



Wedi ei ariannu gan
Llywodraeth y DU



Funded by
UK Government

Cyngor
**sir ddinbych
denbighshire**
County Council



RUTHIN LEVELLING UP PROJECTS CONSULTATION SURVEY



This questionnaire is your chance to have your say on Levelling Up projects in Ruthin.

We will be asking you about proposals to St Peter's Square and Market Street; and Cae Ddol Park

All survey responses must be submitted by 11pm on Sunday 12th May 2024.

Privacy Statement

If you choose to provide your personal details, Denbighshire County Council will only use these for the specific purposes of contacting you about the Levelling Up projects in Ruthin.

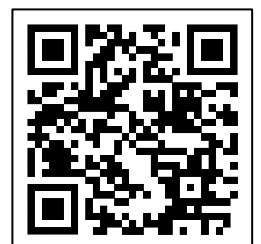
For further information about how Denbighshire County Council processes personal data and your rights please see our privacy notice on our website - www.denbighshire.gov.uk/privacy

To take part in this consultation, please get in touch with us in one of the following ways:

Email: levellingup@denbighshire.gov.uk

Online: Complete the online survey on Denbighshire's County Conversation:
<https://countyconversation.denbighshire.gov.uk/project/776>

Write to: Corporate support service: Performance, digital & assets,
Denbighshire County Council, PO Box 62, Ruthin, LL15 9AZ



We look forward to hearing from you and thank you for taking the time to share your views.

WEDI'I YRRU GAN

**FFYNIANT
— BRO —**

POWERED BY

**LEVELLING
— UP —**



Wedi ei ariannu gan
Llywodraeth y DU

Funded by
UK Government

Which of the following best applies to you?

Please tick **all** that apply

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> I am a Ruthin resident who lives on/near St Peter's Square, Cae Ddol Park or an adjoining street | <input type="checkbox"/> I am a County Councillor for Ruthin |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I am a resident elsewhere in Ruthin | <input type="checkbox"/> I am a member of Ruthin Town Council or a nearby Community Council |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I own, work for or volunteer for a business on St Peter's Square, Cae Ddol Park or an adjoining street | <input type="checkbox"/> I work for Denbighshire County Council |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I own, work or volunteer for a business elsewhere in Ruthin | <input type="checkbox"/> I live out of town, but Ruthin is my nearest town for shopping and amenities |

☐ Other (please tell us)



St Peter's Square

The proposals for St Peter's Square include:

- To remove the roundabout from the Square in order to create a flexible pedestrian zone which can be used for events and/or for café seating etc
- To improve the active travel offer between the Ruthin link road and the town centre by making Market Street one-way for vehicles, whilst retaining two-way active travel routes

Some artist impressions of before/after of St Peter's Square can be viewed below



Figure 1 - image of the current layout of St Peter's Square



Figure 2 - 3D (CGI) visualisation of the proposed layout for St Peter's Square



Below are some activities that people commonly give as a reason to visit the town centre. Please let us know how important each activity is to you.

Please tick **one option only** in each row

	Very important	Somewhat important	Not that important	Not at all important	Not applicable
Going to work (such as in a shop, restaurant or café)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Purchasing essential goods/services such as food or medical supplies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Purchasing non-essential goods/services such as clothes, hobby/interest items	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Eating out or socialising	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Spend time with friends or family	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Spending time outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Do you visit or travel through St Peter's Square to do anything not listed above?

Thinking about how you CURRENTLY access the town centre, which of the following statements is applicable to you?

If you vary how you travel, please select the option that you feel is most relevant to you.

Please tick **one option only**

- ☐ I usually walk into the town centre
- ☐ I usually cycle into the town centre
- ☐ I usually drive and try to park using on-street parking
- ☐ I usually drive and use a nearby car park
- ☐ I usually rely on public transport



To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements about St Peter's Square?

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	No opinion
Removing the roundabout to create more space for events is acceptable	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The proposals will make St Peter's Square safer for pedestrians	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The proposals will make accessing St Peter's Square via active travel (walking or cycling) easier	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The proposals make St Peter's Square more attractive for shoppers and visitors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Thinking back to the activities you told us about earlier, how more or less likely do you think you would be able to do these if the proposed changes to St Peter's Square go ahead?

Please tick **one option only** in each row

	More likely	Less likely	Will make no difference	Not applicable
Going to work (such as in a shop, restaurant or café)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Purchasing essential goods/services such as food or medical supplies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Purchasing non-essential goods/services such as clothes, hobby/interest items	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Eating out or socialising	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Spend time with friends or family	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Spending time outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Market Street

The St Peter's Square project also includes a requirement to provide an active travel (walking and cycling) link to and from St Peter's Square. To do this, we propose to make Market Street one-way to vehicles from St Peter's Square as far as the entrance to Market Street car park, with traffic flowing DOWN the hill in this section. Cycling would be permitted both up and down Market Street if this proposal went ahead.

Two-way traffic would be retained for all road users (vehicles and cyclists) on the rest of Market Street. (From the entrance to Market Street car park to the Brier roundabout (near Tesco/the Craft Centre). This would also allow traffic to still access Market Street car park, to and from, the Brier roundabout.



Figure 3 – image showing the current layout of Market Street between St Peter's Square and the entrance to Market Street car park



Wedi ei ariannu gan
Llywodraeth y DU

Funded by
UK Government

There are two possible options for the road layout of Market Street. Please take a look at the plans and visualisations on the following pages and let us know which option you prefer.

Option 1 (Informal Street):



Figure 4 - 3D (CGI) visualisation of Option 1 of proposed layout for Market Street

This option shows an arrangement known as an “Informal Street”. Under this arrangement, vehicular traffic (cars, motorcycles, vans, lorries, buses etc) would travel one way DOWN Market Street, from St Peter’s Square to the entrance to Market Street car park. Cycling would, however, be permitted in both directions i.e. cyclists would be able to travel both up and down this section, all motor vehicles (including motorcycles) will only be permitted to travel down the hill.

There will be no separately marked cycle lane. However, there would be signs to indicate that cycling is permitted in both directions.

This option will have the potential to look and feel more similar to the proposals for St Peter’s Square. This option will also allow additional space for pedestrians on both sides of the carriageway.



Wedi ei ariannu gan
Llywodraeth y DU

Funded by
UK Government

Option 1 (Informal Street) continued:



Figure 5 - map showing Option 1 of proposed layout to Market Street as viewed from above

WEDI'I YRRU GAN

FFYNIANT
— BRO —

POWERED BY

LEVELLING
— UP —



Wedi ei ariannu gan
Llywodraeth y DU

Funded by
UK Government

Option 2 (Contraflow Cycle Lane):



Figure 6 - 3D (CGI) visualisation of Option 2 of proposed layout for Market Street

This option shows vehicular traffic (cars, motorcycles, vans, lorries, buses etc) travelling one way DOWN Market Street, from St Peter's Square to the entrance to Market Street car park.

A separately marked lane for cyclists is visible on the southern side (the side of the Market Hall, Costa Coffee etc) of the carriageway. This marked lane is known as a contraflow cycle lane because it would allow cyclists to cycle in the opposite direction to traffic. Cyclists travelling down the hill would cycle in the carriageway with motor vehicles.

Of the two options, this option looks the most visually similar to the current layout, albeit with some changes to the pavement on the southern side to accommodate the contraflow cycle lane and a loading bay.



Wedi ei ariannu gan
Llywodraeth y DU

Funded by
UK Government

Option 2 (Contraflow Cycle Lane) continued:



Figure 7 - map showing proposed Option 2 layout changes to Market Street, as viewed from above

Which of the two options did you prefer?

Option 1 (Informal Street):

The option which ties in with the proposed look/feel of St Peter's Square and which offers a widened pedestrian area on both sides of the carriageway



Option 2 (Contraflow Cycle Lane):

The option which is most similar to the current layout.





Thinking about the **WHOLE SCHEME**, i.e. both the changes to St Peter's Square, and then either of the proposed options for Market Street, please assess whether you think the proposals would have any impact on how you access the town centre.

If you vary how you travel, please select the option that you feel is most relevant to you.

If either of the proposed changes went ahead, I would...

Please tick one option only in each row

	More often	Less often	Never	Not applicable No opinion
I would walk into the town centre	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I would cycle into the town centre	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I would drive into the town centre and try to park on the street	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I would drive into the town centre and try to park in a nearby car park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I would use public transport to access the town centre	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Would you like to make any other comments on the proposed improvements to St. Peter's Square and Market Street?



Cae Ddol Park: short-term improvements

Proposed works for Cae Ddol Park which will be delivered under the Levelling Up scheme include a number of small improvements which are designed to work cohesively with other planned improvements from other funding sources, both now and in the future.

Proposed works to Cae Ddol Park in the short term include:

- 480 metres of new active travel route through the park to make walking and cycling easier
- Replacing the central bridge over the river
- A new pump track. A pump track is a leisure/sports facility for wheeled sports equipment including bikes, scooters, skates etc which enables users to gain momentum with a 'pumping' motion (i.e. shifting their bodyweight) rather than pedalling or pushing their equipment around the track. The track will have an uneven terrain with ramps, banked curves/turns and mounds.
- Replacing the existing children's playground (this is being delivered under a Shared Prosperity Fund, not the Levelling Up fund)



Figure 5 - artist's impression of an aerial view of Cae Ddol Park with the proposed short-term improvements



Thinking about how you use Cae Ddol Park at the moment, how often do you think you do any of the following activities?

	Every day	Every week	Every month	Less frequently	Never / not applicable
Taking a walk through the park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cycling through the park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Walking my dog(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Taking children/grandchildren to use the play area(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Using the skate park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Spending time outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commuting to home/work through the park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Spending time with family and/or friends in the park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Are there any other reasons you use Cae Ddol park?

Please tell us to what extent you agree or disagree with the following statements about Cae Ddol Park:

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	No opinion
I think increasing active travel opportunities in Cae Ddol Park is a good idea	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I think the proposed addition of a pump track (wheel sporting facility) will be a popular addition to the park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A better access point to view the river will make spending time near the river safer and more appealing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Thinking about what Cae Ddol Park might be like if the proposed improvements go ahead, how more or less likely will you be to do any of the following activities?

	More often	Less often	No change	Not sure/no opinion
Taking a walk through the park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cycling through the park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Walking my dog(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Taking children/grandchildren to use the play area(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Using the skate park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Spending time outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commuting to home/work through the park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Spending time with family and/or friends in the park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Would you like to make any other comments on the proposed short-term improvements?



Cae Ddol Park: long-term vision

In addition to the short-term works proposed as part of the Levelling Up Fund, the Council has identified a number of other improvements to Cae Ddol Park which could be explored in the future.

These improvements have not been fully designed or costed, and at the moment there are no funding streams available to the Council to undertake any further works on these proposals.

These have been developed into a 'Masterplan' for Cae Ddol. This means that any works carried out in Cae Ddol must be sympathetic to the ideas and vision of the masterplan and should not prevent any future works from taking place.

Proposed additions to the park include:

- The creation of an 'adventure playground' area
- Creating wetland planting areas in the most flood-prone zones, to support local wildlife
- Additional seating areas and shelters

You can view an artist's impression of the longer-term vision for Cae Ddol in the image below:



Figure 6 - artist impression of Cae Ddol Park as viewed from above, with additional structures and features in place



Thinking about the proposed long-term improvements or 'Masterplan' for Cae Ddol Park, please tell us how much you agree or disagree with the following statements:

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	No opinion
The introduction of additional seating areas and shelters will encourage more people to use Cae Ddol Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
An adventure play area would be a welcome addition to the park's existing play and leisure facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Creating an area of wetland planting in flood-prone areas to support local wildlife is a good idea	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Keeping some open space within Cae Ddol park is a good idea	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Do you have any further thoughts or comments on the long-term vision for Cae Ddol park?



Thank you. You have completed the main part of the survey.

We would be very grateful if you could also take the time to tell us a bit about yourself by answering some standard equality monitoring data.

This helps us to ensure that we are reaching as many of our diverse communities in Denbighshire as we possibly can as we continue to develop our future Corporate Plan.

Please tell us your age

Please tick **one option only**

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 0-15 years | <input type="checkbox"/> 16-24 years |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 25-34 years | <input type="checkbox"/> 35-44 years |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 45-54 years | <input type="checkbox"/> 55-64 years |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 65-74 years | <input type="checkbox"/> 75 years or above |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say | |

How would you describe your national identity?

Please tick **one option only**

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Welsh | <input type="checkbox"/> British |
| <input type="checkbox"/> English | <input type="checkbox"/> Irish |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Irish | <input type="checkbox"/> Scottish |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say |

☐ Other (please specify)

What is your ethnic group? Please choose one option that best describes your ethnic background

Please tick **one option only**

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> White | <input type="checkbox"/> Gypsy or Irish Traveller |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed - White / Black Caribbean | <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed - White Caribbean |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed - White / Black African | <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed - any other background |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black - Caribbean | <input type="checkbox"/> Black - African |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black - any other background | <input type="checkbox"/> Asian - Indian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian - Bangladeshi | <input type="checkbox"/> Asian - Pakistani |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian - Chinese | <input type="checkbox"/> Asian - any other background |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say |

☐ Any other ethnicity (please specify)



Wedi ei ariannu gan
Llywodraeth y DU

Funded by
UK Government

How would you best describe yourself?

Please tick **one** option only

☐

Man

☐

Woman

☐

Prefer not to say

☐ I think of myself in another way (Please tell us)

Which of the following best describes your sexual orientation?

Please tick **one** option only

☐

Heterosexual /
Straight

☐

Gay man

☐

Gay woman /
lesbian

☐

Bisexual

☐

Prefer not to say

☐ Other (Please tell us)

Are you married or in a same-sex civil partnership?

Please tick **one** option only

☐

Yes

☐

No

☐

Prefer not to say

What is your religion or belief?

Please tick **one** option only

☐ No religion

☐ Muslim

☐ Jewish

☐ Atheist

☐ Christian

☐ Buddhist

☐ Sikh

☐ Prefer not to say

☐ Other (please tell us)



Disability:

Section 6(1) of the Equality Act 2010 states that a person has a disability if:

- That person has a physical or mental impairment, and
- The impairment has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on that person's ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities.

Using this definition, do you consider yourself to be disabled?

Please tick **one option only**

☐

Yes

☐

No

☐

Prefer not to say

Caring

Do you look after or help family members, friends, neighbours or other people because of:

- A long-term physical or mental health condition or disability
- Problems related to old age

Please tick **one option only**

☐

Yes

☐

No

☐

Prefer not to say



Wedi ei ariannu gan
Llywodraeth y DU

Funded by
UK Government



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 only on the topic the Ruthin Levelling Up schemes. For more information on how Denbighshire County Council handles your personal data, please visit www.denbighshire.gov.uk/privacy

How would you like us to get in touch with you?

Please tick **one option only**

☐

Email

☐

Letter in the post

☐

Telephone call

☐

WhatsApp / SMS

☐ Other (please tell us)

Please write your preferred contact details in the box below

Note: if you are giving your postal address, please remember to include your postcode

What is your preferred language?

Please tick **one option only**

☐

Cymraeg (Welsh)

☐

English

☐ Another language (please tell us)

Thank you for your time