

Rhyl Underground Car Park Refurbishment and Access Improvements

Wellbeing Impact Assessment Report

This report summarises the likely impact of a proposal on the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of Denbighshire, Wales and the world.

Assessment Number:	306
Brief description:	Refurbishment of underground car park and access improvements to improve the experience of visitors to the new aqua park and town centre
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IMPACT ASSESSMENT SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

Before we look in detail at the contribution and impact of the proposal, it is important to consider how the proposal is applying the sustainable development principle. This means that we must act "in a manner which seeks to ensure that the needs of the present are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."

Score for the sustainability of the approach

Your Approach Is Excellent



(4 out of 4 stars)

Actual score : 24 / 24.

Summary of impact

Wellbeing Goals



A prosperous Denbighshire	Positive
A resilient Denbighshire	Positive
A healthier Denbighshire	Positive
A more equal Denbighshire	Positive
A Denbighshire of cohesive communities	Positive
A Denbighshire of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language	Positive
A globally responsible Denbighshire	Positive

Main conclusions

Whilst there could be some unintended negative consequences from the project as it could encourage greater use of hydrocarbon fuels, actions can be taken to mitigate these consequences and the impact overall will be positive. This is because it will support improve footfall in the town centre, support the creation of quality jobs, improve transport infrastructure, improve biodiversity, enable surplus building materials from the adaptation works to be recycled, reduce energy/fuel consumption for ventilating and lighting buildings, improve the physical environment to support health and well being, provide better access to good food and leisure opportunities, improve the well being of people with protected characteristics, help to tackle poverty by providing access to new jobs, improve community safety, improve community participation, improve the attractiveness of the area, promote use of the Welsh language, enhance culture, and support local supply chains.

THE LIKELY IMPACT ON DENBIGHSHIRE, WALES AND THE WORLD

A prosperous Denbighshire

Overall Impact	Positive
Justification for impact	The impact is positive overall because it will improve the vitality of the resort's waterfront and town centre.

Positive consequences identified:

The renovation of the underground car park mechanical and electrical installation to modern standards of energy efficiency will contribute towards a low carbon society. The project will contribute to the economic development of Rhyl by supporting increases in visitor numbers to the new aqua park and improving footfall to, and the vitality of, the town centre. The development of the adjacent aqua park and the new food and beverage outlets in the town plaza which the improvements to the car park will support will enable quality long term jobs to be created. The restoration of parking capacity will improve the quality of communications, infrastructure and transport in the town.

Unintended negative consequences identified:

The restoration of additional car parking capacity might encourage the use of vehicles powered by hydrocarbon fuels which could have an unintended negative consequence for a low carbon society.

Mitigating actions:

The potential negative impact upon a low carbon society arising from the greater use of vehicles fuelled by hydrocarbons can be mitigated by making provision for the future installation of charging points for electric vehicles.

A resilient Denbighshire

Overall Impact	Positive
Justification for impact	The overall impact is positive because biodiversity will be improved in an urban setting, building materials recovered from the adaptations can be recycled, energy consumption for the operation of the car park will be reduced, and the means can be provided to reduce consumption of hydrocarbon fuels by users of the car park .

Positive consequences identified:

Biodiversity will be improved in the built environment by regarding and replanting the soft landscaped areas adjacent to the new pedestrian access to the car park which will provide habitats and increase biodiversity in an urban setting. Waste will be reduced and recycling will be encouraged because building materials recovered from the adaptations will be recycled where possible. Energy and fuel consumption will be reduced because the design of the car park will accommodate the potential for providing charging points for electric vehicles in future and the mechanical and electrical installation will be improved to comply with modern standards of energy efficiency.

Unintended negative consequences identified:

The restoration of car parking capacity might encourage the use of vehicles powered by hydrocarbon fuels which could have an unintended negative consequence for energy/fuel consumption.

Mitigating actions:

The potential negative impact upon a low carbon society arising from the greater use of vehicles fuelled by hydrocarbons can be mitigated by making provision for charging points for electric vehicles to be installed in future.

A healthier Denbighshire

Overall Impact	Positive
Justification for impact	The impact is positive overall because the improvement to the physical environment will encourage and support health and well being, and convenient access will be provided to good quality healthy food and leisure opportunities.

Positive consequences identified:

The improvements to the physical environment of the car park will encourage active lifestyles including cycling by providing a convenient base from which visitors can use the adjacent National Cycle Route 5 and Wales Coast Path and this improvement to the physical environment will thereby encourage and support health and well being.

The car park is conveniently situated to provide easy access to good quality healthy food served by the tenants of the new food and beverage outlets to be constructed in adjacent town plaza.

The car park is conveniently situated to provide easy access to enable participation in leisure opportunities at the new aqua park.

Unintended negative consequences identified:

None identified

Mitigating actions:

Not applicable

A more equal Denbighshire

Overall Impact	Positive
Justification for impact	The overall impact is positive because the project will improve the well-being of people with protected characteristics and will help to tackle poverty by providing easy access to new jobs.

Positive consequences identified:

The well being of people with protected characteristics will be improved through the restoration of parking for Blue Badge holders and the restoration of ramp access which can be used in all weather conditions.

The project will help to tackle poverty by providing easy access to the new jobs in the adjacent aqua

park and food and beverage outlets.

Unintended negative consequences identified:

None identified

Mitigating actions:

Not applicable

A Denbighshire of cohesive communities

Overall Impact	Positive
Justification for impact	The impact of the project is positive overall because it will improve community safety, encourage community participation and resilience and improve the attractiveness of the area.

Positive consequences identified:

The project will improve community safety by providing car parking compliant with security standards such as "Park Mark".

The project will support community participation and resilience by providing easy access to events at the new aqua park.

The project will improve the attractiveness of the area by improving the appearance of an ugly and partly derelict building.

Unintended negative consequences identified:

None identified

Mitigating actions:

Not applicable

A Denbighshire of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language

Overall Impact	Positive
Justification for impact	The overall impact is positive because it will promote the Welsh language and enhance culture.

Positive consequences identified:

The project will promote the Welsh language through the use of bilingual signage.

The project will enhance culture by providing convenient access for people going to see films at the adjacent cinema.

Unintended negative consequences identified:

None identified

Mitigating actions:

Not applicable

A globally responsible Denbighshire

Overall Impact	Positive
Justification for impact	The overall impact is positive because the project will support local supply chains and provide easy access to broader service provision in the local area.

Positive consequences identified:

The project will support local supply chains as local contractors will be able to tender for the work.

Unintended negative consequences identified:

None identified

Mitigating actions:

Not applicable