Cyngor Gwynedd BGI Detailed Design

Tywyn Public Engagement Event

Location: **Tywyn Library, Neptune Rd, Tywyn LL36 9HA**

Date: **10.11.2026**

Meeting Time: **11.30 – 12.30**

Attendees

Name	Organisation
Jack Walmsley	Cyngor Gwynedd
Paul Davis	EGY Design
Keri Trimmer	EGY Design
	Public attendance: Members of the local community and town council also attended the consultation event.

Summary

A public consultation event was held at Tywyn Library, Neptune Road, Tywyn, between 11:30am and 12:30pm, providing members of the local community with an opportunity to view the proposals for Neptune Road and provide feedback on the design.

The event comprised a series of exhibition boards illustrating the observations from the existing site, the potential development proposals and supporting visualisations. Attendees were invited to view the displays, discuss the proposals and raise any questions or comments.

Representatives from EGY and Gwynedd Council were in attendance throughout the session to provide information, answer questions and discuss the proposals with members of the public.

The feedback received during the session is summarised in the following sections, identifying the positive feedback and opportunities highlighted by attendees, alongside the concerns, issues and suggestions raised.

Positive Feedback and Opportunities Identified

Encouraging active travel

Some attendees welcomed the proposals to encourage active travel and supported improvements that would promote walking and more sustainable travel choices throughout the area.

Greening of Neptune Road

Some positive feedback was received from some attendees regarding the proposed introduction of additional green infrastructure along Neptune Road, with the opportunity to introduce more greenery and enhance the appearance of the street welcomed.

Additional tree planting within the chapel grounds

A suggestion was made to explore opportunities for further tree planting within the chapel grounds, providing an opportunity to extend the proposed greening beyond the immediate scheme area.

Surface water management improvements

Some attendees welcomed the proposals to reduce the volume of surface water entering the existing combined sewer network. It was recognised that this could help alleviate pressure on the downstream wastewater treatment works and provide wider environmental benefits.

General support for the proposals

Some attendees expressed general support for the proposals, recognising the opportunity to introduce more greenery and improve the existing streetscape, without identifying any particular elements of the design.

Concerns, Issues and Suggestions Raised

Removal of existing parking provision

Significant concern was expressed by some attendees regarding the proposed removal of existing parking spaces to accommodate the proposed green infrastructure. Concerns centred on the importance of retaining parking provision to support access to the library, residential properties and the nearby care home (Hillsboro Residential Home). Some attendees also highlighted the wider implications of reduced parking availability for visitors, residents and those accessing local services.

Emergency service access

Some attendees raised fundamental concerns regarding the ability of emergency services, particularly ambulances and fire engines, to access properties and navigate the proposed layout without obstruction from the proposed green infrastructure.
Further evidence and reassurance were requested to demonstrate that the proposed arrangements would maintain appropriate access for emergency vehicles and would not compromise emergency response times or operational requirements.

Care home access and parking

Concerns were raised by some attendees regarding how access to the care home would be maintained following the proposed changes to the parking arrangements. In particular, the need for suitable provision for ambulance access, patient transfers and short-term stopping was highlighted. A specific request was made for dedicated ambulance access and/or designated stopping bays outside the care home.

Parking provision for tradespeople

Some attendees raised concerns regarding the reduction in parking availability for tradespeople undertaking maintenance and repair works at residential properties. It was highlighted that the lack of suitable parking could make it more difficult for contractors to access properties and undertake their work. One attendee expressed concern that, where tradespeople were required to park in restricted locations due to the lack of available spaces, any resulting parking penalties could ultimately be passed on to residents through the cost of their invoices.

Visibility at junctions

Concerns were raised by some attendees regarding the potential impact of the proposed tree planting on visibility splays at nearby junctions. It was noted that the information presented did not provide sufficient detail to demonstrate that the proposed trees would not obstruct visibility for drivers.

Potential damage from tree roots

Some attendees raised concerns regarding the potential for tree roots to cause damage to the adjacent carriageway, footways and existing boundary walls as they develop and seek sources of air. It was explained that the proposed trees would be accommodated within dedicated tree pits (referred to as 'tubs' during the discussion). These would contain the root systems and provide an appropriate volume of soil and growing medium to support the establishment and development of the selected tree species.

Tree species selection
Concerns were raised regarding the selection of appropriate tree species for the scheme, with some attendees highlighting the importance of ensuring that the species selected would be suitable for the local environment, available space and surrounding infrastructure.

Pedestrian desire lines and crossing arrangements
Some attendees raised concerns regarding the proposed pedestrian crossing arrangements and the potential impact on existing pedestrian desire lines. Whilst the introduction of more formal crossing points, including tactile paving, was acknowledged, it was suggested that the proposed layout could result in longer walking routes for pedestrians.

Cycle parking provision
Whilst some attendees welcomed the proposals to improve and green pedestrian routes, concerns were also raised regarding the lack of dedicated cycling facilities within the scheme. In particular, the absence of cycle stands near the library entrance was highlighted, with a suggestion that provision should be incorporated to better support active travel.

Library access and future community hub aspirations
Some attendees raised concerns regarding the potential removal of parking spaces outside the library to accommodate the proposed rain garden and seating area. The potential future role of the library as a wider community hub was highlighted, with questions raised about whether the proposed reduction in parking would affect accessibility for visitors and users of the facility.

Project team discussion: It was discussed that alternative parking provision may be available within other Council-owned car parks to help offset the potential loss of spaces. However, this would require further investigation and consideration.

Existing sewer network and Dolgellau
Some attendees raised questions regarding the wider operation of the existing sewer treatment plant at Tywyn and whether foul water from Dolgellau continued to tanker wastewater to the Tywyn treatment plant. Concerns were expressed that, if this remained the case, the proposed improvements to surface water management may not fully address the wider pressures on the downstream treatment infrastructure.

Some attendees questioned the benefit of undertaking improvements to the local drainage network if the wider issue associated with Dolgellau remained unresolved. Clarification was sought from the town councils regarding whether the issue had been addressed and whether discharges from Dolgellau to the treatment plant were still occurring.

General opposition to the proposals

Some attendees expressed significant reservations about the proposals, with the principal concern relating to the potential loss of existing parking provision to accommodate the proposed street greening and soft landscaping. In particular, concerns centred on the implications for emergency service access, visibility at junctions, access restrictions to the nearby care home and the ability of tradespeople to undertake work at residential properties.