

Existing Accessibility

Vehicular access to Barr Beacon is very good since Junction 7 of the M6 is only 2km to the south. It is also served on all sides by good quality A and B roads. It is therefore not surprising that surveys have shown that between 59 - 90% of visitors arrive by vehicle. This is despite the fact that the majority of users travelled less than 6 kms.

Although there are a number of buses that serve the Beacon their local catchment areas are restricted and only 2 bus services operate on a Sunday. There are no local train stations either.

Within the study area, apart from the Beacon Way, there are very few public footpaths and no bridleways. In the vicinity of the Beacon there are numerous narrow lanes which are used by commuters as 'rat run' short-cuts. The area is popular with walkers and riders who not only have a very limited right of way network to utilise, but also the dangers of the lanes to overcome.

Audience

We would like to encourage a greater diversity of people to visit Barr Beacon and Pinfold Quarry by:

- ▶ Making it more accessible.
- ▶ Improving the on-site facilities and information.
- ▶ To encourage new users to visit the site.
- ▶ To promote Barr Beacon and Pinfold Quarry as a tourist attraction.

Ways we could achieve this include:

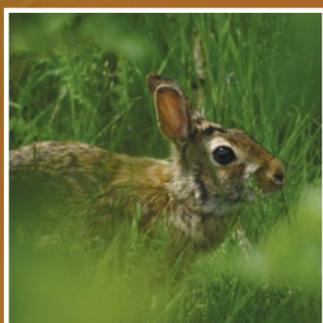
- ▶ Encouraging more people who live within easy walking distance or a 5 minute car journey to use the site on a regular basis.
- ▶ Providing greater support to organised groups (schools and others) who want to use this site for education, recreation and social purposes.
- ▶ Making the site a recognised tourist attraction.



Your Views

We are particularly interested in hearing about your views on the following:

- ▶ How can Barr Beacon be linked into the surrounding area?
- ▶ Would you walk, cycle or ride a horse to Barr Beacon from home or elsewhere if there were better and safer links?
- ▶ Would you like to see dog free areas?
- ▶ Would you like to see access for horses to be defined?
- ▶ Would you like to see improved public transport links with the site?
- ▶ Why do you come to Barr Beacon or what do you like about it?
- ▶ If car parking could be screened from view would it make Barr Beacon a better place?
- ▶ Would you like to see more information about the geology, archaeology and wildlife on the site?
- ▶ Do you support our proposals?
- ▶ Would you like to see Barr Beacon improved and if so how?



Your Feedback

Thank you for taking the time to read through our Ideas.

Your views can make a difference as our proposals are not yet finalised so please give us your feedback.

In drawing up these suggestions we have consulted widely, but the nature of such a consultation tends to focus on individual elements and activities. In this booklet we have tried to bring together all of these elements to provide an overview of the plans for Barr Beacon and Pinfold Quarry.

The proposals in this booklet are set out in greater detail on the Birmingham and Black Country Wildlife Trust website www.wildlifetrust.org.uk/urbanwt/Barr_Beacon/MAIN.htm

The contents of this document will also be exhibited at venues around the local area:

We are keen to receive comments and feedback of all kinds, whether these are expressions of support or matters of concern.

Please let us have your comments and suggestions by letter or e-mail, or you may wish to use the response form on the accompanying consultation leaflet.

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The Wildlife Trust works to make Birmingham and the Black Country a better place for wildlife and people. This is an area with internationally, regionally and locally important species and habitats, and with around five per cent of the national population in one of the most cosmopolitan areas of the UK. The Wildlife Trust has access to a great resource of ecological knowledge and expertise, backed by a reputation for accuracy and objectiveness.

The Wildlife Trust is a full member of the Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts, (one of 46 covering the whole United Kingdom), and proud to be the first urban Wildlife Trust. We have a growing membership of over 5,000.

Our approach combines practical conservation action, campaigning, policy development and a commitment to community and education initiatives. Issues of sustainable development and the conservation of biodiversity are interdependent and cannot be dealt with in isolation.

We are committed to operating through partnerships, with links to individuals and community organisations, local authorities, statutory and voluntary conservation and environmental organisations and other Wildlife Trusts.

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