

Llangollen 2020

I would like to express my firm support for the Llangollen 2020 scheme, as proposed in the report.

Traffic and parking has been identified as a major concern by the community for many years, featuring in minutes of the town council as far back as the 1960s. Castle Street has the second largest footfall in Denbighshire during August and this is the first time that a genuine attempt has been proposed to begin to solve these issues.

In 2017 when Melvyn Mile and I were elected we both identified these issues as a genuine concern in our election campaign literature and wanted to make a serious attempt to make things better, which resulted in the Llangollen 2020 working group being formed in late 2017.

Keeping the community involved has always been our priority and there have been three major consultations, each one using a variety of ways to engage, including online and paper surveys, public meetings, letter drops, displays and visits to community and business groups.

The journey has not been easy because whatever solution is suggested will have a perceived negative impact on someone. However, objectives had a clear focus on active travel as the need to make the town safer and much more welcoming for all ages and abilities was essential. This final plan addresses this priority and has also been amended as a result of concerns raised during the consultations.

This plan will be a brilliant start to solving Llangollen's impossible conundrum, even better because the money will largely come from Welsh Government.

The Llangollen 2020 group also developed a plan to make parking for residents, visitors and businesses work better. It is essential that this next stage continues at pace to continue the work on the two major priorities that will make Llangollen better for all.

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