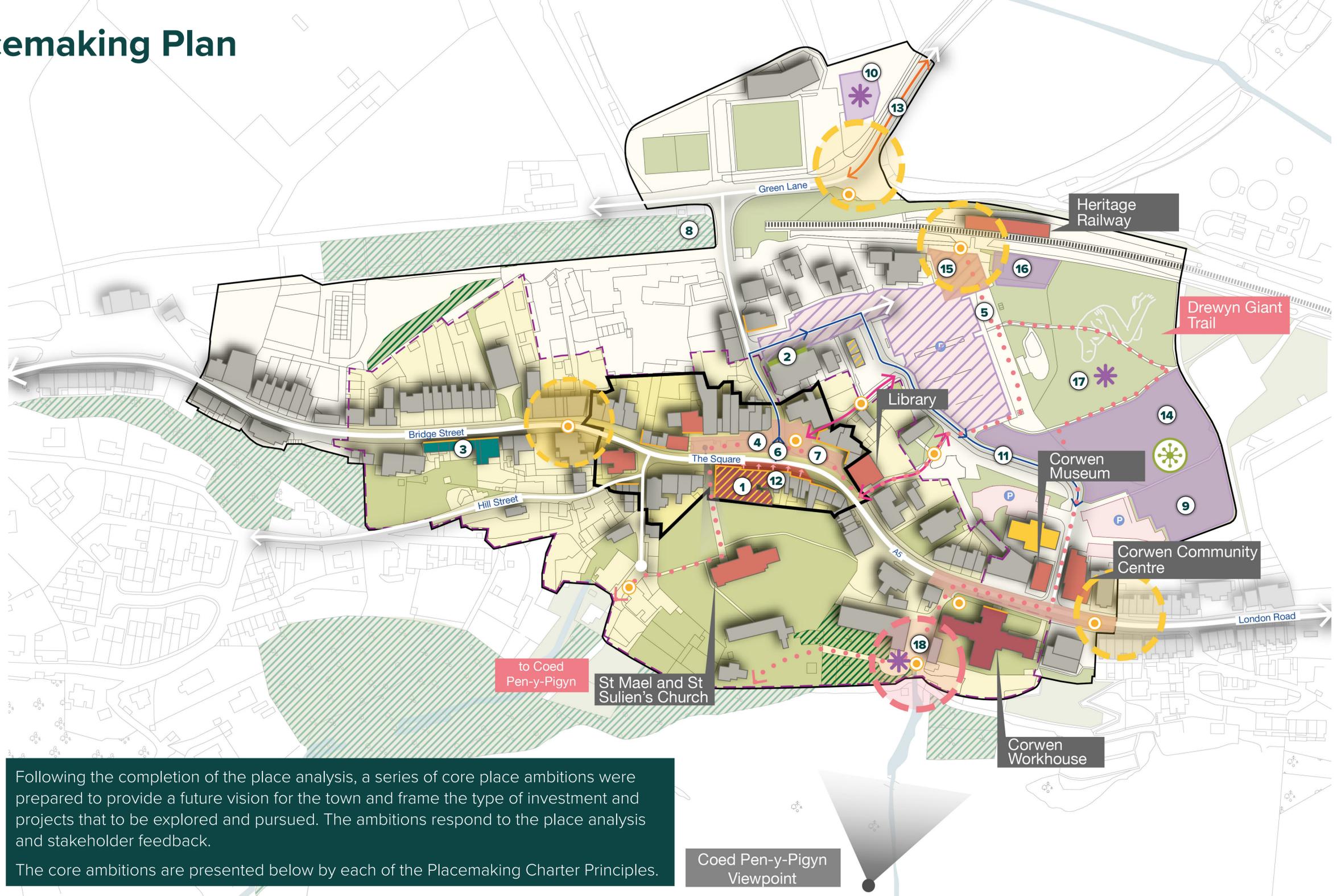


01. Corwen Placemaking Plan

- Legend:
- Placemaking Boundary
 - Conservation Boundary
 - Town Centre Boundary
 - Buildings
 - Key Buildings
 - Car Parking
 - Green Spaces
 - Woodland
 - River
 - Heritage Train Station
 - Heritage Railway
 - Bus Station
 - Bus Stop
 - Key Viewpoint
 - Road
 - Proposed One-Way Route
 - Improved Pedestrian Links to Town
 - Active Travel Route
 - Heritage/Nature Trail Route
 - Frontage Improvements
 - Mural/Public Art Feature
 - Opportunity to Enhance Heritage Building
 - Residential Opportunity
 - Mixed-Use Building Opportunity
 - Underutilised Land
 - Existing Project under Development
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 - Public Realm Improvements
 - Car Park Public Realm Improvements and Rationalisation
 - Gateway Improvements
 - Meanwhile Use Space
 - Public Space Use
 - Improved Wayfinding
 - Large Open Market/Event Space



PHYSICAL SETTING

AN ATTRACTIVE TOURIST DESTINATION

... leveraging Corwen's unique geographical setting to attract visitors and support local businesses, establishing it as a vibrant hub in the region.

LOCATION

A WELCOMING AND ENGAGING PUBLIC REALM

... where well-maintained, accessible spaces reflect Corwen's heritage, fostering social interactions and community pride.

PUBLIC REALM

ACTIVITY

A CONNECTED AND ACCESSIBLE TOWN

...through sustainable and efficient transportation options that link Corwen with surrounding areas, promoting ease of movement for residents and visitors alike.

MOVEMENT

A DIVERSE AND THRIVING LOCAL ECONOMY

...featuring a blend of residential, commercial, and cultural spaces that create a dynamic and vibrant community.

MIX OF USES

MEANING

A COMMUNITY WITH A STRONG HEART

...where volunteer-driven initiatives and an inclusive environment ensure all residents feel valued, engaged, and connected.

PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY

A CELEBRATION OF WELSH CULTURE AND HERITAGE

...preserving and promoting Corwen's unique identity through cultural events, local storytelling, and the appreciation of its historical and natural assets.

IDENTITY

02. Western Opportunities

The Western area is characterised by a vehicle dominated approach to the town, narrow public realm and a mixture of dilapidated spaces and building frontages, of which a number are vacant including iconic buildings, such as the Midland Bank building. There is also the Owain Glyndwr Hotel and a mix of shops that frame the town centre with the Owain Glyndwr Statue as a core statement of Corwen's heritage and identity.

OPPORTUNITIES	AMBITIONS MARKED AGAINST THE WALES PLACEMAKING CHART					
	MOVEMENT	MIX OF USES	LOCATION	PUBLIC REALM	PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY	IDENTITY
1. Identify a series of investment opportunities to improve poor quality façades along Bridge St and The Square, creating a more attractive and cohesive streetscape, and improving the quality and character of historic buildings, such as the Owain Glyndwr Hotel.						
2. Commission murals and public art installations to transform negative frontages and add vibrancy to the town. Invest in street greening and planting to improve the public realm and the overall urban environment, introducing landscaping around key roadways and gateways to the town, particularly at Green Lane and Bridge St where it will enhance safety and aesthetics.						
3. Explore interventions and strategies that aim to tackle the concentration of vacant units and dilapidated buildings (e.g. grant support for building enhancements, residential / work units) within the western portion of the town centre. Consider the potential for new homes which can contribute towards the vitality of Corwen, helping address local housing needs, and sustaining the concentration of businesses in the town centre.						
4. Declutter The Square and create a more positive setting to enjoy the unique and strong historic environment, facilitating business spilling onto and activating the public realm, community social cohesion, and creating more suitable and appropriate surroundings to the areas listed buildings.						
5. Improve wayfinding and public awareness of local events and activities through new bilingual town/heritage digital information boards at Corwen Station and The Square. Incorporation of digital capabilities into the notice boards better allowing the promotion of local events and facilities.						
6. Explore the opportunity to introduce new surface treatments at Bridge St in front of The Crown Hotel and the junction where Green Lane meets The Square, creating a more inviting environment for pedestrians and reducing vehicle speeds; including the replacement of tarmac with paving within the carriageway and emphasised crossing locations.						
7. Replace dangerous perpendicular short stay parking bays with parallel disabled parking spaces that can also be used within restricted times for servicing on The Square/A5 road, allowing more pavement space for businesses to use and improve the overall safety and attractiveness of the area.						
8. Explore opportunities to utilise disused railway line corridors to create new active travel routes between Corwen and the wider areas, including the former Corwen-Bala section and Ruthin-Corwen section, improving links to key facilities such as Corwen Leisure Centre						



Example of Street Greening



Example of Pedestrian Priority Surface and Paved Junction Treatment



Example of Digital Wayfinding



Example of Outdoor Parklet Seating Areas



Example of Sheltered Outdoor Space



Example of Mural Showing Place Identity

03. Eastern Opportunities

The Eastern area is characterised by a series of historic buildings, such as the Old Police Station, Corwen Workhouse and heritage railway. The large car park adjacent to Corwen Station and the neighbouring green space also make up part of this area and are both subject to a wealth of potential. The Corwen Giant (Drewyn) and nature trail are valuable resources that could benefit from improved signage, renewal and greater utilisation to fully capitalise on their potential.

OPPORTUNITIES	AMBITIONS MARKED AGAINST THE WALES PLACEMAKING CHART					
	MOVEMENT	MIX OF USES	LOCATION	PUBLIC REALM	PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY	IDENTITY
9. Consider opportunities to expand the community centre and Corwen Museum, exploring the utilisation of nearby structures to expand the offer and provide a stronger cultural and social gathering place for residents and visitors alike.						
10. Introduce new outdoor recreational spaces including uses such as, a skate park and multi use games area next to War Memorial Park to provide a dedicated space for youth recreation benefiting local wellbeing.						
11. Establish two one-way routes along Green Lane and through Corwen Car Park and integrate them with the existing bus only route to streamline traffic flow and reduce tight turnings. Use reclaimed space to create improved active travel links, safer spaces for pedestrians and a more welcoming and legible environment for Corwen.						
12. Shift the A5 road slightly northward to create wider pavements along the southern side of The Square and in front of the Owain Glyndwr Hotel to improve pedestrian safety and accessibility through the town centre.						
13. Explore opportunities to enhance and expand cycle and active travel routes to neighbouring villages, encouraging sustainable transportation. Consider opportunities for a new cycle route along Green Ln and B5437 better linking Corwen centre, Corwen Leisure Centre and Clawdd Poncen.						
14. Create a flexible sheltered space capable of hosting outdoor markets and events on the former pavilion space and the space north of Llys Edeyrnion Business Centre, helping bridge the gap between the heritage railway and the town centre and infusing the area with new life. The space could accommodate a permanent structure providing shelter from the elements with infrastructure to facilitate visitor and community events.						
15. Create a welcoming transitory space between Corwen Station and the car park to improve the sense of arrival for visitors arriving by train. Install heritage boards and a comprehensive wayfinding map at the heritage railway gateway to educate visitors and guide them through historical points of interest with a mapped trail. Improvements should also be sought around Corwen Car Park public realm to aid legibility.						
16. Provide a new railway, coach and visitor centre at the landing point into Corwen from the station, providing a range of facilities for locals and visitors potentially including active uses and coach waiting and toilet facilities.						
17. Expand the offer with a natural play area within the 'Giant' footprint space to offer unique and engaging recreational opportunities for families and as a starting point to draw on the existing 'Giant Drewyn Trail'.						
18. Strengthen Corwen's heritage/town and nature trails with stronger wayfinding and signage throughout the town. Explore utilisation of the space between The Workhouse and Emporium to create a stronger gateway with meanwhile uses that connect to Coed Pen y Pigyn trails.						
19. Explore building upon the investment brought forward with the heritage railway with a space dedicated towards works, training and education.						



Example Heritage Visitor Centre



Example of Nature Themed Play Space



Example of Flexible Sheltered Space



Example of Green Car Park



Example of Pop-up Meanwhile Uses



Example of Nature Trail Wayfinding Signage

