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Borderlands Project

Newcastleton and Dalbeattie
7 Stanes sites

Borderlands Bid : Dalbeattie & Newcastleton Proposals



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Why Are We Here ?

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Purpose of Today's Meeting

- Reintroduce the Strategic Advisory Group
- Confirm role and expectations
- Update on project progress
- Present emerging concept proposals
- Discuss stakeholder and community engagement
- Seek advice on specific issues
- Outline next steps



What is the SAG here to do?

- ✓ Provide strategic advice
- ✓ Offer constructive challenge
- ✓ Bring specialist insight
- ✓ Advise on engagement and communications
- ✓ Help identify risks and opportunities
- ✓ Act as a critical friend

Not To:

- ✗ Approve designs
- ✗ Delay project milestones
- ✗ Re-open approved business case decisions
- ✗ Act as a decision-making body



Programme update

✓ Governance
approvals
completed

✓ Delivery
team appointed

✓ Economist
appointed

✓ Design team
mobilised

✓ Site
investigations
commenced

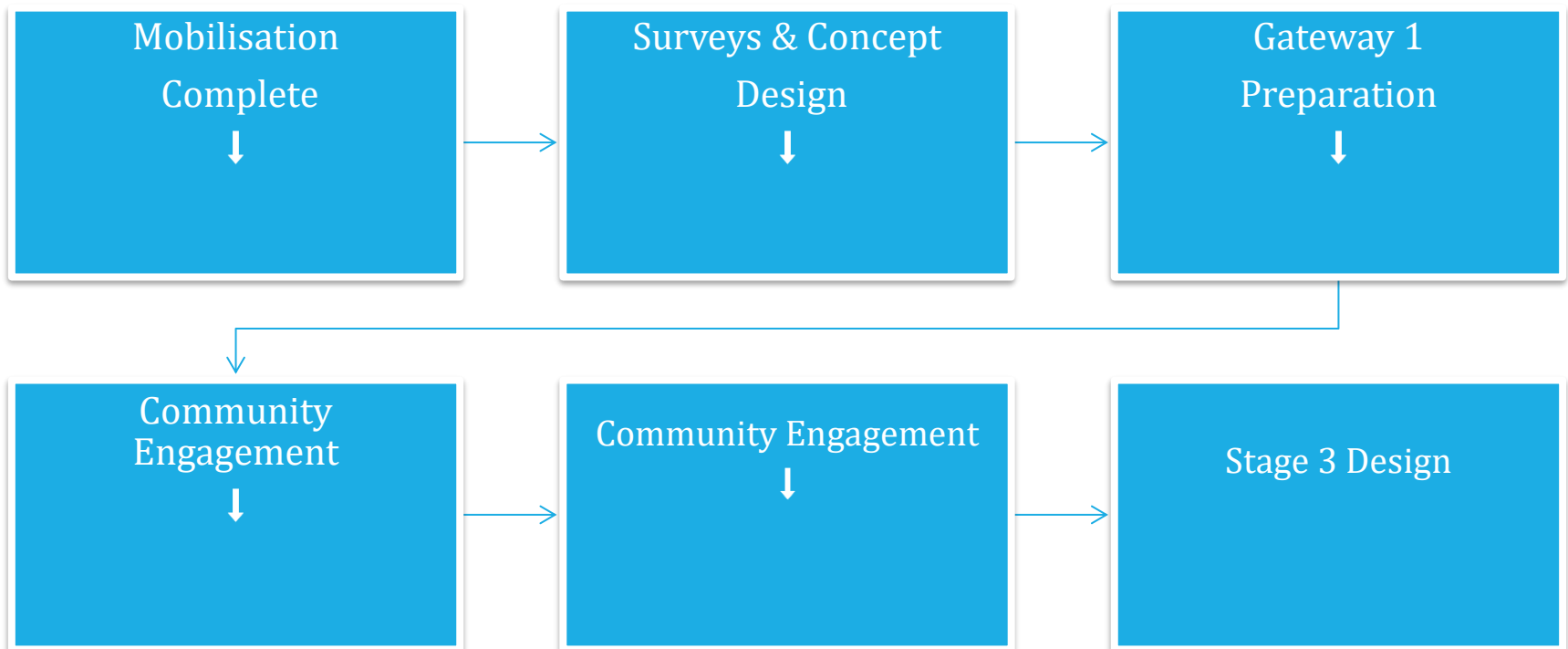
✓ Surveys
underway

✓ Costs under
review

✓ SAG re-
established



Programme Status





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Newcastleton Concept Design

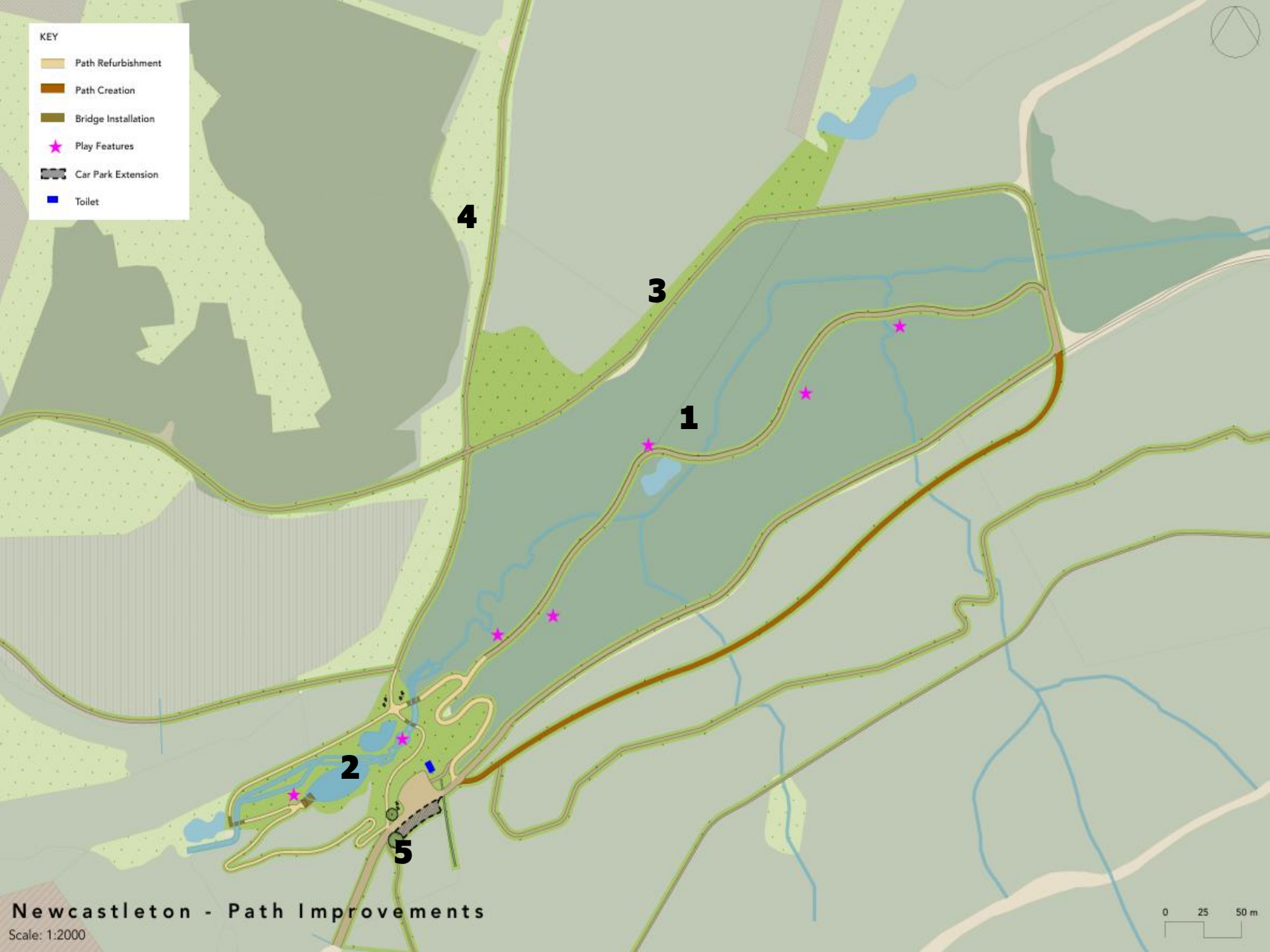


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KEY

- Path Refurbishment
- Path Creation
- Bridge Installation
- Play Features
- Car Park Extension
- Toilet



Newcastleton - Path Improvements

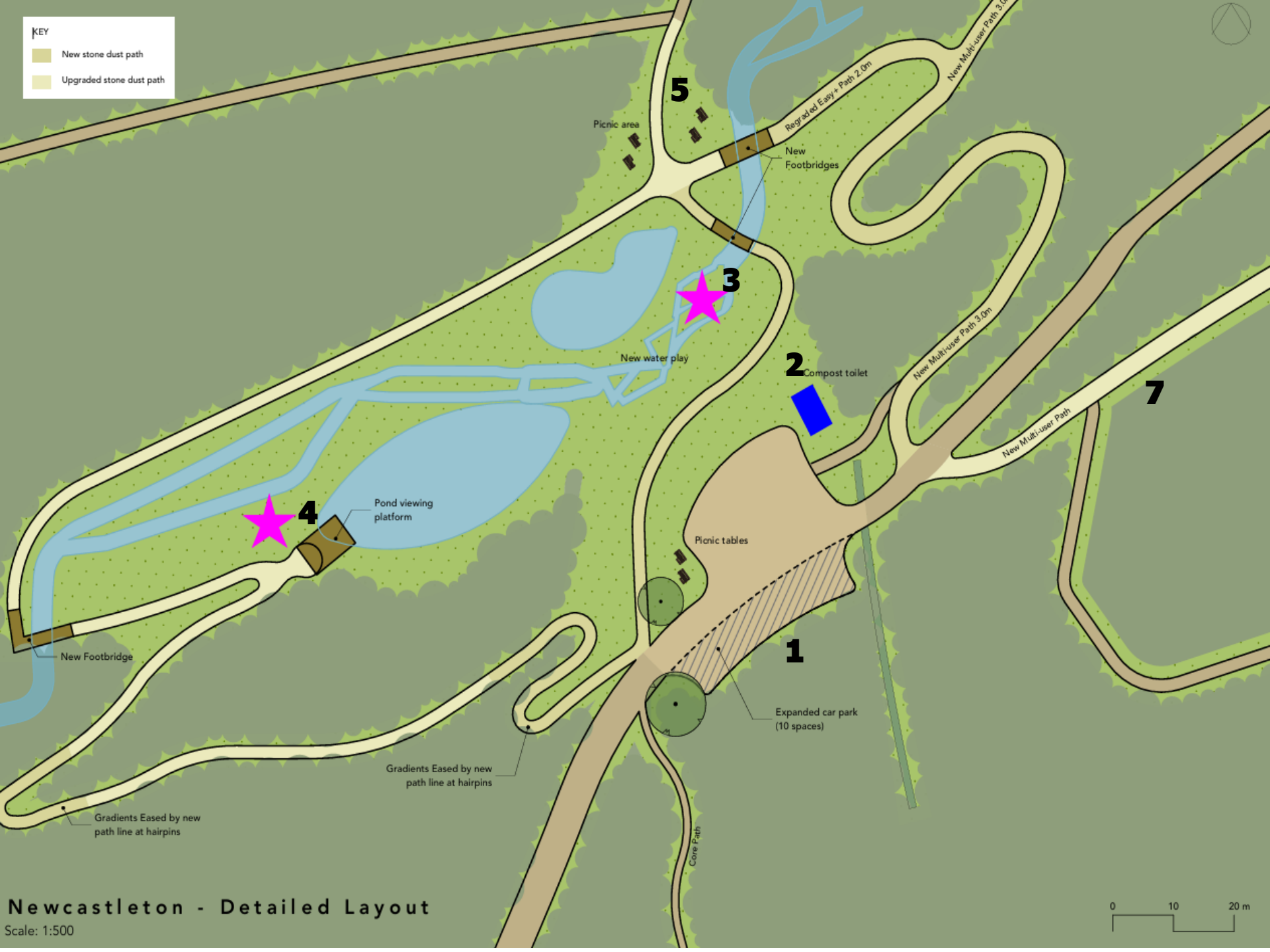
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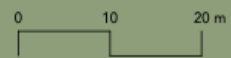
New stone dust path

Upgraded stone dust path



Newcastleton - Detailed Layout

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Community & Business Engagement

Advice Requested

How can
we best:

Reach local communities?

Engage local businesses?

Avoid consultation fatigue?

Identify local opportunities?

Demonstrate community benefit



Where we would like help

Over The Next Six Months

Help us:

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- ☒ Reach communities
 - ☒ Reach businesses
 - ☒ Identify opportunities
 - ☒ Identify risks
 - ☒ Test assumptions
 - ☒ Improve proposals
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Next Steps

October

Complete surveys

Progress Gateway 1

Confirm engagement dates

Autumn/Winter

Community engagement

Concept design refinement

Updated costs

Early 2027

FBC completion

Planning

Final approvals



Discussion

1 – SAG Meetings – future arrangements, frequency and structure

Questions

Specifically Seeking Advice On:

Community engagement opportunities

Business engagement opportunities

Dalbeattie bouldering location

Emerging risks or opportunities



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