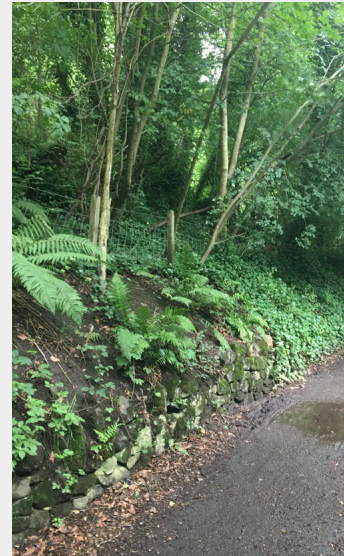


WAVEGARDEN BRIDGE AND CYCLE LINK PRE-APPLICATION ENGAGEMENT

LANDSCAPE AND VISUAL

EXISTING LANDSCAPE AND VISUAL CHARACTER

- The scheme is located within the naturalised Union Canal Scheduled Monument cutting in the Ratho Hills Special Landscape Area.
- The site is visually enclosed by the heavily wooded, steep slopes associated with the canal and former quarries.
- Structures include the modern EICA and its associated natural stone retaining walls, the natural stone retaining wall along the Union Canal towpath and remnants of walls associated with the site's industrial past located on the cutting slopes.
- Vegetation on site consists of a dense canopy of native and non-native broad-leaved trees with scattered shrubs, wildflowers and ferns on the ground.
- Views of the site from the surrounding area are limited due to its low elevation and the surrounding woodland.
- Key visual receptors affected by the scheme include users of the canal and tow path, visitors to the EICA, and future Wavegarden and country park visitors.



EXISTING SITE STRUCTURES AND VEGETATION

