

Have your say: Rhyl Gateway Pocket Park

We are consulting on our preferred design option for a 'Pocket Park' in Rhyl Town Centre. The proposed pocket park is on the Southern section of the High Street, on the corner with Brighton Road. Located near to the Vale Road Bridge (sometimes called the Morrisons Bridge) it is in an area which is seen as the gateway to Rhyl Town Centre.

The Council purchased the buildings and demolished part of them in 2022 with the assistance of funding from the Welsh Government under their Transforming Towns Programme. We were legally required to demolish 123-125 High Street because they had become structurally unsafe and were at risk of collapse. The plan is to demolish the remaining buildings on the site and replace them with the pocket park. We have decided not to replace the demolished buildings with newer buildings for the following reasons:

- It is not economically viable to refurbish the buildings
- Demolition provides an opportunity to create a more attractive gateway to the town centre
- In previous work we carried out in Rhyl Town Centre, people told us there were not enough nice places to sit
- Rhyl town centre has the lowest level of 'canopy cover' (i.e. natural environment such as trees and plants) of almost any town in Wales. Creating a new space with plants and trees will help to address this
- There is not a demand for new residential or retail premises in this location

We are hoping that by making a pocket park on the site of the demolished buildings, we can help bring welcoming, natural spaces back to Rhyl Town Centre.

We would be grateful if you could take a look at the proposed design for the park and let us know if you have any concerns.

This will help us to understand if we need to refine our proposals before applying for planning permission to build the pocket park.



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This project has been funded by the UK Government under round 3 of Levelling Up funding. The project will form part of Denbighshire's Pride of Place and Natural Environment.

We would like to know what you think.

Please complete this survey and return it to Rhyl Library by no later than Sunday 6th April

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Which of the following apply to you?

If you feel you fit more than one category, please tick 'other' and provide a brief description

Please tick one option only

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| <input type="checkbox"/>
I live or work in a property on High Street, Clwyd Street, Kinmel Street or Brighton Road | <input type="checkbox"/>
I am a resident or business owner elsewhere in Rhyl | <input type="checkbox"/>
I am a visitor to the area from outside of Rhyl | <input type="checkbox"/>
I am an elected Member (such as a Town Councillor, County Councillor, Aelod o'r Senedd, or Member of Parliament) serving Rhyl, or the wider local community |
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- Other (please tell us)

About the design

In this section of the survey we will show you images of the proposed design and then ask you for your comments.

This image shows an overall daytime view of the proposed pocket park design, when viewed from the crossroads of Vale Street/High Street and Brighton Road/Kinmel Street. The visualisation roughly mimics the view from the top deck of a bus coming over the Vale Road bridge



Key features visible in this visualisation include:

1. Level access throughout the park to ensure accessibility for all
2. Public access cycle storage to encourage active travel
3. Bollards to ensure that the park remains pedestrian-friendly. Some bollards can be removed to allow access for maintenance vehicles.
4. A 3 metre high masonry wall at the back of the park, to provide screening and give space for climbing plants and shrubs to grow.
5. A mixture of different seating options
6. Public litter bins
7. Raised bed to the rear of the park including native trees and wildflower planting to encourage biodiversity
8. A low-level planting bed on the corner of High Street and Brighton Road. This will be planted with native species to encourage biodiversity.
9. Signage from an historic shop which was uncovered as part of the demolition process of the old buildings will be restored.

Please tell us whether you like these design elements?

	Yes	No	Unsure/No opinion
Public access cycle storage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bollards to prevent vehicle access and ensure the park is pedestrian-friendly	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Masonry wall to the rear of the park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mixed seating options	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Native trees and shrubs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Low-level planting bed with native species	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Restored signage from an historic shop	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Do you have any observations or objections to the design, as viewed from this angle?

This image shows an overall night-time view of the proposed pocket park design, when viewed from the crossroads of Vale Street/High Street and Brighton Road/Kinmel Street. The visualisation roughly mimics the view from the top deck of a bus coming over the Vale Road bridge.



Key features visible in this visualisation include:

1. Street lighting columns providing visibility and security at night
2. Downlighting on the rear masonry wall providing feature lighting
3. There is low level feature lighting within the planting beds

Please tell us whether you like these design elements?

	Yes	No	Unsure/No opinion
Overhead street lighting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Downlighting on rear masonry wall	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Low level feature lighting in the planting beds	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Do you have any observations or objections to the design, as viewed from this angle?

This image shows an overall view of the proposed pocket park design, when viewed from the High Street, roughly outside Tim's Coffee Lounge or Reeds Rains estate agents.



Based on the visualisation from this angle, do you have any observations or suggestions?

This image shows an overall view of the proposed pocket park design, when viewed from the Brighton Road, roughly outside the Apollo Bingo building.



Based on the visualisation from this angle, do you have any observations or suggestions?

Do you have any final comments, observations or objections you wish to make?

Staying in touch

If you would like to stay in touch, please let us know. Your data will be held on file by Denbighshire County Council for the purposes of contacting you for further updates on this project or on Levelling Up projects.

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Would you like to receive updates on:

- The Rhyl pocket park project only
- All Levelling Up projects

What is your name? _____

What is your address?

What is your email address?

Which is your preferred language?

Please tick one option only

Cymraeg (Welsh)

English

Another language

Another language (please tell us)
