



## Consultation Response

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<b>Summary</b>	<p>The Trans Pennine Trail partnership (TPT) welcomes the opportunity to participate in this consultation, following our submission to the 2019 consultation.</p> <p>This revised document includes several key proposals that will impact the Trans Pennine Trail. The TPT national office welcomes the opportunity to be part of the consultation exercise as / when the developments progress.</p> <p>The redevelopment of Fiddlers Ferry power station site provides a unique opportunity to provide a sustainable transport offer throughout the whole of the site, investigate providing a new bridge across the canal linking to adjacent settlements and utilise the waterfront offer of the site. Warrington is in a unique position to take advantage of the beautiful river and canal frontages locally to provide an outstanding sustainable transport offer.</p> <p>Further detail is provided below.</p>											
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	3.3.8	The development of the Fiddlers Ferry site should provide opportunities to link to the TPT and improve its current condition as a major green infrastructure route.
	3.3.11	As above.
	3.3.12	The Thelwall Heys site may also provide an opportunity in seeking links to / from the TPT and associated improvements.
	3.3.30	It is important to also highlight sustainable transport infrastructure improvements as part of the Western Link project to highlight Warrington's commitment to deliver.
	4.1.5	The TPT should form part of any planning consultation process on areas of new housing on / near the TPT. New housing developments should include sustainable transport infrastructure as part of its base design.
	4.3	It is essential to ensure signage is provided to / from retail and leisure centres to encourage spending from visitors using the TPT.
	Pg 83	Policy INF1: 2 – provides robust policy guidance to ensure sustainable transport routes are incorporated, signed and fully accessible. 7 – includes encouraging sustainable modes.
	Pg 89	Policy INF2: Some of the safeguarded land and schemes will impact on the TPT / NCN. It is important to include both organisations on further consultations regarding impacted schemes.
	Pg 118	Policy DC3 – welcomes the inclusion of the TPT.
	8.3.8	The TPT also connects the Irish Sea to the North Sea – indicating the importance of the route through Warrington in a wider geographical context.
	Pg 138	Policy DC6 – 3 – Movement and Accessibility fully supported.
	Pg 183	Policy MD1 – Warrington Waterfront – the TPT would welcome participating in future planning applications regarding this site to maximise the links and upgrades to the TPT.
	10.3.8	Enhanced cycling and walking facilities that link to the existing TPT / NCN should also be noted.
	Pg 202	Policy MD3 – The Trans Pennine Trail should be added to the list of consultees when plans for Fiddlers Ferry are released for consultation.
	Pg 218	Policy MD5 – Thelwall Heys – The Trans Pennine Trail should be added to the list of consultees when plans for Thelwall Heys are released for consultation.



<b>FIDDLER'S FERRY MASTERPLAN</b>	
The TPT welcomes the opportunity to be involved in the consultation process regarding the development of Fiddler's Ferry site.	
6.1	<p>TPT is noted as Trans-Pennine Way - please change to Trans Pennine Trail – the route connects the Irish Sea to the North Sea.</p> <p>The note of the developing including a well-served network of sustainable transport links is welcomed.</p> <p>The existing alignment of the TPT / NCN will need to be protected during construction of the land directly adjacent to the route.</p>
<b>FIDDLER'S FERRY POWER STATION REGENERATION VISION</b>	
Pg 4	Please correct TPT to Trans Pennine Trail – not Trans Pennine Way. The Trail links the Irish Sea to the North Sea if a more national impact is needed.
Pg 6	Last paragraph – as above.
Pg 8	Welcome note of including sustainable transport links. The TPT would welcome being part of the consultation of this development to maximise the links to the TPT and look how the existing TPT can be improved.
Pg 12	<p>Existing overbridge of the railway line and canal -it is noted that this will be upgraded or replaced as necessary. Any upgrades / replacement must ensure access for all is provided under the Equalities Act.</p> <p>Again, the TPT is represented as the Trans Pennine Way – please change to Trans Pennine Trail.</p> <p>The development should also provide further integrated links via sustainable transport routes as part of the site development.</p>
Pg 15	Map indicates 'enclosed' Trans Pennine Trail corridor – this is contrary to the rest of the document that clearly indicates links from within the new development to the TPT.
Pg 21	TPT must be represented as Trans Pennine Trail – not Trans Pennine Way. It is noted that all the new development will include and integrated walking and cycling infrastructure.
Pg 25	Notes integrated links to the Trans Pennine Trail – welcomed.
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	Other	Good illustrations to show walkers and cyclists – would be good to also include accessibility needs, ie someone with a pushchair, wheelchair, walking aid, etc – this would highlight full inclusivity.

