

## 5.2 Masterplan Option 1b: Boat Lift

### 5.2.1 Boat Lift & High Quality Public Realm

#### 1 Boat lift

- Boat lift with associated winding hole (reference engineers drawing 10516653-ARC-ZZ-M3-ZZ-00007/00010/00011)
- Levels and location broadly in line with original canal

#### 2 Event space

- High quality paved public realm area to the south side of the canal and boat lift and linking into the visitor centre lower-level terrace
- Potential location of public art on the south of the bank

#### 3 Visitor centre, viewing platform and lower-level terrace

- 5000sq ft Café, WC, kitchen and office initially, but room to expand (potential - restaurant, local community facility, meeting rooms, wedding facility, conferences) - flexible internal space
- Visitor centre built into embankment to create elevated views from rooftop green terrace to the boat lift as well as views across from inside glazed fronted building and from lower paved terrace
- Green roof of building extends into slopes and down to level areas of amenity grass with scattered native tree planting - parapet/pedestrian guardrail as necessary
- Seating to terrace
- Bonded gravel path giving access to and from elevated cycle way

#### 4 Elevated cycle way

- New shared use footway/cycleway to be modified to use arch 4

#### 5 Winding Hole

- Area for boats to turn
- Towpath extended to link to Percival Lane

#### 6 Plant/control building

#### 7 Public realm space

- High quality paved public realm space to north of the canal and boat lift, continuation of existing towpath from east
- To include seating

#### 8 Recreation and play

- Area of open green space includes:
  - formal avenue tree planting – native clear stem semi-mature standard
  - scattered native tree planting
  - areas seeded with wild flower and managed for biodiversity
  - amenity grassed areas for informal recreation
  - Water play equipment - interactive water feature and active play equipment with water rill (central access path)
  - Seating
  - Grass mounds seeded with wildflower and planted with single specimen half-standard native trees

#### 9 Potential development site

- Area available for future development

#### 10 Car park and camper van area

- Layout in line with 'Runcorn Locks Restoration Visitor Centre Masterplan'
- Access via Station Road for car park and maintenance access
- 36 standard car parking spaces and 4 disabled spaces including EV charging points
- Area designated for motor homes
- Reinforced grass area for vehicle overrun

#### 11 Future cycle link (proposed as part of 11 below)

- Housing development layout indicates opportunity for pedestrian link east of Rutland Street to the east and to the underpass.
- No access has been provided from car park footway through hedge to cycle and pedestrian link in order to encourage cycle movement along extension of Hankey Street into the site

#### 12 Future development site (housing)

- Access shown based on layouts in Runcorn Community Housing Project Feasibility Study (reference document RCHP-EWA-XX-XX-RP-A-00001 Rev A 19.05.2022)

### 5.2.2 Site Layout Plan

#### KEY

- 1 Boat lift
- 2 Event space
- 3 Visitor centre, viewing platform & lower level terrace
- 4 Elevated shared foot & cycleway
- 5 Winding Hole
- 6 Plant/control building
- 7 Public realm space
- 8 Recreation & play
- 9 Mixed use development site
- 10 Car park & camper van area
- 11 Future cycle link (proposed as part of item 11 below)
- 12 Future development site



Figure 05-2: Option 1b - Boat Lift & High Quality Public Realm - Site Layout Plan