

# *River Ely Valley Action Plan*

2011-12

*Appendices*



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**Appendix 1: Action List and Priority Project Proformas**

- A.1 The Action Plan Appendix Document for 2010/11 has now been reviewed and up-dated following meetings of the Ely Valley Steering Group held in October, and progress made on the projects during the past year.
- A.2 This 2011/12 Appendices Document contains a long list of all potential projects identified to date, with those considered to be a priority highlighted in bold and italics. The on-going review process will look at all projects and consider if others could be added or removed from the list for 2012/13.
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| <b>River Ely Valley Action Plan: List of potential projects</b> |   |
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| <b><i>Priority projects in bold and italics.</i></b>            |   |
| <b>Ref</b>  | <b>Project summary</b>  |
|   | <b>Access and Recreation</b>  |
| <b>AR2</b>  | <b><i>Ely Trail- Completing link from Penarth Road to Ely Bridge</i></b>  |
| <b>AR4</b>  | <b><i>Ely Trail- Investigating links from the Ely Trail into the Vale of Glamorgan</i></b>  |
| <b>AR5</b>  | <b><i>Ely Trail- Investigating potential of short circular routes within the valley</i></b>                                       |
| <b>AR6</b>  | <b><i>Ely Trail – Investigating the feasibility of a long distance route linking up with Taff Trail in the north</i></b>          |
| <b>AR7</b>  | <b><i>Ely Trail- Promoting and raising awareness of the Trail including providing interpretation</i></b>                          |
| <b>AR8</b>  | <b><i>Ely Trail- Investigating future maintenance solutions</i></b>   |
| <b>AR10</b>   | <b><i>Identifying and providing facilities/amenities to help users access and enjoy the Ely Valley</i></b>                        |
| AR11  | Investigating access and open space improvements on land within the Valley (including for example west of Birdies Lane)           |
|   | <b>Biodiversity, Landscape and Historic Environment</b>   |
| <b>BLH2</b>   | <b><i>Carrying out baseline biodiversity surveys of sites of local interest</i></b>   |
| <b>BLH3</b>   | <b><i>Biodiversity recording within Cardiff Bay including faunal invasive species</i></b>   |
| <b>BLH4</b>   | <b><i>Identifying and implementing opportunities for biodiversity improvements within the Valley</i></b>                          |
| <b>BLH5</b>   | <b><i>Identifying and implementing practical projects to manage and enhance the landscape within the valley</i></b>               |
| <b>BLH6</b>   | <b><i>Investigating and implementing opportunities for sustainable woodland management within the valley</i></b>                  |
| <b>BLH8</b>   | <b><i>Promoting and interpreting the Biodiversity, Landscape and Geology of the Valley</i></b>                                    |
|   | <b>Planning and Land Use</b>  |
| <b>PLU1</b>   | <b><i>Encouraging regeneration proposals at the Arjo Wiggins site to positively respond to Action Plan aims</i></b>               |
| <b>PLU4</b>   | <b><i>Encouraging development proposals within the Valley to positively respond to Action Plan aims</i></b>                       |
| <b>PLU5</b>   | <b><i>Developing appropriate planning policy coverage for relevant issues for the emerging LDP</i></b>                            |
| PLU7  | Preparing more detailed planning guidance on particular topics or sites where appropriate   |
|   | <b>Community Factors</b>  |
| <b>CF1</b>  | <b><i>Developing initiatives with the Friends Group to enhance Plymouth Great Wood and adjacent land</i></b>                      |
| <b>CF2</b>  | <b><i>Working with partners to develop other community and educational projects within the framework of the Action Plan</i></b>   |
| <b>CF3.</b>   | <b><i>Bringing together relevant groups to tackle community safety issues in Ely/Fairwater/St. Fagans areas of the valley</i></b> |
|   | <b>Water Quality, Fisheries and Riverbank Issues</b>  |
| <b>WFR1</b>   | <b><i>Implementing the most appropriate ways of surveying and treating/removing invasive plant species within the valley</i></b>  |
| <b>WFR2</b>   | <b><i>Monitoring outfalls and identifying and addressing other sources of pollutants into the River Ely</i></b>                   |
| <b>WFR3</b>   | <b><i>Undertaking an assessment of habitats and obstructions within the Bay and along the River</i></b>                           |

| <b>River Ely Valley Action Plan: Completed Projects</b> |  |
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| <b>Ref</b>  | <b>Project summary</b>   |
| AR1   | Ely Trail- Completing link between ISV and Penarth Road  |
| AR3   | Ely Trail- Completing link from Ely Bridge to St. Fagans   |
| AR9   | Ely Trail- Provision of new cycle/foot bridge between Penarth Marina and ISV – Pont-y-Werin (Peoples) Bridge   |
| BLH1  | Resurvey and review of local designated sites (SINCs) as identified in the Biodiversity Supplementary Planning Guidance                                |
| BLH9  | Promoting and interpreting the archaeological and historic environment of the Valley   |
| BLH7  | Undertaking landscape assessment of the area using LANDMAP 2003 methodology and assessing Special Landscape Assessment status using regional criteria. |
| PLU2.   | Encouraging regeneration proposals at the ISV site to positively respond to Action Plan aims   |
| PLU3  | Encouraging regeneration proposals at the Cardiff City Football Club Stadium to positively respond to Action Plan aims                                 |
| CF4   | Raising better awareness and improving take-up of allotments at Ely Farm, with reference to the Open Space Supplementary Planning Guidance             |

| River Ely Valley Action Plan: Access and Recreation<br>Project No. AR2 |   |
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| <b>Project Title</b>   | <b>Ely Trail- Completing link from Penarth Road to Ely Bridge</b>   |
| <b>Outline (Including outputs)</b>                                     | The overall aim is the completion of a continuous cycle/pedestrian route from Cardiff Bay to the National History Museum in St Fagans. The Trail will provide a significant recreational resource and an off road route for commuters. This project relates to the two sections that link Penarth Road and Leckwith Road and Leckwith Road to the Arjo Wiggins site at Ely Bridge. This project also links in with Priority Project PLU1.   |
| <b>Background</b>  | The Council is promoting and developing strategic recreational routes along the three river corridors in Cardiff, to link with the coast and countryside in Cardiff and adjacent local authorities. The route was identified as part of the Waterways and Feasibility Studies for the rural part of the Ely Trail. Its development was also supported by user groups and the Countryside and Local Access Forums.   |
| <b>Priorities Addressed</b>  | 6.2 - Completing the Ely Trail- the completion of a continuous route from Cardiff Bay to St. Fagans.  |
| <b>Benefits</b>  | Creating an attractive continuous off road route provides a significant recreational resource, encouraging more people to walk and cycle with attendant health benefits. It also provides a sustainable alternative for journeys to work and local facilities. When fully completed it will link two of Cardiff's major tourist attractions namely Cardiff Bay and the National History Museum at St. Fagans and thereby has the potential for promotion as part of Cardiff's tourism offer.  |
| <b>Lead Organisation</b>   | Cardiff Council (Traffic Management)<br>DEIN / Ely Bridge Developers  |
| <b>Resources</b>   | Direct works and S106 funding is secured from the former Arjo Wiggins/Ely Bridge development site for the Trail through the river frontage side of the site.  |
| <b>Timescales</b>  | The last section between Sanatorium Park and Ely Bridge will be constructed as part of the former Arjo Wiggins Paper Mill site development.   |
| <b>Issues</b>  | Ensuring a permanent trail route is secured on the Arjo Wiggins site, particularly in the current economic climate. Steps should be taken to ensure this is done as early as possible with minimal damage to biodiversity.  |
| <b>Progress</b>  | The section from Penarth Road to Leckwith Road was opened in May 2006. The section from Leckwith Bridge to Lawrenny Avenue/Lansdowne Gardens was opened in June 2007. Leaflets promoting these sections have been widely distributed and are available from the Countryside website.<br>A Neighbourhood Renewal scheme was implemented in spring 2011 at the Lawrenny Avenue entrance to the Trail, including an information board and footpath improvements.   |
| <b>Next Steps</b>  | Links from the stadium sites to the trail are being accessed.<br>Three developments proposals have been assessed by WAG. However there are issues with the European sustainability standards. Presently, completion of phase 1 is likely to be a few years away.<br>Unfortunately it is not possible to bring the trail forward on this site due to topography and condition of the site.<br>An alternative route through Trelai Park and Leckwith Woods in the Vale of Glamorgan has been considered, but it is only suitable for walkers at this point in time, having been designated as PROW (see below). |

| River Ely Valley Action Plan: Access and Recreation<br>Project No. AR4 |   |
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| <b>Project Title</b>   | <b>Ely Trail- Investigating links from the Ely Trail into the Vale of Glamorgan</b>   |
| <b>Outline (Including outputs)</b>                                     | The first stage was to identify potential links from the Ely Trail to the Vale of Glamorgan. In future years, the aim will be to improve links and to integrate the Trail into the much wider strategic network of leisure and commuting routes in South Wales. This project also links in with Priority Project AR6.   |
| <b>Background</b>  | There is potential to secure links into the Vale at several points along the trail including:<br>Cardiff Bay via the Cardiff Bay Barrage Coast Path (CBBCP);<br>ISV via the Pont-y-Werin (bridge) and the Bay Trail;<br>Trelai Park under the link road and on into Plymouth/Leckwith Woods<br>St. Fagans joining the Millennium Walk<br>St Fagans into St. George's.   |
| <b>Priorities Addressed</b>  | 6.2 - Completing the Ely- the completion of a continuous route from Cardiff Bay to St. Fagans (and developing suitable links into the Vale of Glamorgan).   |
| <b>Benefits</b>  | Integrating the Trail into the wider South Wales network will provide more opportunities for sustainable everyday journeys, recreation and access.  |
| <b>Lead Organisation</b>   | Cardiff Council<br>Vale of Glamorgan Council.   |
| <b>Other Partners</b>  | Sustrans, The Ramblers Association, Local Access Forum, Cardiff Cycle Campaign, CTC, National History Museum and Valeways.  |
| <b>Resources</b>   | ROWIP, CCW  |
| <b>Timescales</b>  | 1-2 years.  |
| <b>Issues</b>  | There are no existing cycle links along the Cogan Spur or into the Vale in the north. However pedestrian links can be progressed.   |
| <b>Progress</b>  | Established links from the Ely Trail into the Vale of Glamorgan include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ St. Fagans Circular Walk linking with the Millennium Walk circular published by Valeways. (The walk also leads onto Castle Hill opposite the existing end of the Ely Trail and leaflets and information boards have been published and installed on site).</li> <li>▪ The CBBCP forms the gateway to the Cardiff Coast Path from the Vale of Glamorgan, and a new gateway to the CBBCP from the Inner Harbour was officially opened in June 2008. The path constitutes part of the Bay Trail circumnavigating the Bay and leading into Penarth, the Victoria Wharf.</li> <li>▪ The Pont-y-Werin Bridge which crosses the River Ely links into the Bay Trail and from here onto the Ely Trail at Dunleavy Drive, the start of the Ely Trail, which has been signed on the ground.</li> <li>▪ Trelai Park under the link road and thorough Leckwith Woods onto Leckwith Road which links onto the Ely Trail on both sides of the road (Leaflets for this walk has been produced in liaison with the Vale of Glamorgan Council PROW team).</li> <li>▪ A new long distance circular walk linking St. Fagans and St Georges on the Vale side and Plymouth Great Woods and the Drope on the Cardiff side has been created (Leaflets for this walk have been produced in liaison with the Vale of Glamorgan Council PROW team).</li> </ul> |
| <b>Next Steps</b>  | The Leckwith Woods link is unsuitable for cyclists but could be improved to allow for this. Works are required on the ground for the St Fagans St Georges link. Promotion for the links with the Bay network including the coast path, the Pont-y-Werin Bridge, the Bay Trail and onto the Taff Trail will be investigated.   |

| River Ely Valley Action Plan: Access and Recreation<br>Project No. AR5 |  |
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| <b>Project Title</b>   | <b>Ely Trail- Investigating feasibility of short circular walk routes and other guided walk routes within the valley.</b>  |
| <b>Outline (Including outputs)</b>                                     | The aim is to identify and develop small circular and guided walk routes within the valley.  |
| <b>Background</b>  | Short circular and guided walk routes need to be identified.   |
| <b>Priorities Addressed</b>  | 6.3 - Creating a better network- in order to maximise the recreational potential of the valley<br>6.4 - Providing access for all- considering access issues for all user groups  |
| <b>Benefits</b>  | It would extend the strategic network by providing additional routes for walkers.  |
| <b>Lead Organisation</b>   | Cardiff Council  |
| <b>Other Partners</b>  | Landowners/ Walking for Health / LAF / RAFA<br>Ramblers Association / Communities First  |
| <b>Resources</b>   | CCW, ROWIP   |
| <b>Timescales</b>  | Feasibility study 2010 - 11  |
| <b>Issues</b>  | Identifying the location of transport links (car parking provision) which can be protected. Promotion of routes to avoid overload to users, including signage and leaflets. Links with other walk promoters throughout Cardiff area. Including Outdoor Cardiff and Cardiff Council branding in published material. The River itself and railway form natural barriers to creating circular routes in some areas and parts along the route.   |
| <b>Progress</b>  | Walking to Health has created a circular walk circumventing Grangemoor Park, encompassing the southern section of the Ely Trail, which has been included in their 'Healthy and Scenic Walks – in and around Cardiff – get up and go' packs. The PROW team have created the St. Fagans circular Walk linking with the Millennium and other Ramblers Association walks in the area. The St. Fagans to St. Georges Circular Walk has also been created although some works are still required on the ground, which will be addressed as and when funds are made available.<br>A 10km circular route around the Bay, termed the Bay Trail has been created using the Pont-y-Werin bridge and the CBBCP, including links to the Ely and Taff Trails and Grangemoor Park. Maps of the route are available.   |
| <b>Next Steps</b>  | The path in Trelai Park can be extended to link into the Ely Trail at the Arjo Wiggins site to create a circular walk (see AR4 above). A longer circular walk could also be developed through Leckwith Woods, Trelai Park, the Arjo Wiggins site, Sanatorium Park and Leckwith Road.<br>A Potential route around Sanatorium Park linking in with Lawrenny Avenue and the athletic stadium site could be established.<br>The local history group in Ely have developed a Heritage Interpretation Plan for the Great Plymouth Wood which will includes provision for guided walk routes and promotion through the woods. Phased works are under way to improve the existing network of paths to make this possible, which are ongoing.<br>There is also potential to link the disused quarry in Plymouth Great Wood to the disused quarry in Coed-y-Buchan Woods using geological narrative, which is under preparation.<br>In addition Valeways will promote their 'Salmon Leaps' walk and a new walk to link up with St Mary's Church in Caerau and Michaelston-le-Pit in the Vale.<br>Additional signage is required for the Bay Trial. |

| River Ely Valley Action Plan: Access and Recreation<br>Project No. AR6 |   |
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| <b>Project Title</b>   | <b>Ely Trail- Investigating feasibility of a long distance route linking up with Taff Trail to north</b>  |
| <b>Outline (Including outputs)</b>                                     | The aim is to identify and develop a long distance circular route that would link the Ely Trail with the Taff Trail to the north. This project also links in with Priority Project AR4.   |
| <b>Background</b>  | The disused railway provides an opportunity to link the Ely Trail to the Taff Trail in the north, providing a circular route. The disused railway could also potentially provide an excellent route for horse riders.   |
| <b>Priorities Addressed</b>  | 6.3 - Creating a better network- in order to maximise the recreational potential of the valley<br>6.4 – Providing access for all- considering access issues for all user groups   |
| <b>Benefits</b>  | It would extend the strategic network by linking with the Taff Trail, and provide additional routes for walkers, cyclists and horse riders.   |
| <b>Lead Organisation</b>   | Cardiff Council   |
| <b>Other Partners</b>  | Sustrans, Land Owners, British Horse Society, SAFE, The Ramblers Association, Local Access Forum, Cardiff Cycle Campaign, CTC, National History Museum, Landowners, Walking for Health  |
| <b>Resources</b>   | To be identified  |
| <b>Timescales</b>  | Feasibility Study 2008-09. Design 2010-11.  |
| <b>Issues</b>  | <p>Bridle routes in the area are limited meaning there is a current shortage of off road routes for horse riders, and no access to northern section of the Ely Trail. Some of the disused railway (on the former Penrhos Branch line), has been taken into gardens north and west of Llantrisant Road, this may impede the re-use of the line as part of the long distance route. The disused railway line may be identified as a transport link to any new development around Capel Llanilterne.</p> <p>Identifying the location of transport links (car parking provision) which can be protected.</p> <p>Consideration should be given as to whether the trail should be a permissive trail and or include PROWs.</p> <p>Building in design/management measures to address local crime context particularly the positive and negative influences of proposed route and its proximity to any new development upon existing/possible anti social incidents should be considered.</p> <p>Addressing potential enforcement, biodiversity and highways issues that may arise.</p> |
| <b>Progress</b>  | Sustrans prepared a feasibility study in April 2010 giving potential options for the route, investigating land ownership and opportunities for horse riders. Meetings and site visits revised this route which is around the National History Museum on Plymouth Estates land, along disused rail lines (Radyr Branch and Old Llantrisant) via Radyr, Rhydlafer Hospital and onto the Taff Trail at Radyr Sidings. Projects and design have drawn up the route.   |
| <b>Next Steps</b>  | Strategic Estates are investigating at land ownership issues. Finances are being pursued to progress the project from design to implementation phase.   |

| River Ely Valley Action Plan: Access and Recreation<br>Project No. AR7 |   |
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| <b>Project Title</b>   | <b>Ely Trail- Promoting and raising awareness of Trail including providing interpretation</b>   |
| <b>Outline (Including outputs)</b>                                     | In addition to providing a high quality access network and open spaces, the provision of interpretative material can add value and interest to users. Good interpretive material can also help develop a sense of place and encourage more usage. There are numerous ways of raising awareness including leaflets, interpretation boards and web information. This project also links in with Priority Projects BLH8, BLH9 and CF1- CF3.  |
| <b>Background</b>  | Raising awareness of the trail is the key to greater use and reduction in existing misuse. Greater legitimate use by the community should reduce problems of anti-social behaviour and decrease community safety issues.  |
| <b>Priorities Addressed</b>  | 6.9 - Providing Interpretation to add value and interest to users.<br>6.17 – Raising Awareness – increased usage should engender a sense of local ownership.  |
| <b>Benefits</b>  | Encouraging social inclusion, usage and local ownership of the Trail. The potential for the Trail to provide an interesting sustainable route between the Bay and the National History Museum.  |
| <b>Lead Organisation</b>   | Cardiff Council   |
| <b>Other Partners</b>  | Communities First, St. Fagans Community Council, Walking for Health, VOG, Sustrans, The Ramblers Association, Local Access Forum, Cardiff Cycle Campaign, CTC, National History Museum, Cardiff Harbour Authority and Friends Groups.   |
| <b>Resources</b>   | Resources available from CCW/CC Annual Partnership Programme and any other available external funding.  |
| <b>Timescales</b>  | Commencing 2006/7 and on going.   |
| <b>Issues</b>  | Sourcing information and agreeing an overall approach to developing interpretation, including branding, signage, website, leaflets, story telling and other mediums. Providing route information whilst development works are still on going. Community Involvement including schools and local community. Providing information in other languages.  |
| <b>Progress</b>  | Directional signage has been erected on all sections of the route. Promotional leaflets for all open sections of the route have been prepared and distributed to businesses/industrial estates, local residents and tourist/visitor outlets, events, schools and leisure centres and are downloadable from the countryside website. Local community events have been attended including the, Communities First Christmas events, Riverside Markets and Fete of the Earth. A logo has been designed for the trail. Interactive plans have been uploaded onto the Countryside website for Wildlife, Archaeology and History and Sports, Recreation and Leisure along the Ely Trail. Way markers with the Ely Trail logo were installed along the trail in 2010. Sustrans have erected temporary signage at Pont-y-Werin Bridge and for the Arjo Wiggins site. New interpretative materials for geology has also been up loaded onto the website for the quarry in Plymouth Great Wood. A new board has been installed on Lawrenny Avenue. Links to the Outdoor Cardiff website have also been made. |
| <b>Next Steps</b>  | Stone gateway features have been designed to be installed around Grangemoor Park, two sited along the Ely Trail and a Wildlife Explorers Trail is also being developed for the Park. Interpretation boards will be developed for the Trail and a whole trail leaflet and launch prepared on completion of the whole trail.  |

| River Ely Valley Action Plan: Access and Recreation<br>Project No. AR8 |   |
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| <b>Project Title</b>   | <b>Ely Trail- Investigating future maintenance solutions</b>  |
| <b>Outline (Including outputs)</b>                                     | Initially to identify the type and cost of maintenance required over a five-year period. Need to provide annual costing over 5-year period, and then try to secure regular budget.  |
| <b>Background</b>  | Funding maintenance is an ongoing problem on all off-road cycle routes, with the exception of the Taff Trail there is no budget for maintenance.  |
| <b>Priorities Addressed</b>  | 6.2 – Completing the Ely Trail and ensure that maintenance measures are in place.   |
| <b>Benefits</b>  | Keeping all sections of the Trail open, attractive and usable for all users.  |
| <b>Lead Organisation</b>   | Cardiff Council (Highways)  |
| <b>Other Partners</b>  | Sustrans, Cardiff Cycle Campaign, Ramblers, SAFE Community First/Probation/Keep Wales Tidy/Princes Trust  |
| <b>Resources</b>   | To be investigated. There is potential for some maintenance to be provided by volunteers e.g. Sustrans Rangers and or Keep Wales Tidy, but a regular maintenance regime is required.  |
| <b>Timescales</b>  | Maintenance requirements, potential solutions and costings to be investigated in 2009-10.   |
| <b>Issues</b>  | Failure to secure a proper maintenance regime will lead to deterioration of the Trail and result in loss of use. The problem of identifying maintenance budgets may jeopardise the development of additional off road routes. Some maintenance issues involve matters of community safety and solutions to anti-social behaviour e.g. maximisation of sight lines, regularity of litter collections, position of rest stops, clearance of overgrown shrubbery, siting of motorcycle deterrents, location of 'designated' (numbered) signage (to protect from damage) with directions/distance to exists. In some areas segregation of users is also an issue that may require addressing.   |
| <b>Progress</b>  | Alterations to the K barrier at Landwade Close and the Kissing gate in St. Fagans to enable disabled users access were undertaken in March 2010 using Innovate Trust funds as recommended by the 'equalities report undertaken in November 2010. The section of the trail along Grangemoor Park was resurfaced using CC Cycling Budget monies in March 2010, and barriers redesigned. The section from Penarth Road up to the fishing site on the Leckwith section was resurfaced in February 2011. A section of the trail at the Leckwith Road entrance onto the Leckwith section was re-profiled to enable better user visibility and vegetation removed prior to this section also being resurfaced with tarmac. The section of the trail at fairwater through Glan Ely Woods up to the kissing gate has also been tarmaced. |
| <b>Next steps</b>  | There are major maintenance issues at the St. Fagans section along the permissive route which need to be addressed. In the short term the pot holes need to be filled but in the long term investigations into realigning the section of the Trail are required or works to the embankment to stop river erosion needs to be investigated. The bridge over the sewer pipe is to be repaired. Vegetation needs to be cut back along the Fairwater section of the trail.  |

| River Ely Valley Action Plan: Access and Recreation<br>Project No. AR10 |   |
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| <b>Project Title</b>  | <b>Identifying and providing facilities/amenities to help users access and enjoy the Ely Valley</b>   |
| <b>Outline (Including outputs)</b>                                      | The aim of this proposal is to improve the quality, use and value of the environment whilst encouraging sustainable long term uses and provide a balance between site specific access, safety requirements and recreational opportunities within the valley. This project links to priority projects BLH4, BLH5, BLH6, CF1, CF2 and WR4.  |
| <b>Background</b>   | The Ely Valley contains a significant amount of public open space including St. Fagans Castle and grounds, the Ely Trail, Plymouth Great Wood, the floodplain between Ely and Fairwater, Mill Road Recreation Ground, Trelai Park, Sanatorium Park, and Grangemoor Park. It is desirable that these spaces are well used, valued and made easily accessible to the public.  |
| <b>Priorities Addressed</b>   | 6.6 Maximising use of open spaces– the potential to enhance the recreational value and access to / within these areas<br>6.7 Maximising the range of activities– by increasing the range of activities available alongside the River, the Bay and adjoining open spaces.  |
| <b>Benefits</b>   | It will be beneficial if public open space and activities within can be suitably increased, enhanced or managed. The river valley already accommodates a wide range of activities but these could be improved and new ones explored.  |
| <b>Lead Organisation</b>  | Cardiff Council   |
| <b>Other Partners</b>   | South East Wales Rivers Trust , CHA, Private Developers, Innovate Trust, Keep Wales Tidy, BTCV, Rotary Club of Cardiff Bay, Tidy Towns, Communities First   |
| <b>Resources</b>  | Section 106 agreements/external funding grants and gifts/in-house funding.  |
| <b>Timescales</b>   | Begin in 07/08 and on going   |
| <b>Issues</b>   | Securing resources and bringing together the relevant organisations.  |
| <b>Progress</b>   | The provision of the Ely Trail and other large scale redevelopments has improved public and private recreational provision in the river Valley and the Bay. Other smaller scale initiatives include car park provision at Dunleavy Drive, art work under the bridge wall of the link road along the Leckwith section and two new picnic/angling sites along the Leckwith and Grangemoor Park sections of the trail. Another additional picnic sites and a fishing area has been installed on the Grangemoor Park section, together with up-grade of the trail surface and installation of cycle stands. Benches and cycle stands have also been installed along the Leckwith and Sanatorium Park sections of the trail. Adjustments have been made to the barriers at Grangemoor Park, Landwade Close and the kissing gate at St. Fagans, to allow for disabled users for disabled users and easier for cyclists. |
| <b>Next Steps</b>   | Interpretation boards will be installed beginning at Grangemoor Park. Additional benches and cycle stands may also be considered along other areas of the trail as appropriate.<br>Management of the landscape and woodlands in the Leckwith section will make the area more attractive to users making an amenity space if appropriate if noise levels are considered to be satisfactory given the proximity to the link road.<br>Consideration could be given to fishing platforms adjacent to Sanatorium Park and Glan Ely Woods.  |

| <b>River Ely Valley Action Plan: Biodiversity, Landscape and Historic Environment<br/>Project No. BLH2</b> |   |
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| <b>Project Title</b>   | <b>Carrying out baseline biodiversity surveys of other sites of local interest.</b>   |
| <b>Outline (Including outputs)</b>   | The aim is to carry out baseline data for other non-designated sites as biodiversity interest.  |
| <b>Background</b>  | Surveys area carried out on non-designated sites as part of the Local Biodiversity Action Plan (LBAP) process for Habitat and Species Action Plans (HAPS and SAPS), biodiversity indicators and for Development Control issues.   |
| <b>Priorities Addressed</b>  | 6.10 – Collecting and reviewing baseline biodiversity data.   |
| <b>Benefits</b>  | Better information about the resource will potentially enable better management of sites of local interest, their retention and enhancement for biodiversity, and as interesting attractive areas for people to enjoy.<br>These benefits are coincident to the aims of the Local Biodiversity Action Plan (LBAP).   |
| <b>Lead Organisation</b>   | Cardiff Council- Strategic Planning.  |
| <b>Other Partners</b>  | Cardiff Harbour Authority, Coed Cymru, Environment Agency, Cardiff Biodiversity Partnership.  |
| <b>Resources</b>   | Resources for survey work identified. Dependent on requirements but partners identified above and CC/CCW Annual Partnership Programme all provide some resources that could be used for these purposes.   |
| <b>Timescales</b>  | Surveys starting in 2006 and ongoing.   |
| <b>Issues</b>  | Data sharing with other partners that hold information.<br>Making data widely available to interested parties.  |
| <b>Progress</b>  | SINC surveys are conducted every 10 years and the River Ely was undertaken in 2006. A live Bat cam has been installed in the National Museum of Wales, and a roost survey has been completed by the County Ecologists for Lesser Horse Shoe Maternity Roost, Brown Long Eared roosts and Pipistrelle in June 2010. The protected species of the Lesser Horse Shoe Bat roosts were found in the A4323 tunnels in 2009 which may be linked to roosts in Penarth and under the under the Cogan Spur. These will be monitored over winter and any results reported back next year. An additional survey is to be undertaken by the Cardiff Bat Group report which will monitor bat flight paths and feeding grounds. The National Museum of Wales undertook a large biodiversity survey of their site in 2010 including for Great Crested Newts and Dormice. No dormice have so far been found. A bird ringing exercise was carried out in 2010 at the Bay Wetlands Reserve, where scarce aquatic plants were found. An amphibian survey was under taken at Grangemoor Park. The ponds within the National History Museum and to the north within Plymouth Estates land are major breeding ponds for Great Crested Newt. The Beech Woods Plantation Pond is bone dry this year and needs to be dug out. Michaelston Marsh was inaccessible at the waters edge although the pond has not dried up. Sustrans volunteers have been trained as wildlife champions but no results for the Ely or the bay are available as yet. A male otter sighting was confirmed in the St Fagans area and otter footprints have also been spotted in that area too, although no sprain t was visible. |
| <b>Next Steps</b>  | On going studies/surveys take place for specific species and habitats. Chance sitings of reptiles and birds are recorded continuously.  |

| <b>River Ely Valley Action Plan: Biodiversity, Landscape and Historic Environment<br/>Project No. BLH3</b> |  |
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| <b>Project Title</b>   | <b>Biodiversity recording within Cardiff Bay including faunal invasive species</b>   |
| <b>Outline (Including outputs)</b>   | Monitoring the development of the aquatic ecosystem of the Bay to provide regular reports on the status and distribution of species, and identify any problems that need to be addressed, such as invasive species.  |
| <b>Background</b>  | A PhD study has been monitoring ecology in the Cardiff Bay wetland area for the last 3 years, co-ordinated by the Cardiff Harbour Authority. In 2004 they discovered the presence of zebra mussels, a non-native invasive species that reproduce rapidly and can cause problems for water users if appropriate care is not taken. Midges and other invasive species have also been identified as problems. The CHA held an invasive species workshop for experts across the UK in December 2006. The CHA Conservation Strategy and 3 year study of the Bay's transition to fresh water were completed in 06/07. The former CHA Specialist Ecologist investigated baseline survey data along the River Ely above and below the former Weir at Ely Farm with a view to identifying data shortfalls. A full survey of aquatic species present in the River Ely was undertaken in 08/09.   |
| <b>Priorities Addressed</b>  | 6.22 - Dealing with invasive species<br>6.23 - Maintaining and enhancing water quality   |
| <b>Benefits</b>  | Indicator species will give early warning of any problems in the river system. Benefits to the LBAP process.   |
| <b>Lead Organisation</b>   | Cardiff Harbour Authority  |
| <b>Other Partners</b>  | Cardiff Council, Cardiff University and National Museum of Wales.  |
| <b>Resources</b>   | CHA to provide.  |
| <b>Timescales</b>  | CHA continue with ongoing monitoring.  |
| <b>Issues</b>  | They are an "Alien Species" within the meaning of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 and are regarded as a pest.  |
| <b>Progress</b>  | The CHA funded 3 year PhD studies in conjunction with Cardiff University to investigate how Zoo Plankton and Zebra Mussel interact with other native aquatic organisms present, and whether any control measures could be implemented to minimise the detriment caused by these creatures the number and spread of which are now complete. The CHA Environment Team is also working with Barrage Control to investigate an effective anti-fouling product to prevent mussels from covering and interfering with barrage structures and mechanics. Spot on-site monitoring of the 20 most problematic invasive species take place in the Bay area. CHA have progressed the outcomes of the Risk Assessment workshop to develop a monitoring and control strategy for all invasive species in Cardiff Bay.<br>Nathusii's Pippistrelle (an under recorded species of bat) were first recorded in the Taff/Ely estuary in 2007. Non-native invasive freshwater shrimp (Dikerogammarus villosus) have also been discovered in Cardiff Bay and American Signal Crayfish (Pacifastacus leniusculus) discovered in the River Ely by the Environment Agency. Bird ringing in the Bay is continuing although the group needs some strong boxes to store equipment in over night to prevent it from being stolen.<br>Other species surveys are also undertaken on an ad-hoc basis |
| <b>Next Steps</b>  | Thought needs to be given to warning signage for anglers and fisherman using nets in the River Ely to avoid transference to other areas. This is particularly relevant now that fishing platforms have been introduced to the area and further are planned. This is also a problem caused by boats and canoes.   |

| <b>River Ely Valley Action Plan: Biodiversity, Landscape and Historic Environment<br/>Project No. BLH4</b> |   |
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| <b>Project Title</b>   | <b>Identifying and implementing opportunities for biodiversity improvements within the Valley</b>   |
| <b>Outline (Including outputs)</b>   | The aim is to identify projects that are linked to other aims within the Action Plan – e.g. involving the local community, improving/managing access/bringing about the sustainable and long-term use of land (AR10, BLH5, BLH6 CF1 and 2).   |
| <b>Background</b>  | The biodiversity of some areas such as Plymouth Great Wood is affected by anti-social behaviour and misuse. In other areas development proposals, Tir Gofal schemes and the public access and awareness opportunities afforded by the National History Museum may provide opportunities for projects.   |
| <b>Priorities Addressed</b>  | 6.1-1 Managing and enhancing biodiversity assets;<br>6.18– Encouraging community participation;<br>6.19- Addressing anti-social behaviour;<br>6.15- Bringing about the sustainable and long-term use of land.   |
| <b>Benefits</b>  | Making the best use of resources by developing a more joined up approach to achieving improvements and involving the local community to try to secure sustainability.   |
| <b>Lead Organisation</b>   | Cardiff Council   |
| <b>Other Partners</b>  | National History Museum St Fagans and St Fagans Woodland Trust<br>Vale of Glamorgan, Keep Wales Tidy and local landowners and Ely/Caerau Communities First and CHA  |
| <b>Resources</b>   | Countryside Council for Wales Annual Partnership programme, Tidy Towns and others to be identified if required  |
| <b>Timescales</b>  | Investigations ongoing- Projects to be undertaken in future years.  |
| <b>Issues</b>  | Land management.<br>Maintenance. Need to tackle antisocial behaviour. Securing landowners agreement.  |
| <b>Progress</b>  | Implementation of the biodiversity management and enhancement plan prepared for part of the Ely Trail from Penarth Road to Sanatorium Park began in 08. The plan was updated in 09. Some existing groups are working in the area with the Parks Biodiversity Officer. An ecological plan has also been prepared for Grangemoor Park adjacent to the Ely Trail from Dunleavy Drive to Penarth Road. The area around the Cambrian Marine site has been grass seeded following removal of invasive species. Sustrans have assigned 'wildlife champions' to the River Ely, who will conduct biodiversity audits of 1km stretches of the River in partnership with SEWBRec and Cardiff CC. |
| <b>Next Steps</b>  | Natural History Museum Audit – CCW have requested all ecological surveys, including Bats and specific botanical surveys at the National History Museum site prior to submission of any future planning applications.<br>Establishing a Friends Group for Grangemoor Park has been explored but deemed impractical as it is remote from residences. However, the rangers will continue to work with local retailers and business including Starbucks and McDonalds and volunteer groups such as the Innovate Trust.  |

| River Ely Valley Action Plan: Biodiversity, Landscape and Historic Environment<br>Project No.BHL5 |   |
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| <b>Project Title</b>  | <b>Identifying and implementing practical projects to manage and enhance the landscape within the valley</b>  |
| <b>Outline (Including outputs)</b>  | To undertake practical projects within the valley to maintain and enhance the landscape character of the Valley.  |
| <b>Background</b>   | The first two miles of the River Ely Valley in Cardiff were designated as a Special Landscape Area (SLA) in the approved South Glamorgan Structure Plan and reiterated in the Cardiff Landscape Study completed in 1999. This has been reassessed as part of recent LANDMAP process, linked to the 2003 LANDMAP methodology undertaken in 2007.   |
| <b>Priorities Addressed</b>   | 6.12–Managing and enhancing the St Fagans Special Landscape Area by ensuring that the criteria remain fit for purpose and that the precise boundaries reflect the criteria.   |
| <b>Benefits</b>   | It is desirable to ascertain which actions can be taken to help manage and enhance the landscape character of the Valley and in particular any designated sites.  |
| <b>Lead Organisation</b>  | Cardiff Council   |
| <b>Other Partners</b>   | Coed Cymru, Plymouth Estates, Cardiff Harbour Authority, Countryside Council for Wales, Vale of Glamorgan Council, other landowners.  |
| <b>Resources</b>  | CCW Annual Partnership Programme/Cardiff Council<br>Others to be identified dependent on the Project.   |
| <b>Timescales</b>   | Projects may be identified as part of a survey process.   |
| <b>Issues</b>   | Securing resources to deliver.<br>Future maintenance arrangements.<br>Problems of and land ownership.   |
| <b>Progress</b>   | A survey and follow up biodiversity/landscape management and enhancement plan has been prepared for part of the Ely Trail from Penarth Road to Sanatorium Park. This has been updated and works have begun. It includes provision for invasive species surveying and treatment, a 3 year woodland management plan, introducing new grassland areas, protection for existing habitats and new tree and shrub planting.<br>An ecological plan has also been prepared for Grangemoor Park. Keep Wales Tidy Volunteers planted trees in the park in 2010. |
| <b>Next Steps</b>   | Implement actions from new land management plan for Ely Trail from Penarth Road to Sanatorium Park, including invasive plant surveys and treatment, creation of new grassland areas, tree clearance and shrub and tree planting.<br>Assess information from LANDMAP Assessment to inform proposals on the ground.<br>Look at other areas to assess what works volunteers can do in addition to litter clearance and invasive weed control.  |

| River Ely Valley Action Plan: Biodiversity, Landscape and Historic Environment<br>Project No. BLH6 |   |
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| <b>Project Title</b>   | <b>Investigating and implementing opportunities for sustainable woodland management within the Valley</b>   |
| <b>Outline</b>   | The aim of the project is to identify and progress opportunities for sustainable woodland management within the river corridor.   |
| <b>Background</b>  | The woodlands within the river corridor are important features for landscape, biodiversity, and in most cases, recreation too. Many of the woods are Council owned, by either Cardiff or the Vale, but some are in private ownership. CC and VOG part fund a Coed Cymru officer to work with private and public landowners in their area. The Annual Partnership Programme also helps fund a Woodland Biodiversity Officer to manage council owned woodland.  |
| <b>Priorities Addressed</b>  | 6.12--Managing and enhancing the St. Fagans Special Landscape Area by ensuring that the criteria remain fit for purpose and that the precise boundaries reflect the criteria.   |
| <b>Benefits</b>  | The long-term maintenance and enhancement of woodland in the river valley.  |
| <b>Lead Organisation</b>   | Coed Cymru<br>Cardiff Council   |
| <b>Other Partners</b>  | National History Museum, Plymouth Estates, other landowners, CCW, Forestry Commission and Ely/Caerau Communities First.   |
| <b>Resources</b>   | Possible resources– Forestry Commission / Countryside Council for Wales Annual Partnership programme / Tidy Towns / Landfill Tax  |
| <b>Timescales</b>  | Projects will be ongoing.   |
| <b>Issues</b>  | Integrating with existing Coed Cymru activities and Woodland Grant Scheme. Maximising biodiversity/public access/awareness benefits for future schemes.   |
| <b>Progress</b>  | <p>In Leckwith Woods 500m of the track has been resurfaced and anti-motorbike barriers have been installed just short of the Cardiff boundary. It is not yet known whether these have been successful in deterring motorbikes.</p> <p>In Beech Wood (also known as Pentreban Wood) by St Fagans Museum coppicing has been completed and cases of 'Sudden Oak Death' treated. There have also been reports of unlicensed felling in Hensol Woods. Felling Licences – work taking place at Coed y Trenches south – half hectare of western hemlock has been removed, but may need to do some work to roadside trees which need checking.</p> <p>Better Woodland Grant submissions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ National History Museum, Coed yr Eglws, Coed Twm Luw and Coed Lesion management plans have been approved by the Forestry Commission.</li> <li>▪ Plymouth Great Wood private part owned by St. Fagans Estate – waiting to be submitted, though registration details are with Welsh Government, no council or Friends involvement this part of the woods.</li> <li>▪ Coed y Gof – need to calculate costings, but should be submitted by next year.</li> <li>▪ Pwll Arthur, St. Fagans – land registration with WG 1<sup>st</sup> July, but should be submitted by next year.</li> <li>▪ Waterhall Plantation, St. Fagans/Fairwater and Coed y Bychan, St. Fagans, more work to be done including consultations with Council, which were due to be completed in September.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Next Steps</b>  | Explore project possibilities in other woodland areas including Plymouth Great Wood, Coedbychan Woods, Glan Ely Woods, other woodlands along the Ely Trail and links into the Vale of Glamorgan woodlands.  |

| <b>River Ely Valley Action Plan: Biodiversity, Landscape and Historic Environment<br/>Project No. BLH8</b> |   |
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| <b>Project Title</b>   | <b>Promoting and interpreting the Biodiversity, Landscape and Geology of the Valley</b>   |
| <b>Outline</b>   | This work can be usefully linked into the wider awareness raising associated with the Ely Trail (AR5), sustainable woodlands management and project implementation BLH4/5 and 6 and interpretation of the archaeological.   |
| <b>Background</b>  | The river enters Cardiff in a countryside setting for approximately a mile and a half, sitting within a gently sloping valley around the St. Fagans area considered to be of high landscape value, including the semi-ancient Plymouth Great Wood. The river then meanders through a mainly urbanised area softened in places by a mixture of fields, hedgerows and woodlands until reaching the extensive woodlands at Leckwith Woods which form an impressive backdrop along this section. By the time it reaches the Bay a new water based landscape is formed with a biodiversity resource in its own right. In geological terms sediments accumulated in Cardiff in late Triassic times, about 250 million years ago seen as reddish pebbly rock in Plymouth Great Wood, and layered blue-green and grey mudstones displayed alongside the Ely Link Road. After the Ice Age, clays (estuarine alluvium) were deposited in the river valleys. |
| <b>Priorities Addressed</b>  | 6.9 – Providing interpretation in addition to providing a high quality access network and high quality open spaces, the provision of interpretive material can add value to users.<br>6.12 Managing and enhancing the St. Fagans Special Landscape Area – it is desirable to see what actions can be taken to help manage and enhance the character of the area<br>6.20 Maximising tourism and economic benefits  |
| <b>Benefits</b>  | In addition to providing a high quality access network and high quality open spaces, the provision of interpretative material can add value to users. Moreover providing information of interest, good interpretative material can help develop a sense of place and encourage increased usage and visits.  |
| <b>Lead Organisation</b>   | Cardiff Council   |
| <b>Other Partners</b>  | Land owners   |
| <b>Resources</b>   | Dependant on individual enhancement works to be undertaken.   |
| <b>Timescales</b>  | A programme of works will be prepared following local biodiversity and geological data analysis, landscape surveys and Character Area and Special Landscape Area reassessment.  |
| <b>Issues</b>  | Liaison with the Vale of Glamorgan will be necessary to address cross border landscape issues.  |
| <b>Progress</b>  | Wildlife and Archaeological and Historic web based interpretation material have been prepared and up loaded onto the Countryside website. The British (BGS) Geological Survey are conducting a RIGS audit of Wales and the Geological Association had its 50 <sup>th</sup> anniversary and are to produce a leaflet based on RIGS sites in the area. The CCW geologist has prepared information on Plymouth Great wood quarry for the countryside website. RIG and SINC sites should be included in GIS layers by 2010.   |
| <b>Next Steps</b>  | The CCW geologist has written the draft text for a geology walk which links in with end of Ely Trail, passing though Coed Bychan Quarries through St. Fagans village and also linking into the history of the buildings and how stone was used here, from the local quarries including within Plymouth Great Wood which is an additional part of the trail and from elsewhere.  |

| <b>River Ely Valley Action Plan: Planning and Land Use<br/>Project No. PLU1</b> |   |
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| <b>Project Title</b>  | <b>Encouraging regeneration proposals at Arjo Wiggins to positively respond to Action Plan aims</b>   |
| <b>Outline (Including outputs)</b>  | A resolution to submit an outline application was approved in 05/06. A Design Code to cover urban design and sustainability issues was presented to Planning Committee on 20 <sup>th</sup> September 2006. The outline application was submitted by the DEIN (formerly WDA) and has since been approved together with a section 106 agreement including open space provision, creation of the last section of the Ely Trail and a new bridge across the River Ely to Dyfrig Close (see AR2).  |
| <b>Background</b>   | The Arjo Wiggins, former paper mill site is a major development site along the banks of the River Ely between Ely Roundabout and the playing fields/Sanatorium Park on the former Lansdowne Hospital site. At present, this section is largely inaccessible and therefore the site provides an excellent opportunity to progress the Trail in the Canton section of the River Ely, including access across the river into Ely. The project seeks to ensure that the approved scheme positively responds to Action Plan aims by securing a layout that maximises the value and role of the river as an integral element of the site. |
| <b>Priorities Addressed</b>   | 6.8 - securing access and recreational benefits in new developments.<br>6.16- Ensuring new and existing developments enhance and do not harm the qualities of the valley.   |
| <b>Benefits</b>   | The development of this area provides an opportunity to create a key link in the middle section of the Ely Trail. It also opens up a previously 'hidden' section of the river and will enhance the quality of the new development.  |
| <b>Lead Organisation</b>  | Welsh Assembly Government<br>Developers   |
| <b>Other Partners</b>   | Cardiff Council, Development Control / SPE/ Highways and Waste Management<br>Environment Agency Wales   |
| <b>Resources</b>  | To be provided by the private sector – requirements have been built into the section 106 Agreement and the conditions of the detailed permission.   |
| <b>Timescales</b>   | Works would take several years to complete from resolution of preferred bidder negotiations. It is hoped work on the trail would be completed first.  |
| <b>Issues</b>   | Ensure the trail is provided and riverbank suitably designed (e.g. river edge design is important and may have engineering/biodiversity issues). Layout to incorporate best practice in community safety. Hold up in development of the site is also holding up completion of a whole trail route. Another essential element of the scheme is creation of a bridge link from the site into Dyfrig Close, Ely which will give access to a wider local audience and Trelai Park and thereby into Leckwith, Plymouth and Company Woods in the Vale from the Trail.   |
| <b>Progress</b>   | A section 106 agreement was signed-off in Summer 07, including development of the trail and provision for bridge over the rail line to link with Trelai Park. The DEIN have purchased the property adjacent to the bridge over the railway on Cowbridge Road East –providing access to the site from Cowbridge Road. Three bidders have bid to develop the site and a preferred bidder may or may not have been selected. Any preferred bidder would have six months to negotiate from any selection date.  |
| <b>Next Steps</b>   | The provision of the footbridge at Dyfrig Close / Road would still be dependant on the development going ahead.<br>The site has been assessed and the trail can not be brought forward of development of the site.<br>Seek and await WAG up-date.   |

| <b>River Ely Valley Action Plan: Planning and Land Use<br/>Project No. PLU4</b> |  |
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| <b>Project Title</b>  | <b>Encouraging development proposals within the valley to positively respond to the Action Plan aims</b>   |
| <b>Outline (Including outputs)</b>  | Opportunities exist at pre-application stage to make developers aware of Action Plan aims and appropriately respond when submitting planning applications. Additionally, there will be opportunities to formally comment on submitted plans to ensure developments positively respond to the qualities and characteristics of the river valley.  |
| <b>Background</b>   | The Preferred Strategy of the Local Development Plan is to consider building new developments on Brownfield sites within the Plan area in future years. The River Ely Valley Action Plan provides a useful context to help consider how such developments could positively respond to the qualities and characteristics of the river valley.   |
| <b>Priorities Addressed</b>   | 6.16- Ensuring new and existing developments enhance and do not harm the qualities of the valley.  |
| <b>Benefits</b>   | To encourage high quality developments in the River Ely Valley and avoid insensitive or inappropriate developments that harms features of interest or is vulnerable to flooding.   |
| <b>Lead Organisation</b>  | Cardiff Council- Development Control and Strategic Planning.   |
| <b>Other Partners</b>   | Cardiff Council - Parks, Highways<br>Private sector developers.  |
| <b>Resources</b>  | Through private sector funding.  |
| <b>Timescales</b>   | As and when development proposals are submitted.   |
| <b>Issues</b>   | Ensure Development Control Officers are aware of River Ely Valley Action Plan.<br>Ensure habitat is created/restored around the river margins.   |
| <b>Progress</b>   | <p>Work is complete on the new Cambrian Marine site adjacent to the Ely Trail up river from Penarth Road, following treatment of invasive species on site within their site the area has been grass seeded with a wildflower mix.</p> <p>The PDR interchange, widening of Leckwith Road and up-graded utilities is complete and includes crossing routes for pedestrians and cyclists, which link to the trail at Leckwith Hill.</p> <p>A continuous riverside walkway now called the Bay Trail is secured on all development proposals extending around the peninsular, with the exception of Cardiff Yacht Club (which is on private land). This allows the Ely Trail to link to the Taff Trail, Inner Harbour, Barrage and Coast path. Signage has been included to the Ely Trail.</p> <p>The Pont-y-Werin Bridge was opened in July 2010, and includes signage to the Ely Trail. This was looked at as a new start to the Trail but given the on road route has been discounted. The existing start at Dunleavy Drive is more attractive and will be kept.</p> <p>A new gauging station has been built by the EA on the St. Fagans section of the trail works included some resurfacing of the existing trail.</p> |
| <b>Next Steps</b>   | <p>The Natural Environment Group view the weekly planning applications list so that they can comment on all applications in the area that might impact on the Action Plan and this process will continue and applications monitored.</p> <p>A planning application for additional developments has been submitted for the Cambrian Marine Village site. Protection of the trail route will be sought.</p> <p>The EA have approached with regard to the possibility of introducing an interpretation board within their site.</p>   |

| <b>River Ely Valley Action Plan: Planning and Land Use<br/>Project No. PLU5</b> |   |
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| <b>Project Title</b>  | <b>Developing an appropriate planning policy coverage of relevant issues in the emerging LDP</b>  |
| <b>Outline (Including outputs)</b>  | Ensure LDP includes an appropriate policy framework that reflects the Ely Valley Action Plan aims.  |
| <b>Background</b>   | The Local Development Plan (LDP) will be the main planning policy document for the City. It is currently in its initial stages and it is important that the aims of the Action Plan are adequately reflected.   |
| <b>Priorities Addressed</b>   | 6.14- Providing appropriate planning policy coverage  |
| <b>Benefits</b>   | Achieving appropriate policy coverage in the LDP will give additional weight to relevant aims contained in the Ely Valley Action Plan.  |
| <b>Lead Organisation</b>  | Cardiff Council - Strategic Planning.   |
| <b>Other Partners</b>   | All groups and organisations who may wish to comment on the content of the LDP through the formal consultation stages of the plan.  |
| <b>Resources</b>  | Preparation of the LDP has been built into the Strategic Planning and Environment Business Plan and the Natural Environment Group Work programme as a key objective of the Countryside Team in coming years.  |
| <b>Timescales</b>   | Ongoing.  |
| <b>Issues</b>   | Incorporating Action Plan aims into Strategic Environmental Appraisal (SEA) and Sustainability Appraisal (SA) of LDP.<br>Safeguard Ely Trail route and possible access points in the LDP.<br>Consideration of preparation of Supplementary Planning Guidance.   |
| <b>Progress</b>   | The LDP must be prepared in accordance with the Wales Assembly Government's rules. The process is a long one but this enables consultation with the community at all stages. It's set out in the following proposed phases so that we can prepare the plan while taking your views into consideration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Vision and Objectives Consultation</b> - completed Winter 2010</li> <li>▪ The results of the consultation have helped inform the LDP vision and objectives considered by Council in March 2011</li> <li>▪ <b>Strategic Options &amp; Sites Consultation</b> - May/June 2011</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Next Steps</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Preferred Strategy approval followed by consultation</b> - October 2012</li> <li>▪ <b>Deposit Plan approval followed by consultation</b> - September 2013</li> <li>▪ <b>Alternative Site Consultation</b> - March 2014</li> <li>▪ <b>Submission to WAG for examination</b> - August 2014</li> <li>▪ Adoption and Implementation of the LDP - October 2015.</li> </ul> <p>Landscape assessments have been carried out for all candidate sites in relation to the countryside and river corridors.<br/>Appropriate policy coverage for the Ely Valley Action Plan area will be considered as part of LDP process ensuring that Action Plan aims feed into the preparation of the LDP as it progresses.<br/>A review of the settlement boundary may also be required at an appropriate time.</p> |

| <b>River Ely Valley Action Plan: Community Factors<br/>Project No. CF1</b> |  |
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| <b>Project Title</b>   | <b>Developing initiatives with the local community/schools to enhance Plymouth Great Wood and adjacent land</b>  |
| <b>Outline (Including outputs)</b>   | The Rangers Service together with Coed Cymru is undertaking a management programme for Plymouth Great Wood. In liaison with the local community and Ely and Caerau Communities First Development Workers they plan to undertake small-scale management works to both enhance the wood and to increase it as a recreational resource.   |
| <b>Background</b>  | Part of the Plymouth Great Wood is a Council owned woodland to the north of Ely adjacent to the River Ely nearby the Ely Trail, the remainder being in the ownership of Plymouth Estates. The woodlands have been the subject of long-term misuse and anti-social behaviour.   |
| <b>Priorities Addressed</b>  | 6.17- Raising Awareness with the local community to reduce cases of anti-social behaviour and increase legitimate usage of the woodlands.<br>6.18- Encouraging community participation and developing links with local groups.   |
| <b>Benefits</b>  | Creating a sense of ownership, education awareness raising to enhance the image/increase health benefits and reduction of anti-social behaviour in the area.   |
| <b>Lead Organisation</b>   | The Park Rangers Service<br>Ely and Caerau Communities First Environment Action Team   |
| <b>Other Partners</b>  | Cardiff Council, Groundwork Wales, BTCV, local tenants and residents associations (including Ely Garden villages and Friends of Plymouth Great Wood), local community groups, Keep Wales Tidy, Keep Cardiff Tidy, Tidy Towns, Careers Wales, Cardiff in Bloom, Probation Service, local Allotment Society, Eco-Schools, Cardiff Sustainable Education Network, Coed Cymru and South Wales Police Schools Liaison Department.   |
| <b>Resources</b>   | CCW 'Come Outside' pilot demonstration project for 07/08; Active Lifestyles in 07/08, 'Tidy Towns' and landfill monies in 08/09.   |
| <b>Timescales</b>  | A project programme is being implemented from 2007/08 onwards.   |
| <b>Issues</b>  | Identifying projects and creating opportunities that can be effectively progressed with strong local community/residents' involvement. Future maintenance issues, including litter collection and control, and other anti-social behavioural problems e.g. burnt out cars, and fly tipping.  |
| <b>Progress</b>  | The Friends of Plymouth Great Wood was set up in May 2007 following the 'Come Outside Demonstration Project. The group have since worked with the Park Rangers Service to clear invasive plants, litter, burnt out cars, create an otter holt, and undertake some pond and four phases of path works. The local history task group worked with Herian to produce a Heritage Interpretation Plan for the wood and wider area. Active Life funding was used to improve the PRoW and a pedestrian counter has been buried in the woods. The quarries in the woods were cleared by Tidy Towns with additional litter clearance by the Ely Garden Villagers who also obtained further Tidy Towns monies to install fencing to keep out fly tippers and horses from the Wilson Road Recreation Ground, who together with 'Ely Growing Together' have also cleaned up the disused allotment site adjacent to the wood, and installed further fencing around the wood. Directional signage has also been installed, and Web based interpretation material uploaded on the countryside website. |
| <b>Next Steps</b>  | The Friends group intend to prepare a guided walk leaflet for the woods.   |

| River Ely Valley Action Plan: Community Factors<br>Project No. CF2 |  |
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| <b>Project Title</b>   | <b>Working with partners to develop community and educational projects within the framework of the Action Plan</b>   |
| <b>Outline</b>   | Develop local initiatives on the ground that actively involves local groups and local schools. Projects will be developed in close consultation with partners working on the ground with the local community.  |
| <b>Background</b>  | The intention of the Ely Valley Action Plan is to act as a strategic framework for a series of on-going actions that will bring about improvements to the Valley including the Ely Trail. Projects undertaken with the active involvement of local groups can produce far greater ownership and lasting benefits.  |
| <b>Priorities Addressed</b>  | 6.18- Encouraging community participation and developing links with local groups.  |
| <b>Benefits</b>  | Projects are more likely to more accurately reflect the aspirations of the local community. Additionally, there will be a stronger sense of ownership and hopefully a lasting involvement in enjoying and respecting the completed scheme. The whole process will also raise awareness of the environment in general and of the issues relating to the local area in particular.   |
| <b>Lead Organisation</b>   | Communities First- Ely and Caerau  |
| <b>Other Partners</b>  | Cardiff Council, CHA, Environment Agency Wales, Groundwork Wales, BTCV, local tenants and residents associations, local community groups, Keep Wales Tidy, Careers Wales, Cardiff in Bloom, Probation Service, local Allotment Society, Eco-Schools and Cardiff Sustainable Education Network, Tidy Towns, Friends Groups, Rotary Club of Cardiff Bay and South East Wales Rivers Trust.   |
| <b>Resources</b>   | CCW / Active Lifestyle / Tidy Towns / Innovate Trust / Splash Fund.  |
| <b>Timescales</b>  | Projects to start on the ground from April 2007  |
| <b>Issues</b>  | Identification of suitable projects. Securing resources to deliver and maintain. Health and safety issues in project implementation.   |
| <b>Progress</b>  | A “Walking for Health” weekly led walk takes place behind Michaelston College. Christmas Fun Days have been held for the last few years involving consultation on environmental issues. Residents groups have visited Flat Holm Island and many activities have taken place with the local community including bug hunts and football on the north Ely recreation ground. The Ely Garden Villagers have been working with youths in the area. Groundwork Wales and BTCV have undertaken on the ground survey work and published results relating to environmental issues within the Ely Caerau areas. Keep Wales Tidy and Communities First have a regular regime of litter picks, Himalayan Balsam surveys and clearance involving local community groups/the Friends of Plymouth Great Wood. Local schools have been involved in the ‘Exploring Our Woodlands’ project at the National History Museum, the logo competition for the Ely Trail and a Community Art project under the PDR comprising pupils from Fitzalan High and Glen Derw High Schools. The Rotary Club of Cardiff Bay were involved in developing the fishing/picnic area at Leckwith. CHA have been working with youths to introduce them to fishing using the new fishing platforms at Grangemoor Park. The Innovate Trust volunteers have worked in Grangemoor Park with the rangers. |
| <b>Next Steps</b>  | Groundwork Wales have an expressed an interest in working in the area. The CHA have proposed a package of educational activates which can be undertaken in the former estuary area and the Bay, including a Seashore Safari Workshop, Curriculum based activities and Interpretation displays.   |

| <b>River Ely Valley Action Plan: Community Factors<br/>Project No. CF3</b> |  |
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| <b>Project Title</b>   | <b>Bringing relevant groups together to tackle community safety issues in the Ely/Fairwater/St. Fagans section of valley</b>   |
| <b>Outline (Including outputs)</b>   | A Crime and Community Safety Action Team and an Environmental Action Team were set up in October 2006, as part of Communities First for Ely and Caerau, incorporating other Council Service Areas local residents and community groups.  |
| <b>Background</b>  | The Communities First Team is tackling a range of community issues as part of its wider agenda in Ely/Caerau including Crime and Community Safety and Environmental Improvements.  |
| <b>Priorities Addressed</b>  | 6.18 – Encouraging community participation and developing links with local groups.<br>6.19- Addressing anti-social behaviour and community safety  |
| <b>Benefits</b>  | Improve safety and awareness and undertake environmental improvements.   |
| <b>Lead Organisation</b>   | Communities First Ely and Caerau<br>Youth Inclusion Project  |
| <b>Other Partners</b>  | Cardiff Council, Environment Agency Wales, Groundwork Wales, BTCV, local tenants and residents associations, local community groups, Keep Wales Tidy, Carers Wales, Cardiff in Bloom, Probation Service, local Allotment Society, Eco-Schools and Cardiff Sustainable Education Network.   |
| <b>Resources</b>   | Cardiff Council staff resources  |
| <b>Timescales</b>  | Projects to start on the ground from April 2007.   |
| <b>Issues</b>  | Need to tackle issues of vandalism of signs, gates, fences and bridges, presence of scramblers and motorbikes, youths with air rifles, substance misuse, burnt out cars, litter and fly tipping.<br>Need to decrease 'Fear of Crime' issues and increase feeling of safety.<br>Also, need to look at all hotspots including Plymouth Great Woods and sections of the Ely Trail including St. Fagans and Birdies Lane.  |
| <b>Progress</b>  | Burnt out cars and fly tipping have been removed from Plymouth Great Woods and the quarries, involving the local community. A barrier to bar fly tippers, scramblers and joy riders was installed on the Frank Road Entrance to Plymouth Great Wood. A new fence line was installed between the council and privately owned land which unfortunately has been severely vandalised. Additional fencing is to be secured on higher ground which may alleviate the problem. .<br>New directional signage was added to encourage greater use of Plymouth Great Wood, and along the trail to encourage self policing from 08/09 onwards. A new stock proof kissing gate was installed in the northern section of the Ely Trail in 08/09, altered in 09/10 to enable disabled access. The barrier at Landwade Close has also been reconfigured. A boat trip up the River Ely took place in March 2010 including volunteers who could become involved in managing the River and Trail area. The Birdies Lane section of the Ely Trail has been alley-gated between 7:00pm and 5:00am, as a solution to the on going anti-social problems in the area. Support is to be given to Keep Wales Tidy involvement in this area and (throughout River Valley area) to keep the valley area litter, fly tipping and Himalayan Balsam free. Working with the Cardiff River Care Group, who cleared 0.75 tonnes of litter from Wroughton Place/Birdies Lane in July 2010. |
| <b>Next Steps</b>  | Plans to repair the surface in the St. Fagans section are to be considered. Plans are also in place to cut back vegetation here and on the Fairwater sections. The Birdies Lane section needs to be looked at to enable better access to the River for surveys and also in order to avoid litter build up.   |

| <b>River Ely Valley Action Plan: Water Quality, Fisheries and Riverbank Issues<br/>Project No. WFR2</b> |  |
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| <b>Project Title</b>  | <b>Implementing the most appropriate ways of removing invasive plant species within the Valley</b>   |
| <b>Outline (Including outputs)</b>  | Bringing relevant partners together to agree and implement the most appropriate treatment(s) for removing invasive plant species. This should lead to: reaching agreement on the most appropriate method(s); annual programme of works to remove/control invasive species including Japanese Knotweed, Himalayan Balsam and Giant Hogweed. Monitoring will measure the impact of works.  |
| <b>Background</b>   | Together, it is hoped that these actions will deliver a more strategic approach to monitor and tackle the invasive plant species problem along the river and within the Bay area. Existing treatment to Japanese Knotweed takes place south of Leckwith Bridge through a Service Level Agreement between Cardiff Harbour Authority (CHA) from the rivers edge to 5m in and Cardiff Council (Parks Services). Highways treat 1m either side of the Ely Trail.   |
| <b>Priorities Addressed</b>   | 6.22- Dealing with invasive species  |
| <b>Benefits</b>   | If invasive species are left unchecked, they will continue to spread and increase the cost to control / cause damage to flood defences and structures / squeeze out native species collect litter / be visually unattractive and create a bad image thereby discouraging people from visiting the river valley.  |
| <b>Lead Organisation</b>  | Cardiff Council (Parks and Highways)<br>Cardiff Harbour Authority  |
| <b>Other Partners</b>   | Keep Wales Tidy (KWT)<br>Volunteers  |
| <b>Resources</b>  | There is a limited budget in Cardiff Council for the treatment of pernicious weeds (including all plant invasive species) across the whole county. CHA's arrangement with CC (Parks) provides the finance to tackle the problem south of Leckwith Bridge. However, it is clear that to treat strategically all invasive species along the whole valley will have further resource implications.  |
| <b>Timescales</b>   | Ongoing- Partners continue to assess and implement most effective solutions.   |
| <b>Issues</b>   | Himalayan Balsam is an annual that needs to be treated before it seeds in June/July. It's easily up rooted but may colonise areas where Japanese Knotweed has been eradicated.   |
| <b>Progress</b>   | The whole trail was treated for Japanese knotweed in September 2010 using Tidy Town monies. This was followed up in September 2011, retreating areas where some Knotweed remained and treating areas previously out of reach. This has been very successful. The area will be treated again next year as part of the contract to ensure eradication.<br>Keep Wales Tidy also tackled the area from Wroughton Place to Birdies Lane in July 2010 for Himalayan Balsam and litter continued by the Cardiff River Care group in 2011. Keep Wales Tidy also tackled the St. Fagans area in summer 2011 and the Innovate Trust the areas to the south of Santorum Park. |
| <b>Next Steps</b>   | A strategy for surveying and treating Japanese Knotweed and Himalayan Balsam along all River corridors is being pursued.<br>This will involve obtaining monies to purchase GPS readers for volunteers to use and developing layers for the information to be housed. Monies will further need to be sourced to under take required treatments. In some cases it may be preferable to also spray the Balsam where large patches exist.<br>Parks have added a Japanese Knotweed ( <i>Fallopia japonica</i> ) page to their website, which includes a fact sheet. Information on Invasive species can be made available to the council on request to EA.              |

| <b>River Ely Valley Action Plan: Water Quality, Fisheries and Riverbank Issues<br/>Project No. WFR3</b> |  |
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| <b>Project Title</b>  | <b>Monitoring outfalls and identifying and addressing other sources of pollutants into the River Ely</b>   |
| <b>Outline (Including outputs)</b>  | Bringing together data on outfalls entering the River Ely in Cardiff and assessing if there are any significant 'diffuse' sources of pollutants.<br>Outputs-: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creating a GIS layer that can be shared with partners plotting known points of outfalls together with gathering data on nature/volume of discharges at outfalls and via diffuse sources</li> <li>• Analysing data to identify potential actions to address any problems.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Background</b>   | The Environment Agency (EA) and Welsh Water (DCWW) have statutory regulatory roles in relation to water quality and drainage. Existing data will be shared to build up a comprehensive picture of the current situation.   |
| <b>Priorities Addressed</b>   | 6.23- Maintaining and enhancing water quality  |
| <b>Benefits</b>   | Further improvements to water quality will have significant environmental benefits and directly enhance wildlife interests.  |
| <b>Lead Organisation</b>  | Environment Agency<br>Welsh Water DCWW   |
| <b>Other Partners</b>   | Cardiff Harbour Authority<br>Cardiff Council (Strategic Planning) and (Drainage)   |
| <b>Resources</b>  | EA and DCWW currently undertake duties in connection with this project. Information gathered can help inform future decision-making.   |
| <b>Timescales</b>   | Ongoing - Major improvement works to the Trelai Pumping Station were undertaken in 2007/08.  |
| <b>Issues</b>   | The River Ely has a low river flow. Monitoring point sources of pollution (CSOs) and researching other sources of diffuse pollution (surface water run off e.g. from industrial estates). Liaising with partners to resolve upstream issues. Monitoring oxygen levels in river to minimise impact on river flora and fauna.  |
| <b>Progress</b>   | Meeting with main partners held (June 2006) to agree way to progress- Information from different sources e.g. Environment Agency / Welsh Water and Council engineers will be collated to provide a comprehensive picture of the existing situation.<br>Welsh Water have employed consultants to monitor Western District Pumping Station, and Combined Sewage Overflows (CSOs) at Penarth and Trelai to measure their impact on the rivers water quality, any upgrades will be undertaken as part of the EAs Asset Management Programme.<br>CHA hope to gain permission to install water quality measuring equipment (sondes) on the Arjo Wiggins site for the River Ely.<br>The CHA currently pump extra oxygen into the Bay area when oxygen levels are detected as being low by on advice from WW.<br>Information on water quality can be found at <a href="http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk">www.environment-agency.gov.uk</a> |
| <b>Next Steps</b>   | The Environment Agency is working under their Water Framework Directive which aims to achieve cleaner rivers and therefore identifying rivers that are failing their criteria. They will then investigate these failing stretches of river and aim to reach their standards by 2015.<br>Investigations will be conducted by walking the length of the river and recording things such as invasive species.<br>The Environment Agency is working closely with Welsh Water who has "River Rangers" who will walk the sewers and record the assets and identify any areas that may cause pollution.   |

| <b>River Ely Valley Action Plan: Water Quality, Flooding and Riverbank Issues<br/>Project No. WFR4</b> |   |
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| <b>Project Title</b>   | <b>Undertaking an assessment of habitats and obstructions within the Bay and along the River Ely</b>  |
| <b>Outline (Including outputs)</b>   | Support for the pledged programme of monitoring to determine the impact and implications of the barrage upon migratory salmonoids (Cardiff Bay project) and undertaking a major mitigation schemes through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improvements to fish passage over / through existing barriers.</li> <li>• Restoration of degraded habitat.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Background</b>  | The River Ely, while not being renowned salmon rivers, has a considerable salmon run. It is a recovering river, the improving salmon population being a good indicator of the water quality improvements in this once heavily polluted river. Removal of obstacles will ensure fish such as spawning salmon return to the upper reaches of the river.   |
| <b>Priorities Addressed</b>  | 6.7 – Maximising range of activities<br>6.11 – Managing and enhancing biodiversity assets<br>6.18 – Encouraging community participation and links with local groups   |
| <b>Benefits</b>  | Enabling greater access to the river for users including anglers.<br>Enabling fish to migrate up river.<br>Restoring the full biodiversity potential of the river system.<br>Birds and many other forms of wildlife benefit from the improved ecology of rivers.  |
| <b>Lead Organisation</b>   | Department of Enterprise Innovation Works (DIEN) Welsh Assembly Government (WAG)<br>Environment Agency Wales (EAW)  |
| <b>Other Partners</b>  | Cardiff Harbour Authority, Cardiff Council (Strategic Planning), Welsh Water (DC/WW), South East Wales Rivers Trust.  |
| <b>Resources</b>   | EAW / CHA, WAG (DIEN)   |
| <b>Timescales</b>  | Ongoing.  |
| <b>Issues</b>  | Wiggins Teape old weir apron remains a partial barrier, which will require further investigations.  |
| <b>Progress</b>  | Barriers to migration on the river have been removed i.e. the weir at Arjo Wiggins, although the remaining apron may cause problems.<br>Limited natural salmon recruitment is now occurring on the Ely.<br>Fishing platforms have been introduced along the river along the Leckwith Road and Grangemoor park sections. The South East Wales Rivers Trust has been fly monitoring and the passage of salmon along the river.                |
| <b>Next Steps</b>  | Modifications or removal of the Wiggins Teape old weir apron maybe necessary. Identify areas of degraded habitat as candidate for future improvements works. Restoring good water quality and habitats creates a better environment not only for fish but also for a diverse range of flora and fauna, including insects, birds, amphibians and mammals.<br>Fly monitoring will also give an indication to the general health of the river. |

**Appendix 2: Completed Priority Projects**

| <b>Project Ref</b> | <b>Project Title</b>   | <b>Progress</b>   | <b>Remaining Issues</b>  |
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| <b>AR1</b>         | Ely Trail- Completing link from ISV to Penarth Road.   | This section of the trail has been completed.   |  |
| <b>AR3</b>         | Ely Trail- Completing link from Ely Bridge to St Fagans.   | The trail from Ely Bridge to Birdies Lane and Bwlch Road to St. Fagans were completed and opened in June 2007.  | Vegetation requires cutting back and some issues with surface on St. Fagans section. Also some issues with bank erosion.   |
| <b>AR9</b>         | Ely Trail- Provision of new cycle/foot bridge between Penarth Marina and ISV – Pont-y-Werin (Peoples) Bridge   | The Pont y Werin was officially opened by the Deputy First Minister, Ieuan Wyn Jones on 14 <sup>th</sup> July 2010.   |  |
| <b>BLH1</b>        | Resurvey and review of local designated sites (SINCs) as identified in the Biodiversity Supplementary Planning Guidance                                | A River Ely Valley Biodiversity Study Report was completed in 06/07, which includes surveys of 7 of the 8 SINCs in the area (6 meet the new regional criteria   | Geological SINC's can be included in the next annual SINC review.<br>SINC resurveys will be undertaken every 10 years (BLH8).<br>Adequate policy coverage for locally designated sites need to be included in the in the emerging Local Development Plan (PLU5). |
| <b>BLH7</b>        | Undertaking landscape assessment of the area using LANDMAP 2003 methodology and assessing Special Landscape Assessment status using regional criteria. | The LANDMAP Study was completed by Aspect consultants in 2007/08, and information is available to public via the CCW website. Consultants have completed studies on both Character Areas and Special Landscape areas. | These reports will be used to inform work on the Local Development Plan particularly for appropriate policy Designations for the River Corridors.  |
| <b>BLH9</b>        | Promoting and interpreting the archaeological and historic environment of the valley   | Information is included on the countryside website.   | Information can be included in on site interpretation boards.  |
| <b>PLU2</b>        | Encouraging regeneration proposals at the ISV site to positively respond to Action Plan aims   | Scheme completed.   | A Snow Box/leisure ice complex is planned to replace the temporary ice rink, will include fake snow and ice for recreation and competition.  |

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| <b>PLU3</b> | Encouraging regeneration proposals at the Cardiff City Football Club Stadium Project site to positively respond to action plan aims              | The site is complete with the exception of the Vision 21 building which will now not be built.                          | Explore opportunities for promotion of Ely Trail through new sports facilities including interpretation and direction signage. |
| CF4         | Raising better awareness and improving take-up of allotments at Ely Farm, with reference to the Open Space Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) | The site is full and additional plots have been made assessable.  | Good opportunities for nature conservation.  |
| <b>WFR1</b> | Surveying the extent of invasive species within the valley   | The length of the trail has been surveyed and treated for Japanese Knotweed.<br>Some areas treated for Himalayan Balsam | Survey and treatment will be put together in one strategy for all river corridor areas.  |

### Appendix 3: List of partners and contact details

- A.4 The table overleaf is intended to help partners interact to carry out actions that deliver the aims of the Action Plan. As outlined at the outset, the Cardiff's River Valleys Initiative involves a wide variety of organisations with different roles to play. One of the key aims of this Action Plan is to provide a more co-ordinated approach to managing and enhancing the River Ely Valley. Members of the Steering group are highlighted in ***bold italics***. It is hoped that the contact details will assist this process.
- A.5 The contact table will be updated along with the Action List Appendix each year. The Countryside Team within Cardiff Council will facilitate this process. Should additional contacts be required, contact details change or details are preferred to be excluded from this list, please notify one of the Countryside Team:

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