

Canal Basin Project Consultation

Stakeholders:

Residents
Neighbourhood Policing Team
Whittle-Le-Woods Parish Council
Chorley Borough Council
Lancashire County Council
Lancashire Wildlife Trust

Residents to consult with:

133 – 205 Chorley Old Road PR6 7NB
2 – 44 Derek Road PR6 7LZ
14 – 30 Mill Lane PR6 7LX

Consultation period

05/08/2020 – 04/09/2020

Background

The Parish Council have been involved for some time in monitoring the landfill site known as Clayton Hall Landfill. The Council have worked with Quercia, Clayton-Le-Woods Parish Council and Chorley Borough Council for a number of years to resolve the issues caused by the land fill (namely foul odours affecting the village)

In 2018 Whittle-Le-Woods Parish Council requested that some of the landfill tax paid by Quercia be used to fund a project to benefit the village of Whittle-Le-Woods as recompense for the issues tolerated for such a long time.

Councillor Eric Bell in particular championed the provision of the grant for Whittle. The grant was eventually agreed and the funds are now available for a project to go ahead.

There are conditions with regard to the use of the funding:
It must be a community project, for the overall benefit of the majority of the residents of the village.
The project must be carried out by Lancashire Wildlife Trust.
The funding is wholly controlled by ENTRUST

With these considerations in mind the Parish Council has carefully considered the best use of the funding on the little green space available in the village.

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The Project

The project to both add something useful back to the Community, and to celebrate the history of the Canal evolved into the potential plan to create a seating & raised planting area in the shape of a canal barge and position it along the Old Canal Basin, close to the play area and Community Garden.

Attachments

Location plan

Sketch of the Canal Barge (planting / seating space)

Notes

The drawing and plans are approximate and not to scale

Key – plan

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Community Garden – already in situ, for the benefit of everyone in Whittle-Le-Woods



Canal Barge – raised planting areas in the bows of the barge, and a seating space on either side, in the middle of the barge. All made from wood. The plan is to plant bog vegetation and flowers to replicate what would have grown near to the canal.



2 x Flower beds – 1 on ground level, and 1 raised in a triangular shape to allow access from all sides. The Community will be encouraged to nurture and care for the plants once established.