



## LLANHARAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Public Consultation – Llanharan Community Council

#### Specifics of the Community Council's 'Ewenny Bridge' project

Llanharan Community Council intends to use its CIL<sup>1</sup> funds to design and commission a new bridge over the River Ewenny to be built in Brynna Woods, to replace the existing narrow pedestrian bridge.

The Council has currently earmarked £275,000 of CIL funds for the entire project.



The existing narrow pedestrian bridge over the River Ewenny, to be replaced.

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<sup>1</sup> CIL – Community Infrastructure Levy. Money received by the Community Council as a result of housing developments in our area. CIL funds are required to be spent within 5 years of receipt. For further details contact the Clerk at [Clerk@Llanharan-cc.gov.wales](mailto:Clerk@Llanharan-cc.gov.wales) or view <https://llanharan-cc.gov.wales/full-council/community-infrastructure-levy/>

The project also includes a new pathway between the Network Rail Trenos railway crossing bridge (at the time of writing the railway bridge is under construction) and the planned new Ewenny River bridge.

The planned bridge deck is likely to be approximately 20 metres long and 3 metres wide and will sit along a similar route to the current narrow pedestrian bridge.

In common with the Network Rail Trenos railway crossing bridge, both the new river Ewenny bridge and the connecting pathway will be designed to be suitable for use by all users including pedestrians, cyclists, horse riders, disabled people and those with impaired mobility therefore being fully compliant with the Equality Act 2010 and family friendly.

## Context

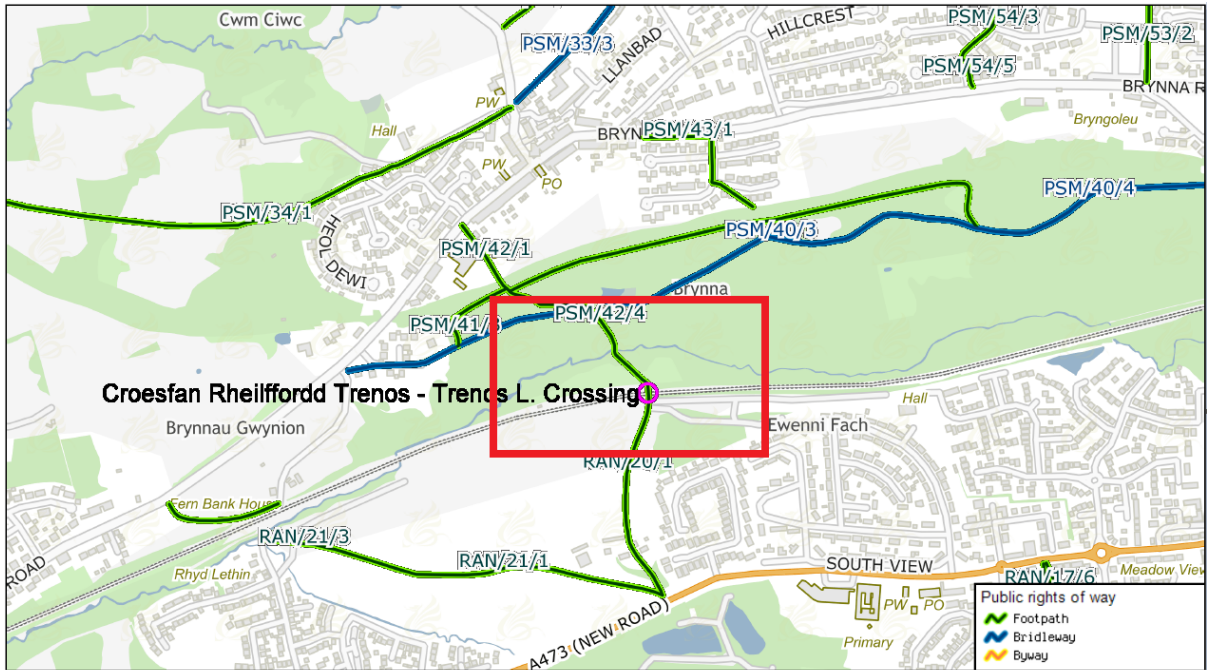
For many years a Community Council working group comprising Community Councillors, The Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales, RCTCBC, Network Rail, Persimmon Homes, the British Horse Society and other stakeholders has been working to develop a wider scheme with the aim of providing a safe multi-user<sup>2</sup> route from the south of the railway line near Trenos, over the railway and river Ewenny and through Brynna Woods connecting the communities of Llanharan and Brynna via the woods.

Network Rail have already commenced construction of the Trenos Railway crossing bridge.

Llanharan Community Council's 'Ewenny Bridge' project currently comprising the new River Ewenny Bridge and connecting pathway forms part of this overall scheme.

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<sup>2</sup> 'Multi-user' being defined as for use by all users. including pedestrians, cyclists, horse riders, disabled people and those with impaired mobility therefore being fully compliant with the Equality Act 2010 and family friendly. This definition is NOT a legal definition of any right of way or bridleway or any other such passage and is to be used within the context it was written.

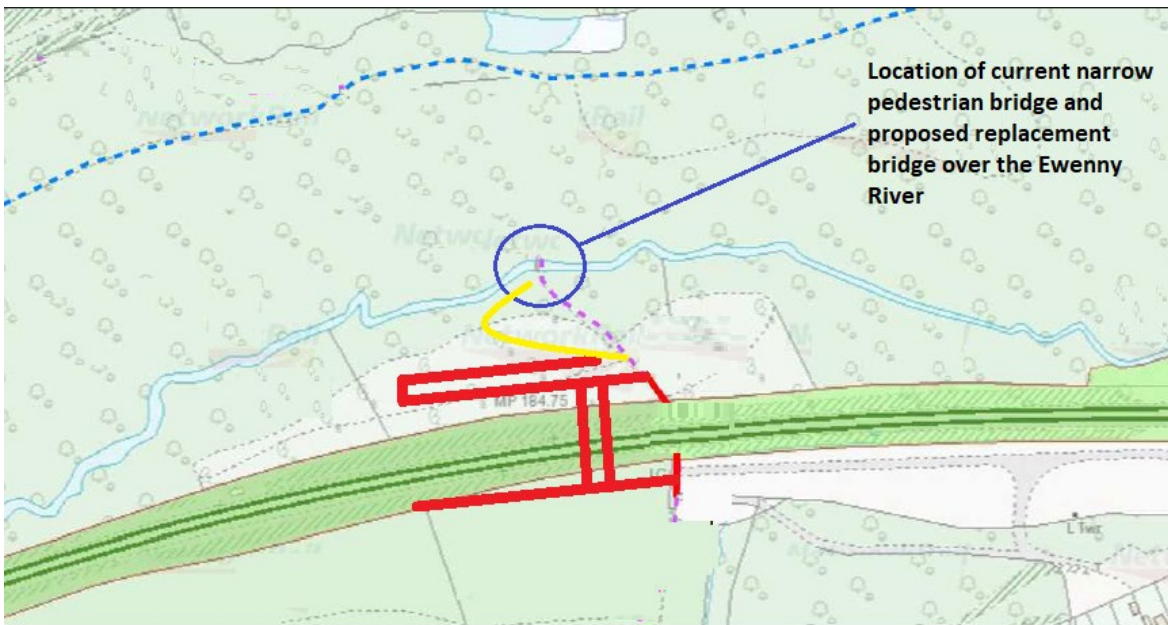


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Location of current narrow pedestrian bridge and proposed replacement bridge over the Ewenny River



Route of current 'rough' footpath



Approximate route of proposed multi-user path



Approximate footprint of Network Rail Trenos railway crossing bridge (Under construction).

Once a suitable network is built and in place, Network Rail intend to apply to create a formal Bridleway along this route, this aspect of the wider project does not form part of this current public consultation.

The project aspires to make improvements to the surfaces of paths to the south and north of both bridges through Brynna Woods nature reserve in order to make them suitable for all users, including disabled people and those with impaired mobility, however this aspect of the project does not form part of this current public consultation.

### Specific points of note for the Community Council's Ewenny Bridge project.

1. The Community Council 'Ewenny Bridge project to which this public consultation applies, solely comprises the construction of a new bridge over the River Ewenny and the pathway to connect that bridge to the Network Rail railway crossing bridge currently under construction.
2. The Community Council will obtain best value at all stages of the project by entering into competitive tendering processes where relevant in line with the relevant Public Procurement Regulations and Acts.
3. The Community Council will engage suitably qualified and experienced people and companies to deliver the project on its behalf.
4. The Community Council working group has over a number of years engaged with Natural Resources Wales, Network Rail, Persimmon Homes, Dwr Cymru Welsh Water, RCTCBC Rights of Way and Structures and other groups in anticipation of formal applications for the relevant licenses and permissions required for the project.
5. All aspects of the project and any work will be carried out in consultation and full agreement of the Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales who own and operate the Brynna Woods nature reserve.
6. The project would proceed on the basis that RCTCBC would 'adopt' the Ewenny river bridge and take on future inspection and maintenance, subject to technical approvals and the relevant formal processes.

7. All aspects of the design and commissioning of the project funded by Llanharan Community Council would be funded exclusively via the Council's CIL funds and not via precept funds raised via council tax receipts.
8. The Council may consult the public again in future regarding the specifics of any design, construction methods or other aspects of the project.
9. Subject to any future application by Network Rail to create a Bridleway along the route, a separate statutory consultation exercise would be carried out in the usual way by RCTCBC.

This aspect of the wider project does not form part of this current public consultation.

#### Purpose of the Public Consultation

Llanharan Community Council invites members of the public and interested parties to comment on the council's intention to design and commission a bridge over the river Ewenny and a pathway connection to the Network Rail Trenos railway crossing bridge currently being constructed, £275,000 of CIL funds having been earmarked for the project.

Members of the Council will have access to eligible comments submitted and will then decide on next steps.

#### How to respond to the Public Consultation

Comments can be submitted via the following link:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=WvcN2CSzg06cUTDwypXS Hb4PpxQ7FUFMnY3ASsm0FjdUNzZOTDRXREozRTVXUJDU0tHTEo3QzRTUS4u>

This link can also be found on the Community Council's website and Social Media pages and using this QR code:



A link to submit comments online can also be found on QR Code boards situated at the entrances and throughout Brynna Woods and in all of the Council's notice boards.

Comments can also be submitted by letter or note, posted or hand delivered to the Community Council office at:

2A Chapel Road, Llanharan. CF72 9QA.

Submissions cannot be made verbally, via telephone, SMS or via social media posts.

Social media posts will not be monitored, however members of the public can attend any Community Council meeting where the matter is on the agenda and will have the opportunity to speak (for further details contact the Clerk of the Council at [Clerk@Llanharan-cc.gov.wales](mailto:Clerk@Llanharan-cc.gov.wales))

Deadline for submissions: Midday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024

#### Eligibility of comments submitted

Only comments submitted in writing via the methods listed above will be considered and passed to Councillors.

Comments containing threatening or abusive language or derogatory comments directed to any individual or body and any comments not relevant to the scope of the consultation will be considered ineligible and may not be submitted to members of the council. The Clerk of the Council shall decide on the eligibility of any comments and their decision shall be final.

All comments received will be considered part of the public record and may be published either in full or in part.

#### Results of public consultation

Members of the Community Council will have sight of all eligible comments. The Council may not publish a formal response to the consultation and may not respond to individual comments but will consider the results of the consultation during a subsequent Council meeting. If you wish to be informed of the details of the meeting where the results of the consultation are to be considered please contact the Clerk of the Council at

[Clerk@Llanharan-cc.gov.wales](mailto:Clerk@Llanharan-cc.gov.wales)