

5.4 Masterplan Option 3: Do Minimum

5.4.1 Enabling works for Option 1

Safeguards future boat lift opportunity. Vision is the site excavation of the old canal route - an opportunity to document the old locks and show case to public for a limited period of time, as well as potentially integrate some historic elements into landscape proposal. Supports contemporary tracing of former canal corridor through heritage interpretation, town centre green infrastructure strategy, biodiversity net gain and carbon sequestration. This enabling layout has been designed to allow option 1 to be realised following implementation.

1 Trip boat mooring/boarding area

- Extension of canal as area for mooring/boarding of passenger boats (reference engineers drawings 10516653-ARC-ZZZ-M3-ZZ-00009)
- Water space as partial canal end restoration at existing canal level

2 Event space and heritage interpretation

- High quality paved public realm area to the south side of the canal and mooring/boarding area
- Steeper slope to shared cycleway and footway provides larger space for events
- "Fingers" of canal beneath arches extended in public realm - contrasting bonded gravel - to give access to Bridgwater Canal
- Heritage interpretation boards provide information on former uses of site as canal and bypass and signpost to interactive heritage trail (e.g. QR codes)

3 Elevated cycle way

- Shared use footway/cycleway remains as built in 2022 (designed by others, drawing ref: 414034-MMD-02-XX-DR-C-0104)

4 Green space and archaeological area

- Area laid out in footprint of future winding hole - defined by management of grassland - mix of amenity grass plus wildflower with scattered native tree planting. The grass will be managed as amenity (shorter) grass on the footprint of the future winding hole
- Towpath extended to link to Percival Lane and shared footway/cycleway
- Potential to use the area as an archaeological dig

5 Kiosk

- Small kiosk housing visitor information centre

6 Public realm and heritage interpretation

- Public realm space to north of the canal, continuation of existing towpath from east.
- To include:
 - Seating
 - Heritage interpretation boards provide information on former uses of site as canal and bypass and signpost to interactive heritage trail (e.g. QR codes)

7 Green open space

- Green open space laid out mainly to amenity grass with scattered native tree planting for informal recreation and play
- Formal avenue tree planting - native clear stem semi-mature standard aid orientation to and from car park
- Rhythm of arch "fingers" extended to this space, set out in green space with sets and seeded with wild flower

8 Green space

- Amenity grass areas for informal recreation and play
- avenue tree planting

9 Car park

- Safeguards future extended car park and access via Station Road by:
 - Using part of the layout of the future car park
- Access via Rutland Street - to car park and for routine maintenance vehicles
- Reduced number from masterplan - 15 standard spaces and 4 disabled spaces
- Native hedgerow and low growing shrub areas screen car parking

10 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
- Ramped pedestrian access has been provided through hedge to cycle and pedestrian link and to provide easy link with existing/proposed new housing to the north

11 Future development site (housing)

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

5.4.2 Site Layout Plan



Figure 05-6: Option 3 - Do Minimum Option - Site Layout Plan