



# CARLISLE WAVERLEY VIADUCT TRUST

Registered Charity No. 1168423



## OUR MISSION

### TO OPEN THE FORMER RAILWAY BRIDGE AS A TRAFFIC-FREE CROSSING OF THE RIVER EDEN

#### WHAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED SO FAR?

1. Advised by a founder member of Sustrans, we have developed a master plan to link cycle ways (existing and proposed) north and south of the river extending well beyond the bridge itself.
2. We have commissioned detailed ecological and topographical surveys of the proposed route.
3. We have obtained planning and listed building consents for a first phase of our master plan which includes waterproofing the bridge deck and providing drainage, forming steps down to a public footpath at the northern end, providing guarding and consolidating parapets. Our wider plan cannot be achieved at this stage because The Environment Agency is awaiting the outcome of its post Storm Desmond flood evaluation. When the time is right The Environment Agency will engage with us about the design of a new cycleway ramp to enable the wider scheme to be developed.
4. We have appointed consulting engineers to design and oversee the necessary works for the first phase, including obtaining all remaining technical permissions. This work is on-going to meet the deadline stated in (6) below.
5. We have funded and continue to fund all of the above with help from Carlisle City and Cumbria County Councils and private donations.
6. The Railway Heritage Trust has allocated a grant of £100,000 towards the £350,000 estimated cost of the first phase. In order to secure this grant, a contractor for the works must be appointed before end of March 2020.
7. We have achieved agreement in principle with all owners of relevant land and structures EXCEPT one, who owns the original embankment on the northern side, over a very small area on which we require to construct a set of steps. See the drawing on the reverse of this sheet. He remains opposed to the project, **BUT...**
8. Carlisle City Council has passed a formal resolution to prepare and issue a **Public Path Creation Order, (PPCO)** applying to this piece of land. Ongoing discussions are being held with the Council concerning the conditions.
9. The Trust has a prominent firm of London-based solicitors working pro-bono on legal matters.

#### WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE AND HOW CAN YOU HELP ?

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A concerted fund-raising effort needs to be mounted to meet the building costs and fees of the project, but while this cannot be launched until the access issue mentioned in (7) and (8) above has been resolved, it can and is being planned. **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS IMMEDIATELY TO SPEARHEAD A FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN.**

An essential part of this will be establishing an effective public relations machine. **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS IMMEDIATELY TO KEEP OUR WEBSITE** current and fresh.

The construction of the steps descending over the northern embankment will be constructed by volunteers. **WE WILL NEED VOLUNTEERS WITH GROUNDWORKING AND CARPENTRY SKILLS** at the appropriate time during next year.

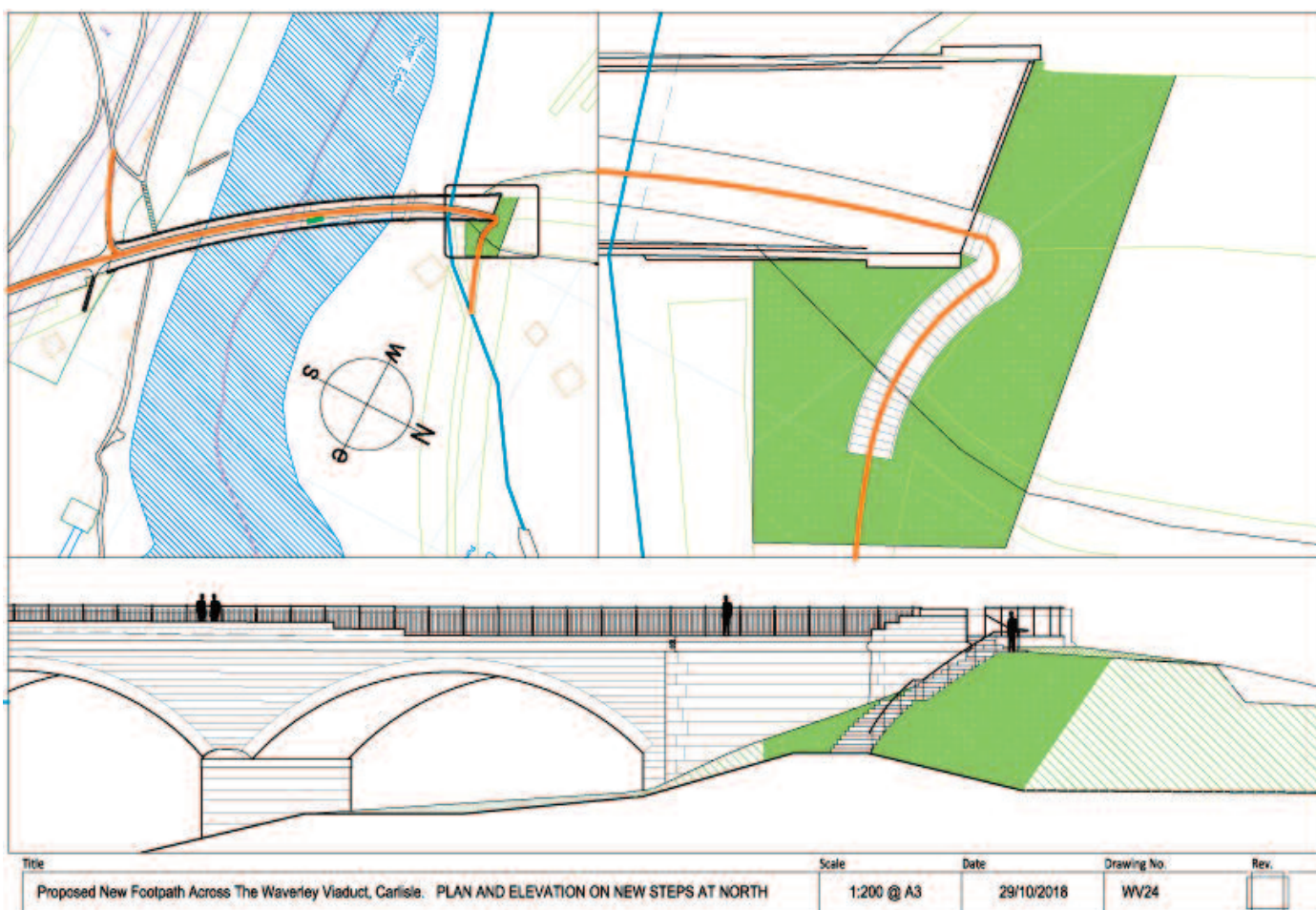
There will need to be a programme of maintenance established to keep the path steps and barriers in good order. **VOLUNTEERS WILL BE REQUIRED FOR MAINTENANCE TASKS.**

**WITH YOUR HELP WE WILL MAKE THIS PROJECT A REALITY**



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