

AYLESTONE COMMUNITY MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 28 AUGUST 2019

Aylestone Baptist Church, Lutterworth Road, Leicester, LE2 8PE

NO	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>ACTION REQUESTED AT MEETING</u>
1.	INTRODUCTIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	<p>In the absence of Aylestone Ward Councillors the meeting continued as an informal briefing session for those present.</p> <p>The Community Engagement Officer led the introductions and introduced the officers present.</p>
2.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	<p>Apologies were received from Councillor Adam Clarke, Alan and Ann Sturgess.</p>
3.	ACTION LOG OF LAST MEETING	<p>The Action Log from the Ward Community Meeting held on 31 January 2019 will be presented at the next meeting scheduled for 27 November 2019.</p>
4.	PROPOSED RAMP - MARSDEN LANE CAR PARK / GREAT CENTRAL WAY	<p>Louise Seymour, Head of Development Projects, Leicester City Council, presented visuals of the proposed Marsden Lane ramp (attached for information).</p> <p>It was explained that a planning application for the ramp would be submitted in the next three to four weeks, and as part of the consultation process had been brought to the Aylestone Ward Community Meeting.</p> <p>The following information was provided:</p> <p>The ramp would go from Great Central Way (GCW) to Marsden Lane car park to provide ramp access for all, including pedestrians, cyclists, wheelchairs and scooter users but it would not replace the steps in situ. It would be located just south of the farm and east of the car park area. The proposed ramp would be large due to the height difference between the canal and car park and the need to achieve a 1:15 gradient. There would be a three-metre flat area every nine meters of the ramp to assist those pushing wheelchair, prams etc.</p> <p>The ramp will be timber and is considered sympathetic to its environment. The timber will have a</p>

high level of fire-retardant treatment and has been designed by engineers with maintenance and durability in mind. The ramp would be sectional ramp so the chances of it all burning was extremely unlikely.

The following questions were raised and responses by officers given:

Will they fill the sides of the ramp for the safety of children?

The ramp will be designed safely. At its highest part it will have a 1.4metre parapet. The current design is an artist's impression and will be built to building control and safety standards.

Is it comparable to the Everards bridge?

We have been told it is very similar.

Will there be any bollards or anything as on occasion people come across on quad bikes?

There will not be bollards as it would also cause an obstruction for wheelchairs, scooters and pushchairs. Anti-social behaviour cannot be designed out in this sort of structure as it will affect accessibility and has to be designed to minimum width.

Given that is going to improve access, the car park is very small and overflowing into the street. What provisions are going to be made for that as the access will naturally attract more people? Also the stables will be in full public view and security issues need addressing.

There is already access to the GCW and there were no plans to change the car park. There was ongoing consultation on the ramp and there will be a planning application to comment on. Council officers will liaise with the owner of the stable site, and the users.

There is a gate at either end in Everards meadow. I noticed all mothers with prams and cyclists were closing the gate behind them. Still with access for all in mind could there be a gate on this bridge?

This was noted and it was agreed that this could be looked at, however it would need to remain accessible to wheelchair and scooter users.

I live on Marsden Lane and do see motorbikes, but I am supportive of the ramp. Could it be closed at the end of each day?

It would not be possible to close it at the end of the day as it was public access. The gate suggestion could be looked at with the designer..

There aren't many car spaces in the car park and we don't want it expanding.

There were no plans to expand the car park.

On behalf of Aylestone Meadows Appreciation Society, and as a result of lobbying the Council for the ramp, it is the right thing to do for everybody to have access to GCW and other access points to Aylestone Meadows Country Park, but it is recognised there are difficulties and problems with motorcyclists and problems up GCW all night.

Motorcyclists would still be able to access GCW at other points.

A mobility scooter would not have been able to use the gate at Everards Bridge. Could a more wheelchair-friendly gate be used?

Options would be looked into but it may be a gate cannot be used.

If the full planning application is made in September, when do you intend to start to build and how long will it take?

Following the planning application there would be a tender process for contracts that would probably take about four to six months, so would not be on site until January / February 2020. Hopefully the ramp would be complete by this time next year.

In the public notices in the Leicester Mercury it was stated some footpaths in Aylestone Meadows were closing but did not say why?

The pathways were closes temporarily while there was some re-levelling work in areas near to pebble beach to GCW.

People were in favour of the ramp but has got to work for everybody. It would not be fair if comments regarding the stables weren't taken on board.

Any development would not be perfect for everybody, but officers took steps to try and mitigate issues. Other options had been looked at. Initially the first choice was to take the ramp from the other side of the car park but this wasn't technically feasible for a number of reasons, including the loss of a lot of vegetation. A number of options had been considered

		<p>prior to the current option being put forward</p> <p>Once an application had been made, planning officers will look at planning issues and people's objections.</p> <p><i>Was there a significant reason why the ramp was being put from the car park? People could drive to another area to access the GCW with buggies and wheelchairs.</i></p> <p>The ramp was being placed from the car park to give access to more people to this area. Consideration was given to provide a ramp for cyclists, wheelchair use – access for all.</p> <p>The fears of parking issues had been noted and could be address during the planning process. Highways would be consulted in their statutory role.</p>
5.	<p>TRAFFIC AND HIGHWAYS UPDATE</p>	<p>Rupert Bedder, Highway's Network Asset Manager, was present to provide an update on actions raised at the last Ward Community Meeting and information on highways developments in the Ward.</p> <p>The following points were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action Point from the meeting on 31 January 2019 – Enterprise Cars had been reported for discharging water across icy pavements. A notice under section 163 of the Highways Act had been sent to the company, and no further complaints had been received. If there were further issues, the notice would be reissued and then monitored after the 28 days expired to gather evidence. A reminder would be sent to make them aware that legal action was being considered. • Surface dressing and patching had been undertaken on Soar Valley Way, Milligan Road and Aylestone Drive. • At Montrose School a 20mph zone and traffic calming had been implemented on Milligan Road. • Officers were aware of issues in the Aylestone Park area, Grace Road and surrounding streets, and were in the process of installing double yellow lines within 10metres of junctions. In conjunction with Saffron residents, officers were looking at residents only parking orders during events. General designs in affected areas and nearby streets would go out for consultation in 2020. • It was noted that T20 matches caused many

		<p>issues. Parking Enforcement teams had been instructed to be more present around T20 and nearby streets. Also, the Team had taken photos at problem junctions at the last T20 on 7th August 2019 and again on 23rd August 2019. A total of 12 tickets were issued at the last match. The police were on standby for dangerous issues and could be contacted on 101 if inconsiderate parking caused an obstruction.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On Percy Road there were issues with people wanting dropped kerbs. There would be a policy review and potential opportunities which may arise from a wider area parking scheme. Allowing parallel or angled parking potentially increased the risks for footway users from vehicles manoeuvring and reducing the requirements for the length of hardstanding areas would lead to more vehicles overhanging and obstructing the footway. • A letter was sent to residents of Marsden Lane informing them of an experimental scheme to deter rat running and control speeding. The scheme will be monitored over the next six months and report at a ward meeting. Also, an additional bus lane camera will also be installed soon to stop people using the bus lane to access Marsden Lane. The interim proposal will be monitored and the results made available at a Ward Community Meeting after the experimental period of about six months. Officers were also happy to have a meeting on site with residents about the issues. • Officers were looking to make collapsible bollards on Sharplands completely immovable as they were being abused by people. The police and fire service had been spoken to, and contact would be made with EMAS, but were happy to make a permanent closure following application for a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO). • Following concerns from a local resident about the speed of traffic city bound on Aylestone Road from Aylestone Village, a new Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) has been installed to replace the broken one close to Hall Lane. This was installed in May 2019.
6.	LOCAL POLICING UPDATE	<p>PCSO Vince Preston provided the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Neighbourhood Watch scheme had been set up and had around 100 members. Residents could

		<p>call on 101 or email the police if they wanted to join.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Five vehicles had been seized following use in crime. • A cannabis factory had been closed. • A patchwalk on Montrose Road had taken place following concerns. • Public consultation events will be advertised on social platforms. • Issues on Aylestone Meadows included bikes and trespassing. Residents were asked to call 101 or record issues online. • Vehicle crime – residents were asked to check car door handles as opportunists were taking items from unlocked vehicles. • The following crime statistics were provided for the three-month period in comparison to 2018: <table data-bbox="609 869 1181 1164"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>2018</th> <th>2019</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Anti-social behaviour</td> <td>7</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Street drinking</td> <td>1</td> <td>4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vehicle related nuisance</td> <td>12</td> <td>6</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Burglaries to dwellings</td> <td>13</td> <td>12</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Theft from motor vehicles</td> <td>18</td> <td>11</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Drug seizure</td> <td>6</td> <td>22</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>It was reported that crime in general was low for the area. The definition of anti-social behaviour was “anything that causes alarm, harassment or distress”.</p>		2018	2019	Anti-social behaviour	7	2	Street drinking	1	4	Vehicle related nuisance	12	6	Burglaries to dwellings	13	12	Theft from motor vehicles	18	11	Drug seizure	6	22
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7.	CITY WARDEN	<p>Noel Cazley, City Warden, circulated a leaflet (attached for information). The following was also noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adverts tied to posts advertising Britannia Drives had caused problems. No-one has the right to attach anything to Council Street furniture or trees (even missing pets) and can be fined anything up to £150 for fly posting. The council would prosecute businesses fly posting, but were more lenient with charities. Notices for missing pets were monitored and removed after three weeks. • Working with Blaby District Council a company Palletwise had been investigated following dangerous signs around the city attached with a blue cord only. The signs had originated from the travelling site at Meynells Gorse, using a false 																					

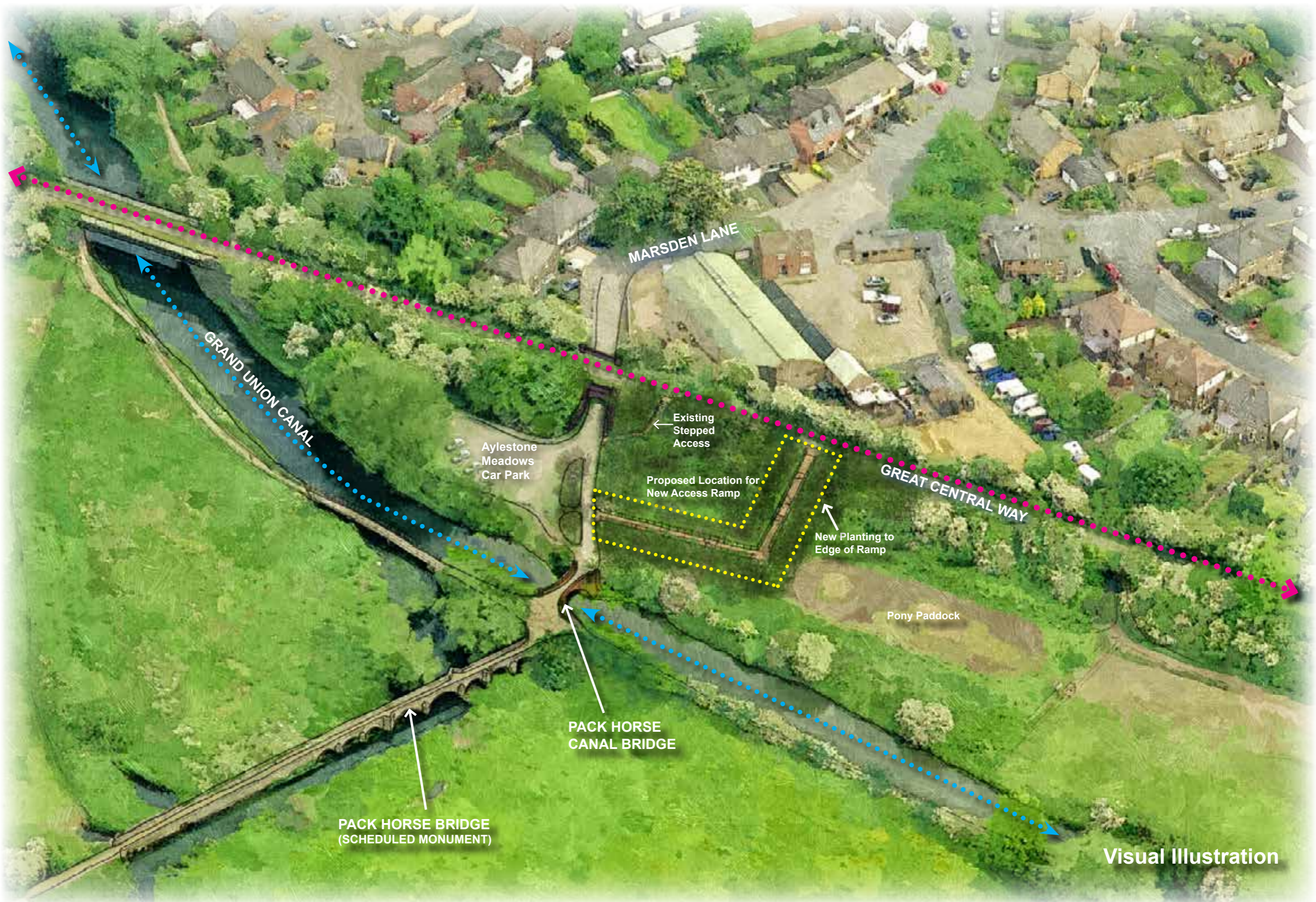
		<p>address in Eyres Monsell and a landline that went through to a mobile phone. The signs were removed and destroyed immediately.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anti-social behaviour protection notice legislation could be used, for example, Percy Road fly tipping and overgrowth – a warning letter would be sent out as it was causing alarm and distress. If the mess is not cleared up the owner would be issued with a community protection notice, and if breached would be charged £100 every day after that and prosecuted. • People were using the public highway to sell cars. Officers carried out DVLA checks and issued £100 fines to individuals. A community protection notice when issued can state that no cars can be parked on the highway. • There were a lot of problems with fly tipping city wide. There was a householder duty of care to check the driver had a waste carrier licence. If people were to use a ‘white van man’ to collect waste, who then fly-tipped the waste the householder would be prosecuted unless they could prove they had checked for a waste carrier licence, e.g. keep texts and emails, take down details of the vehicle, etc. • It was noted the Council offered a free collection service for bulky waste of up to five items, and could be used every two months, and was bookable through the Council’s website, or telephone number found on orange bags.
8.	WARD COMMUNITY BUDGET	In the absence of Ward Councillors this agenda item was not taken.
9.	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	<p>The date of the next meeting was scheduled for 27th November 2019 – venue to be confirmed.</p> <p>There being no other items of urgent business, the meeting closed at 8.13pm.</p>



Minute Item 4



Aerial Photo



GRAND UNION CANAL

MARSDEN LANE

GREAT CENTRAL WAY

Aylestone Meadows Car Park

Existing Stepped Access

Proposed Location for New Access Ramp

New Planting to Edge of Ramp

Pony Paddock

PACK HORSE CANAL BRIDGE

PACK HORSE BRIDGE (SCHEDULED MONUMENT)

Visual Illustration



River Soak
Grand Union Canal

Aylestone
Parkhorse
Bridge

Pond

Aylestone
Meadow
Car Park

B

Marsden Lane

A

New Native
Shrub & Meadow
Grass Planting

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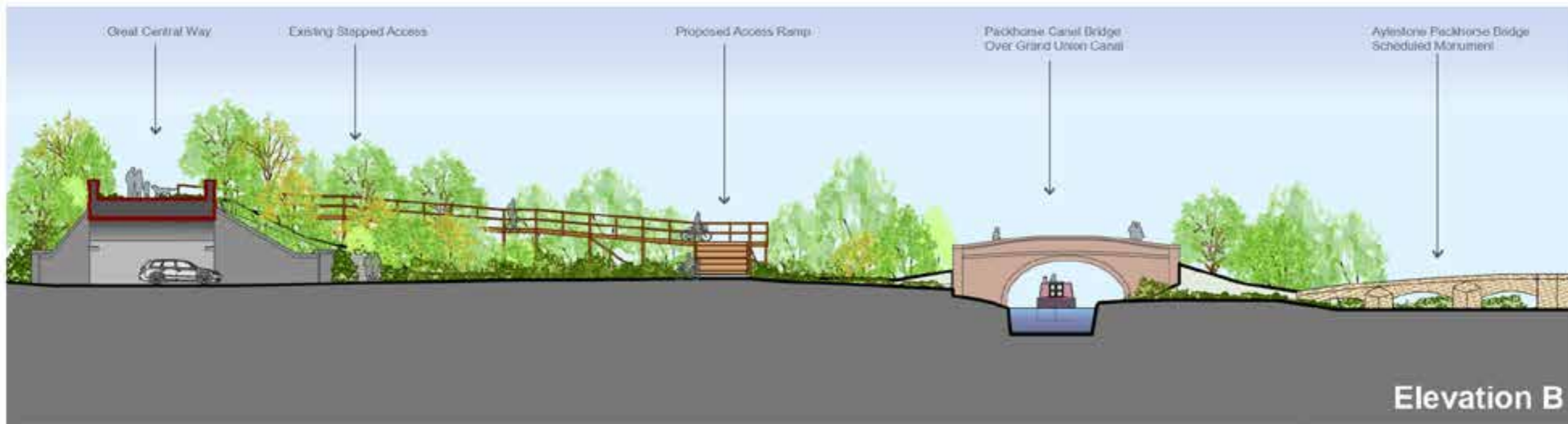
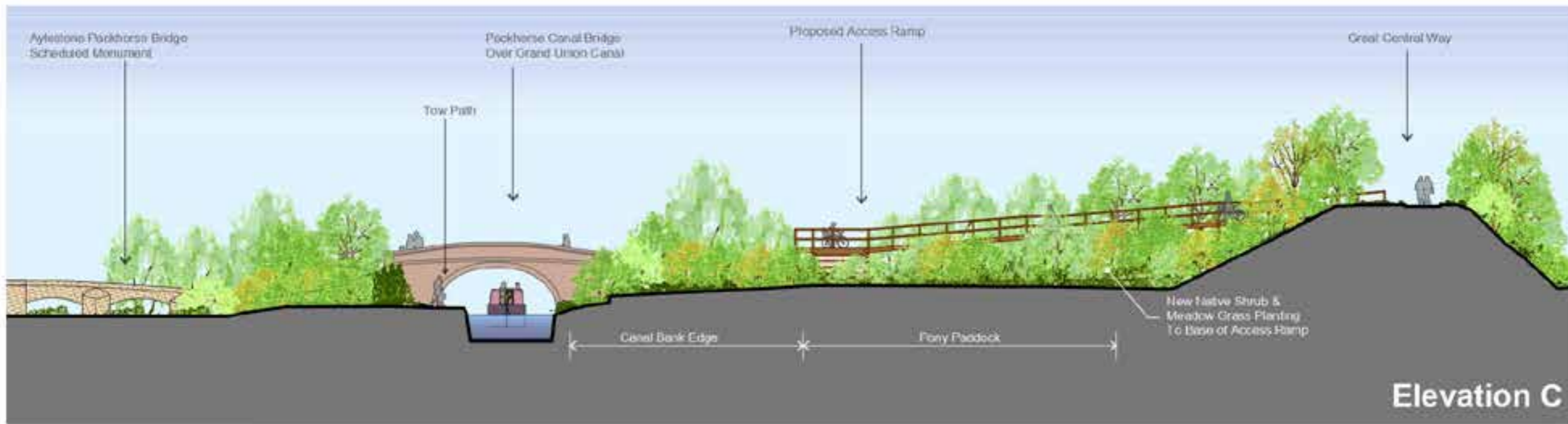
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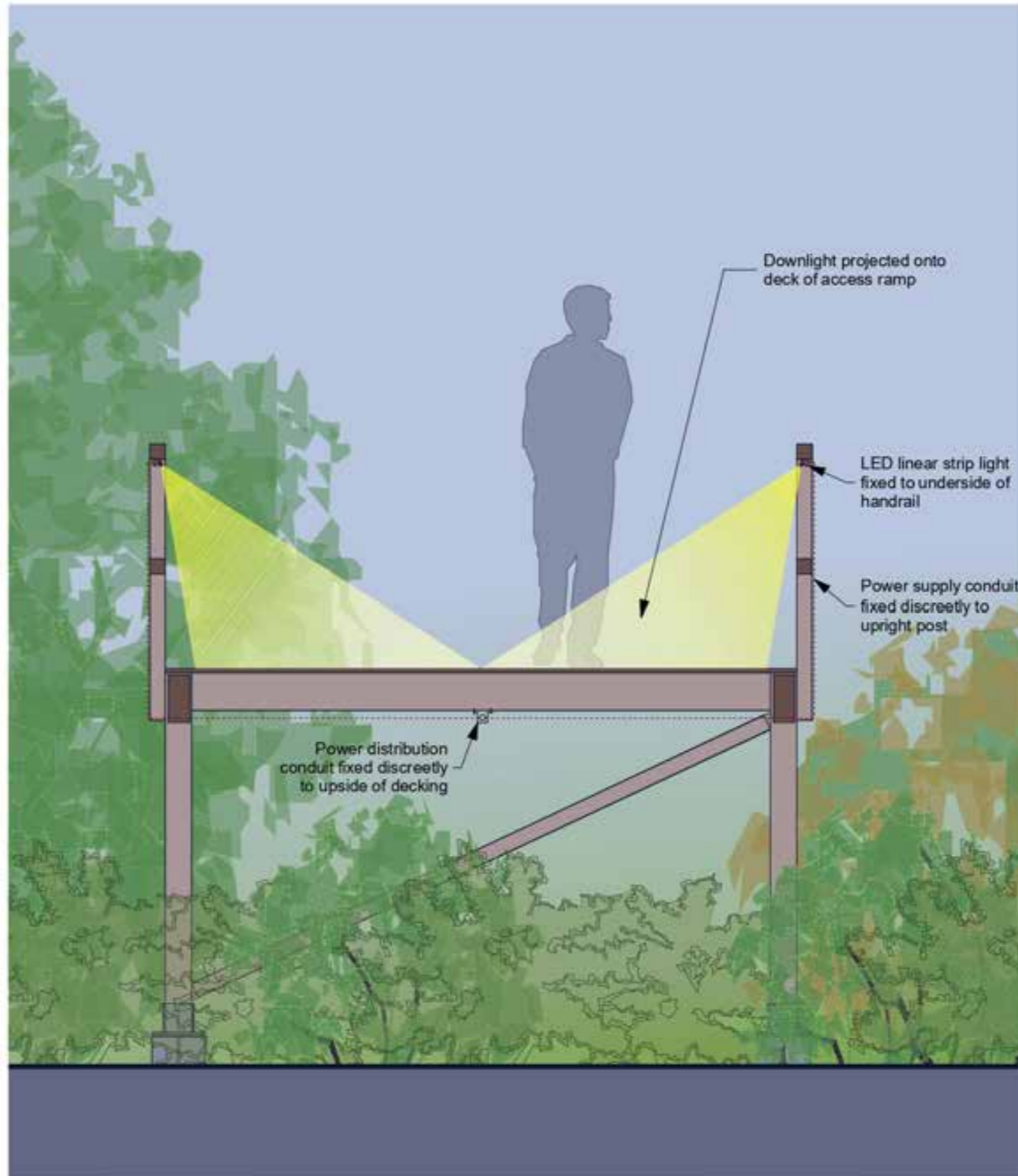
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Pony
Paddock

Great Central Way

Proposed Site Plan





Proposed Access Ramp - Design Intent for Lighting Design.

CITY WARDEN SERVICE

Minute Item 7



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These are the main issues that the City Wardens can help with:

- Educating the public and raising awareness of environmental crimes

ENFORCEMENT ISSUES:

- Littering
- Dog fouling & Dog Control Orders
 - Bins on the street (domestic and commercial)
- Free distribution of printed material
 - Fly posting
 - Small scale fly tipping
 - Graffiti
- Vehicles for sale on the road
- Repairing vehicles on the road
- Failure to produce waste transfer documents
 - Street litter control notices
 - Skips & Scaffolding
 - Spitting
- Rubbish on private land

AYLESTONE WARD



Leicester
City Council

Household Waste Recycling Centres

If you have access to a vehicle please use our Household Waste Recycling Centres to recycle and dispose of your household waste, located at:

**Freemen's Common*,
on Islington Street, LE2 7SQ**

**Gypsum Close, off Lewisher Road,
Leicester LE4 9AB**

**Both sites are open from 8am to 8pm (April to October)
8am to 6pm (November to March)**

Centres are shut on December 25th/26th and January 1st and close early on December 24th/31st

If you have a van/trailer over 1.4m long you are only allowed to visit the Gypsum Close Centre and you must obtain a **permit** first which you can request on-line at leicester.gov.uk/recycling or by calling **0116 454 6750**.

Items you can recycle include:



- * No vans or trailers over 1.4m long will be allowed into the centre at Freemen's Common, unless disposing of asbestos with a permit. They must use Gypsum Close only.
- ** Only cement bonded asbestos which has been double wrapped in plastic will be accepted at Freemen's Common Household Waste Recycling Centre. Disposal of asbestos must be booked in advance on 0116 454 6750.
- *** Household and garden chemicals will only be accepted at Freemen's Common.

The new centre at Gypsum Close offers residents improved recycling and waste facilities as well as trade waste facilities. There is also a reuse shop run by our charitable partner LOROS where you can donate & buy items.

Trade Waste can only be accepted at Gypsum Close for a charge.
Please visit leicester.gov.uk/tradewaste

For further information on how to recycle in Leicester
call **0116 454 1002** or visit leicester.gov.uk/recycling

Fly-tipping is a crime



If you give your waste to someone make sure they have a licence. It is your legal responsibility to make sure they dispose of it correctly.

You could face prosecution and a fine of up to £5,000 if your waste ends up being fly-tipped.



Fly-tipping causes a lot of problems. It:

- Costs tax payers and landowners to clear it up.
- Threatens humans and wildlife and damages our environment.
- Spoils our enjoyment of our towns and countryside.

Suspect - if in doubt don't let anyone take your waste, you could be fined if it's fly-tipped.

Check for their waste carrier registration number and note down the number plate of the vehicle.

Refuse cold callers – always carry out your own research.

Ask questions about what is going to happen to your waste.

Paperwork - make sure you get a receipt.

www.lesswaste.org.uk/flytipping



CITY WARDEN SERVICE UPDATE

We served an Abatement Notice on this property and carried out works in default after obtaining a warrant from the Magistrates Court.



If you have any issues that you would like to report then please speak to the City Wardens or contact the service on www.leicester.gov.uk/myaccount