

**RABBIT INGS REGENERATION
SCHEME**

**LUND HILL LANE, NEAR ROYSTON,
BARNSELY**

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

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1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 Outline Design

- 1.1.1 The schematic or outline design from which the detailed design for this application has been produced was the subject of an earlier public consultation exercise by Yorkshire Forward, the project sponsor.
- 1.1.2 The public consultation exercise took the form of a public exhibition showing a number of different schemes including schemes with a very intense usage with facilities for motor sports. The overwhelming public demand expressed at the exhibition was for the scheme numbered as 'Option 2' for relaxed and less intensive uses of walking, ecology, riding, education and leisure cycling, specifically excluding any forms of motor activity.

1.2 Tender, Detailed Design and Construction

- 1.2.1 'Option 2' formed the basis of the tender, Phase 1 design and Phase 2 construction processes.
- 1.2.2 The Carillion/WYG partnership has adopted the local organisation of Groundwork Dearne Valley (Groundwork) into the partnership as the public face of the consultation process and is the organisation that is actively working with other local organisations and people at the site.
- 1.2.3 Phase 2 of Rabbit Ings will be the construction stage which will be undertaken by Carillion subject to there being a new and valid planning permission in place, and subject to agreement of the target cost for the scheme. Ongoing consultation with the local community will be undertaken by the contractor and Groundwork Dearne Valley.
- 1.2.4 Part of the detailed design process is the consultation with a variety of organisations, businesses and local residents.

1.3 Consultees

- 1.3.1 The section below headed 'Consultations' lists the voluntary consultees that have been approached during the design period.

2 CONSULTATIONS

2.1.1 The table below names the voluntary consultees and details the form of those consultations.

Consultee	Nature of Consultation
Royston & Carlton Community Partnership	The Liaison Manager (Steven Brudenell of Carillion) and the Community Project Officer (Mick Birkinshaw of Groundwork) made a presentation to the assembled Community Partnership comprising the R&CCP Board and members of the public in April 2008 The presentation included the programme for the project, a slide presentation of the latest draft designs and details of the summer ecological walks and summer galas hosted by the Community Project Officer.
Shafton Parish Council	The Liaison Manager and the Community Project Officer made a presentation to the assembled Parish Council comprising the parish councillors and members of the public in January 2008. The assembly was informed about the project and about the advance planning application for the importation of restoration soils for which there is now a valid planning permission.
Ryhill Parish Council	The Community Project Officer made a presentation to the assembled Parish Council in July 2008. Details of the project and the project timetable were given and questions were taken from the assembly.
Havercroft Parish Council	The Community Project Officer made a presentation to the assembled Parish Council in July 2008. Details of the project and the project timetable were given and questions were taken from the assembly.
Friends of Rabbit Ings	A group of local like-minded individuals have formed the 'Friends' and meetings have been held between the Friends and the project team to discuss the detail and the progress of the project. From the meetings within the Friends, there have been two proposals submitted to the design team that have been incorporated into the design following discussions between the parties. A proposal containing a number of different elements for disabled access was submitted by Jane Wilby and a proposal for planting was submitted by Tim Kohler of the Wakefield Biodiversity Group.
Barnsley Biodiversity Trust	The Community Project Officer made a presentation to the Barnsley Biodiversity Trust in summer 2008. Relevant details of the project and the project timetable were given and questions were taken about biodiversity.
Public Display	During the planning application determination period, a public display will be held in Royston for the local residents to view the project.
Adjoining Businesses and Residents	The neighbours of the project will be circulated details of the overall design during the planning application determination period and will be invited to the public display in Royston
Council of the City of Wakefield	Representatives of Wakefield First have regularly attended steering group meetings and provided input in relation to the design of the scheme.

Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council	Pre-application meetings have been held with the planning case officer and other council departments during the preparation of the scheme. The planning case officer did not participate in the steering group meetings but other representatives of the council attended as appropriate.
Police	There is continual liaison and dialogue between the Community Project Officer and the local police regarding the potential public nuisance element generated by the presence of the site itself. The nuisance tends to be theft, vandalism, motor cycle riders and 4x4 drivers. The newly erected perimeter fence has stopped 4x4 use and much of the motor cycle nuisance. The police have spent time at the site and their presence has been a successful deterrent against much theft and vandalism.
British Cycling	The Liaison Manager met with British Cycling on site to discuss the possibility of a cycle racing circuit and a mountain bike track to a standard that would be a significant regional facility and with supposedly significant funding from British Cycling to construct the two projects. The proposals were rejected by the Rabbit Ings Steering Group as funding from British Cycling would not be able to be guaranteed to enable a design to be included in the proposed planning application given that Yorkshire Forward had experience elsewhere on difficulties and delays in grants being delivered. Additionally, the outcome of the original consultation process for the project was that the design of the site should be for relaxed uses of walking, ecology, riding, education and leisure cycling as opposed to competitive cycling.
Royston Football Club Dynamos	The Liaison Manager has consulted with Bill Horner, the chairman of Royston Dynamos, regarding the sizing of the four football pitches and confirming the need for the four pitches.

3 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

3.1.1 The table below names the community consultees and details the form of those consultations.

Schools	Local schools have been involved with the project over the past year, but this has tended to be in the form of tree planting and outdoor classrooms rather than a consultation exercise.
Summer Galas	During the summer Groundwork erected a marquee and display stands at both the Carlton Gala and the Havercroft & Ryhill Gala to show the proposals for the site together with historic photographs of the colliery and railways, and current photographs of wildlife on the site.
Vox	The group called 'Vox' had a meeting over the summer period which was attended by the Community Project Officer who made a presentation of the project. Questions were taken from the assembly. Vox is a community empowerment network working with Wakefield MDC to allow local people to get local issues heard by local and national government through the local sustainable Communities Act, with particular relevance to South Hiendley, Ryhill and Havercroft for the project.