.

This area sits within the Telford and Wrekin designated Horsehay and Spring Village Conservation Area, which should be a special place. Currently though, much of the area looks shabby, run down and neglected. The maintenance that takes place is ok but typically 'municipal' and not becoming of a conservation area that needs special attention.

There are of course many considerations when developing the Management Plan, and a balance will need to be met taking into account the differing needs and requirements of residents, visitors and users of the area.

In general, we are happy with all of the recommendations and options that see the area enhanced for residents, anglers, visitors and wildlife. We consider that the area could be considerably enhanced with better planting, footpaths, signage and furniture (including fishing pegs). There is of course no one answer and the best and most appropriate proposals in the draft management plan should be used.

Our response includes the following;

Executive Summary

Analysis and evaluation comments (contained in the main document)

Proposed Traffic Management Plan

Proposed Fishing Policy

Review of Design Options

Either within, or as separate 'sub-documents' we believe there is a need for specific strategic documents. In draft, and only as a start we include two – Traffic Management Plan and Fishing Policy. These areas and others (eg Ecology Plan) are significant and do not want to be just 'lost' in the main body of the document.

In our response to you we have taken a fairly high-level approach, to dive straight into the detail may well deflect from the important strategic decisions that need taking. That's not to say the detail isn't important and the Friends Group are more than happy to help with the development of the detail required, as and when.

We note that not included in the document are Section 8 Concept Masterplan Options and Section 9 Action Plan and Monitoring & Evaluation.

The Action Plan will need to consider funding arrangements. It is likely that the proposed improvements will incur considerable expenditure and other than the Pocket Park and Bridge Road funding there is no known funding available.

A few specific items follow and are for consideration;

Pocket Park Scheme Plan

The Friends Group secured Pocket Park Funding of £15000 direct from Central Government in February 2020. With funds from Dawley Hamlets Parish Council and the Friends Group the overall spend on the Pocket Park will exceed £21k. This was a fantastic achievement for the area.

Clearly the Covid 19 Pandemic has curtailed implementation but this has to be fast tracked in 2021, otherwise funding will be lost for this. This would be a travesty and must not be allowed to happen.

Severn Trent

There has been a sewerage leakage into the north end of the pool for many years. This has not been addressed in the plan. We consider this is a serious omission and should be a top priority for resolution. This is a health and safety hazard and an environmental catastrophe for the Pool and its ecology. Various dates have been rumoured about a plan to secure a solution to this issue and these need to be set out firmly in the plan and implemented with minimum delay.

Accessibility

The roads around the Pool and Spring Village are all extremely narrow. Some are private and many are unadopted. Most are in a poor state of repair. There are no footpaths in the area. There is limited off road parking for many of the properties nearest to the pool. There is very limited parking for anglers and visitors. This creates safety issues for residents, anglers, visitors and pedestrians. The Telford 50 long distance footpath uses most of the roads in the area, this is not safe. Our Proposed Traffic Management Plan aims to minimise risks and inconveniences associated with this.

Ecology Plan

This is referred to but not included, we would like to see this and consider it should be included within the plan.

Bridge Road Plans

This area is presently an eyesore. This is a further development plan that has been around for several years. We understand that monies have been secured by Dawley Hamlets Parish Council for improvement to the area. Some drawings are contained

within the report but no context, implementation dates etc are included. This is a major pool frontage and needs to be prioritised for improvement.

Green Flag Assessment

We are in total agreement that the Green Flag standard should be used as a measure to evaluate the location and our response to the points raised is included.

Options for Development

We have considered each of the development options set out in the Management Plan and our review comments are forwarded.

Fwd: FW: Horsehay pool

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19 January 2021 at 10:49

Chris

Can you save this to the file as well so we can include in the final report.

Thanks, Nat

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Hi Nat.

Can you add the below to the consultation response please.

Thanks.

Roger

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Subject: Horsehay pool

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Good evening, firstly let me introduce myself I'm Jon Portman and I am chairman of Telford Angling Association who rent the water in question.

Unfortunately TAA do not agree with the fishing side of the management plan.

We as a Association see no reason why the pegs can't be kept in the positions they are.

I'm aware as I've spoken to the chairman of the friends group by email and phone that when I asked him out right if they wanted fishing pegs in front of the houses he said it's not everyone's view but he does.

He then said it was to do with traffic and to my horror even tries to blame it on covid for the reasons why.

TAA have not been able to use most of the pegs on the lake due to council putting a stop on us doing any maintenance, yes only a few pegs available to fish but again not our doing .

Traffic is a problem and with it being a narrow road due to residents parking (which they have every right to do) the the risk of the 30mph limit increases so if a traffic calming measures were put in place to slow the speed down this would greatly stop the risk of any incidents.

By not having pegs on the West side would not stop traffic as this is not caused by anglers.

As regards to Covid and anglers distance of the 2m rule this idea is ludicrous.

The narrow road now means people walking past each other walking there dogs or cycling are a lot closer than 2m than anglers are to the general public so this idea really is clasping at straws and shows that the minority and it is a minority or residents don't want the pegs or fishing on the Pool.

TAA also manage the pool not just fish it, the new pegs would be recycled anti slip plastic and does not effect the water quality at all, the pegs as approved by the council on our project at Apley Pool fits in well with the surrounding area and the Friends of Apley Woods who work well with TAA are very happy.

As for the water itself TAA stock the water with fish which helps with the ecosystem, wildlife eat the fish, other fish in the pool eat fish and other inhabitants rely on the fish to live, if fish don't get introduced then the ecosystem starts to fail.

Catching fish also give us information on how healthy the lake is and gives us a record of the stock of the lake to which we would act on if the lake needed re stocking or not.

Sustainability is easy as we maintain and look after the pegs vegetation, water quality and the wildlife.

Pollution is often seen with the fish first and our water keepers have been trained by the Shropshire wildlife team to take regular water samples to make sure conditions are OK.

Poaching is another big thing in Telford with organised gangs coming from the West Midlands to take fish and wildfowl.

We work with the rural crimes officers Sian and they come out with us at night to help us protect our waters and even the council enforcement team have come along as the problems are getting worse to the point even our water keeper got beaten up just over a month ago trying to protect our lakes.

So why change the pegs, the pontoon idea is a disaster waiting to happen as we would never get insurance for that and would cause all sorts of issues as this would attract trouble, we couldn't even do a risk assessment of health and safety on it.

Pegs being located to other banks just isn't practical as this is the very shallow end of the pool where fishing is poor, the fact people mentioned dredging would cost 1000s and the money is best spent elsewhere.

Putting all disabled in one area can't happen, I'm a level 2 Angling Coach and I also set up a group called Access to Angling, we coach people with disabilities, special needs and mental health issues.

Alot of people can't be around crowded areas as they want to get away from this to have peace and a stress free day, not every disability is in a wheelchair.

Angling is the only sport allowed at present as the Government see it as a massive wellbeing factor to help people through this pandemic and this management plan is trying to do the opposite of that.

What we want to know is what benefit is it taking away the pegs that are already there, its much cheaper to just replace the original pegs and use the money to good use elsewhere like the traffic plan.

Everything else on the plan is fine and we agree.

This is TAA's response to the management plan and I hope it gets taken into consideration as we are the only part of this that actually pays rent.

Kind regards

Jon Portman

Chairman

Telford Angling Association

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FW: Horsehay Pool Consultation

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9 December 2020 at 12:23

Hi Nat.

Can you add to the feedback information.

Thanks.

Roger

From: Holly Astle <holly.astle@hotmail.com>
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Hi there,

I have previously provided a survey response to the consultation paper via the appropriate method.

However, on further reflection I wish to request that the map indicating land ownership and highways on page 6 is updated to reflect my previous comments regarding the land at the rear of the Pool View properties. This is incorrectly labelled as an unadopted highway, as previously stated this is wrong and implies that although 'unadopted', the road could be seen as a public right of way. As I have previously declared, the land is split into individual parcels which each sit within the ownership boundary of the house immediately adjacent to it, this therefore makes the stretch of land entirely private, although an informal private right of way exists over this road purely to provide access across each ownership boundary to the residents' homes.

Therefore I would request that the map is updated to show this stretch as blue (private land) which runs from the private chip shop car park back to Pool View. Following discussion with other residents, we are very unhappy to see that this is shown as unadopted as we are concerned it will further encourage members of the public to use the road as a shortcut or 'ratrun' from the chip shop rather than going back around the pool.

My other comments remain regarding parking and the options shown for the village green and pool and whilst I fully welcome careful management of the pool area and some of the options shown, I would appreciate if you could action this particular

comment.

If you have any comments then I would be happy to discuss.

Kind Regards,

Holly Astle

Pool View Resident

07919 685915

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Dawley Hamlets Parish Council.

Horsehay Pool Management Plan.

Response to Consultation Document

January 2021.

The Parish Council welcomes the opportunity to respond to the Management plan for Horsehay Pool. They believe that the pool and the surrounding area has many qualities and the management plan provides the means to identify those qualities and enhance them. It is also necessary to clearly recognise problems and concerns and seek the best ways to deal with them.

The public consultation is a good opportunity to involve anyone with an interest in the area to contribute to making improvements.

The Parish Council is involved with other groups in the area and has worked with them in the past. Parish Councillors are represented on the Friends Group, FOHPE, and all Councillors have seen the response to the consultation provided by them. Their response has been discussed and the Parish Council has agreed to endorse it.

The Parish Council has committed funding to the Pocket Park initiative and hope that the management plan will lead to early progress with it's development.

Councillor David Hopkins has provided a response which has been discussed by the Parish Council who have agreed to endorse it. The Parish council have been involved in the proposals for the development of the Old Bridge Road since 2017 and have committed funding to support it. They hope that the management plan will enable progress to be made with this project.

We request that this document is recorded as the official response from Dawley Hamlets Parish Council and that the submissions from FOHPE and Councillor Hopkins form part of our overall response.

Response from FOHPE to the Section 7.0 Sketch Options of the HORSEHAY POOL MANAGEMENT PLAN DRAFT: INTERIM REPORT

Looking carefully at all three options offered, it is clear that all three offer a variety of solutions to all the problems and concerns discussed over the last couple of years between stakeholders, interested parties and individuals. The need to protect the 'natural' environment and safely enhance biodiversity is paramount and a driving force in the Friend's Group response. The Covid -19 Pandemic and guidelines given by the current government, since the April completion of the Draft: Interim Report, has to temper our response to some of the detailed suggestions in chapter 7.0. We need to keep each user safe and encompass a desire to attend to as many environmental opportunities and challenges. A few suggestions to modify the options are listed below, with item numbers relating directly to those listed in the report.

7.1 Sketch Option 1

Key features

1. Subject to a detail level survey and soil makeup determination, the wildlife pond and concomitant marginal planting would be a welcome asset, however the area envisaged on the plan, could be better placed within the lower area adjacent to the most northerly water inlet. Water rarely runs into the main body of the pool from this inlet. (see sketch plan produced by friend's group (page 28).
2. A surfaced path around the site would offer necessary protection for pedestrians as Pool View, New Row and Poolside, although adopted by the local Authority, are well below normal acceptable width standards (as narrow as 4.75metres). we are concerned about the practicalities of creating a minimum 1.2metre path on top of the existing vegetated pool embankment along the road edge on the West side without causing habitat disturbance and great expense. Path modification in the northern area and creation within the broad grass verge on the eastern side seems a good solution.
4. The installation of footpath on west side of pool would require relocation of some fishing pegs and with the new east side footpath it makes sense to position some as shown on plan (4). Elsewhere in the report the Angling comments suggest that the pool in this location would require some dredging to aid fishing.
6. A simple solution to allow views across the pool at the higher level south of the old Bridge Road will offer the opportunity to have safe seating/picnic benches on the adjacent flat grassland.
7. This needs to be combined in design with all other outdoor seating/signage and in keeping with the area that is locally considered as a quite backwater and potential haven for wildlife rather than a busy town park – less is more as the saying goes.
10. The creation of an island should be promoted as a safe haven for breeding indigenous waterfowl, free from vermin intrusion. It will need initial protection, in the detail, from invading Canada Geese intrusion and disturbance.

11. Reed planting to deter the pool presence of Canada Geese access would need to be positioned against adjacent embankment. Canada Geese prefer to exit and enter water bodies on foot, if they are to establish a near permanent residency. Reed planting against an embankment (once initial protection is given and established) will deter their preferred access and together with other initiatives, like reducing short grass areas for feeding, numbers of geese should greatly reduce long-term. This would give native waterfowl species a fighting chance to survive and increase numbers.
12. The proposed picnic area surfacing dominates the grass area to the North West of the pool margin, with Covid-19 probably available to catch for many years to come, would like to see more discreet locations for picnic facilities. Rather than a shared walking and seating zone, minor pathways leading from the main walkway route would give better mental welfare for users and a simple, more private option for those choosing to use the site.
13. A 'Natural Play' trail, although a positive tick for 'Green Flag' accreditation in the future, could be seen to encourage noisy/active play in this more sedate area and is probably best catered for within the established play area to the North East sector of the Conservation Area outside the limit of this Management Plan

7.2 Sketch Option 2

Key features

3. The 'all Access' fishing points as suggested would allow proper establishment of poolside planting without the existing, numerous interruptions of fishing stations and the inevitable periodic cutting back of vegetation allowed in the current fishing license agreement for a few metres each side of each station. Much easier to manage than present arrangement, but not sure if the normal and private 'Fishing Experience' would be satisfied. It can be noted that on most days throughout the year only 2-3 fishing stations are used regularly. Match days and sunny holidays tend to see more numbers.
10. Reedbed comments for Option 1. Apply again, although reed planting north of pontoon (3) would help to filter periodic sewage penetration until Severn Trent undertake their planned works to rectify the situation.
11. Picnic area would need to be further spaced out with at least one picnic table being accessed by a spur paved pathway to accommodate wheelchair access, especially after rain. Wildflower/ long grass and bulb planting in this area would greatly improve biodiversity of the site and is on the Friend's wish list..

7.3 Sketch Option 3

Key features

1. New surfaced footpath system would benefit pedestrian safety.

3. Spreading the fishing positions around the pool in a more organised way would be an improvement on the current situation. This option unfortunately does not offer the creation of shallow pond/marginal bog area for amphibian breeding etc., This is a core requirement of the Friend's Group objective for ecological improvements and Biodiversity.
8. Question the extent of the picnic paved area and, although welcome a disabled fishing car park, would need to look at the exact location. As currently shown it is perhaps too close to the existing 'Blind Bend'.

Note** Additional note required to be shown on this option to show areas of potential reed planting.

Response to Horsehay Pool Management Plan

Water Quality & Quantity.

Water analysis needs to continue to be monitored as summer pollutant levels are likely to be higher. This was originally monitored in February where water levels were lower. Water levels have dropped substantially over recent years with summer levels remaining below the outfall for many Months. In 2015 reports of sewage outfall was reported and this has led to future works from STW to supply mains services where septic tanks still remain. Still outstanding. The water quality was affected due to water levels dropping and no fresh water to flush pollutants.

Water levels in the area are cause for concern the flow entering Horsehay Pool (which has substantial capacity) appears to be less in recent years but an increase is seen in other nearby pools this is being investigated currently. It points to the possibility that the feed into these areas has been changed. This needs to be completed for the long term health of Horsehay Pool.

Roads

There should be a speed restriction around the pool. Pedestrians and vehicles use all the road width. There have been many incidents of birds being killed by speeding vehicles added to this an increase of users/visitors and dog walkers over the last 12 months has highlighted the problem.

It is very evident that the verges (uncurbed) are collapsing into the pool opposite Old Row.

Past attempts to repair the surfaces on the unadopted roads from members funds has been for patching the worst potholes, this cannot be seen as the long term solution. The status of the highways around the pool are confusing as some are currently defined as restricted Byways on TWC definitive map. The roads need to be re-classified and adopted to ensure consistency and future maintenance is achieved.

Angling

A full fish stock survey should be completed.

The peg numbers should reflect the actual capacity versus impact upon ecology. The responses from TAA mention the 16 peg licence. What are these numbers based upon or are they historic?

There should be a review of the full licence conditions to ensure that it will comply with Conservation Area management Plan and the Horsehay Pool Management Plan and to include elected representatives. I believe that before any licence is issues this be completed and that there should be a maximum of 3 year in the first instance.

TWC own the pool and set the licence conditions and are currently the only body to ensure proper use. Residents have experienced many instances of overnight fishing, inappropriately parked vehicles and because the pool is in close proximity to residential properties some inappropriate behaviour due to lack of toilet facilities. There has been no clear lines of

communication regarding requirements of the licence and impact from clearance of vegetation or use of materials during construction of new pegs. This must be a formal process and conditioned through the licence which is adhered too going forward. First and foremost this is a designated Conservation Area and all proposals should comply including building pegs.

The requirements of anglers is very clear that each peg must have a 10M clearance of vegetation which would see on current numbers 160M loss of poolside vegetation impacting upon habitat.

My concern is that this pool is like no other in that it is surrounded by residential properties and not isolated the issues as I have stated above have led to division between residents and anglers.

Parking

Many anglers park behind the pegs which often causes problems for residents and also damages the verges and grassed areas. This is why some have put rocks out to deter parking. Disabled access pegs will need to be positioned where parking is appropriate and marked/designated.

Signage

We need to ensure that all signage is appropriate and complies with planning in conservation terms to reflect the Conservation Area which may include historic/ecology/parish/ fishing information boards to avoid excessive numbers which could clutter the area. Old rusty signs are inappropriately nailed to trees on the entrance by the chip shop.

The options proposed do include a number of good suggestions but some which could conflict with residents

Parking, affecting residents.

Fishing pontoons would severely impact on the views of the pool for residents and visitors alike as the whole pool is visible from any one point. They are too dominant in the landscape.

Proposed disabled pegs where children currently feed wildlife this would certainly cause annoyance to anglers and families.

Horsehay Pool could and should be well managed but not manicured to retain some wildness and offers an opportunity to enhance the ecology and environmental benefit. Conservation and improvement of habitat in this residential area will be a fine balance but needs careful constructive communication between all partners to achieve it.

Cllr Jayne Greenaway

Ward Member for Horsehay & Lightmoor