

“QUARRY CONVERSATIONS”

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INTRODUCTIONS

- **Sarah Pearse** – Town Clerk
- **Sarah Jackson** – Old Town Quarry Project Manager
- **Town Council staff** – supporting the Quarry Conversations discussions

- Format of the session:
 - **Presentation:** Update on Old Town Quarry project so far (10 mins)
 - **Breakout session:** Quarry Conversations on each table (up to 1 hour)
 - **Summary:** Verbal feedback from attendees (15 mins)
 - **Session close**

- Housekeeping information – toilets, fire exits, refreshments, queries etc...

VISION

- Key priority of Old Town Quarry (OTQ) project is **community involvement**
- Town Council taking **sustainable** approach
 - Awarded substantial grant
 - Commissioning building work at OTQ site
 - Protecting nature & wildlife
- So, what's been happening?

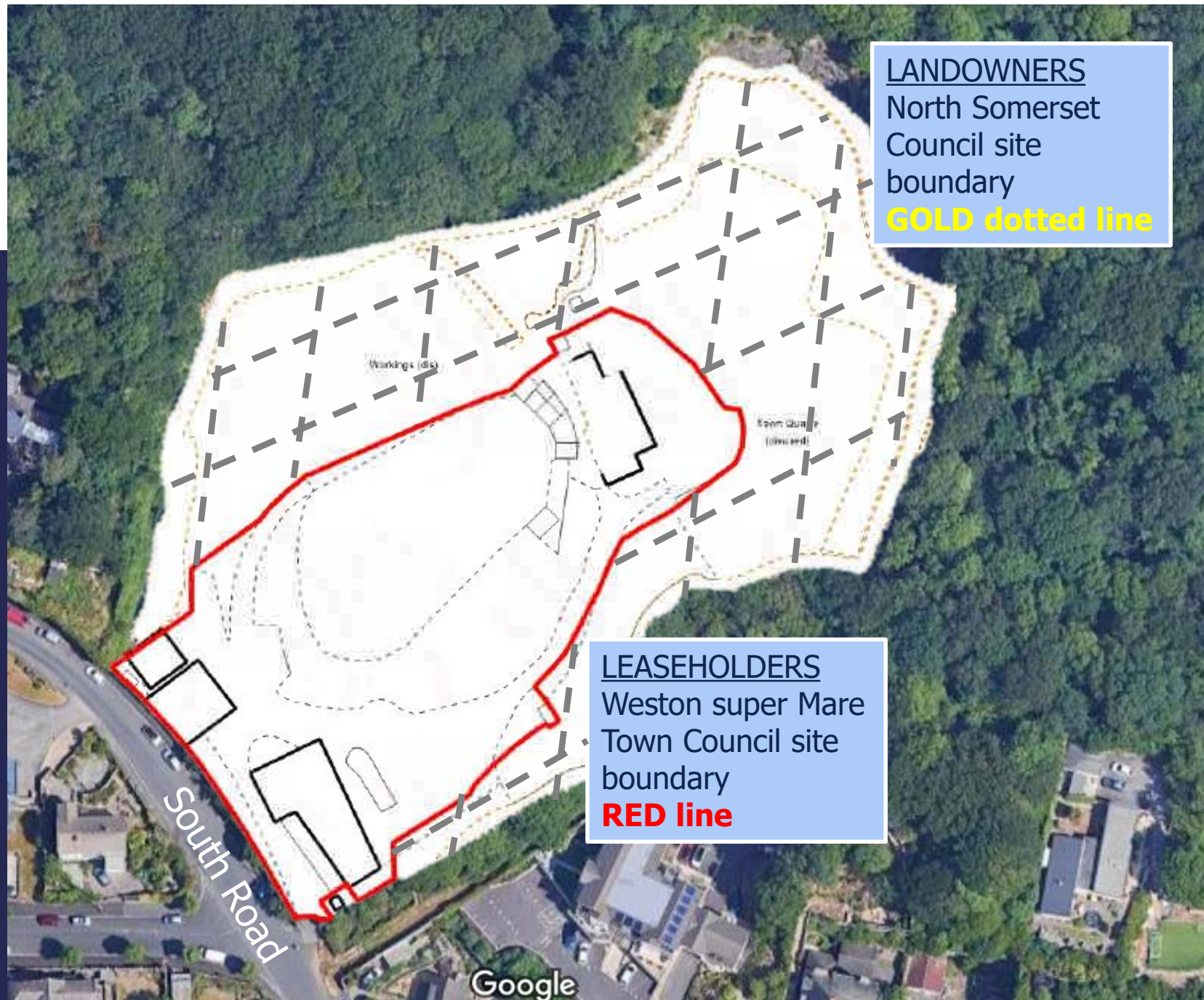
OLD TOWN QUARRY SITE

The Old Town Quarry,
South Road
Weston-super-Mare
BS23 2LS

Weston Town Council lease
area - outlined in **RED**

New site lease will NOT include
area in **GREY lines**

These areas, including quarry
face, remain with NSC



PROJECT FUNDING

- Funding bid submitted to Community Ownership Fund (COF)
 - Awarded £699,992 - **1 year** funding from January to December 2024
- Types of **COF funding**:
 - **CAPITAL** funding – only for building works, renovation etc. to make safe and useable
 - Doesn't include ongoing running costs
 - **REVENUE** funding – only for COF project running costs
 - **MATCH** funding - funds raised from other sources
 - Town Council provided £200,000 matched funding

COMMUNITY OWNERSHIP FUND PROJECT

- COF Old Town Quarry funding has **2 main objectives**:
 1. Renovate & refurbish large part of quarry site & key buildings
 - **Outcome**: Develop ongoing site management & maintenance plan
 2. Run community engagement programme to capture what YOU envision at the site
 - **Outcome**: Community-led programme once site re-opens

RENOVATION & REFURBISHMENT

1. First phase of OTQ project:

- Renovating & refurbishing existing buildings & outdoor space
- Develop site maintenance plan
- Moving Town Council Grounds Team onto Quarry site - new base

New toilet block
(external access)

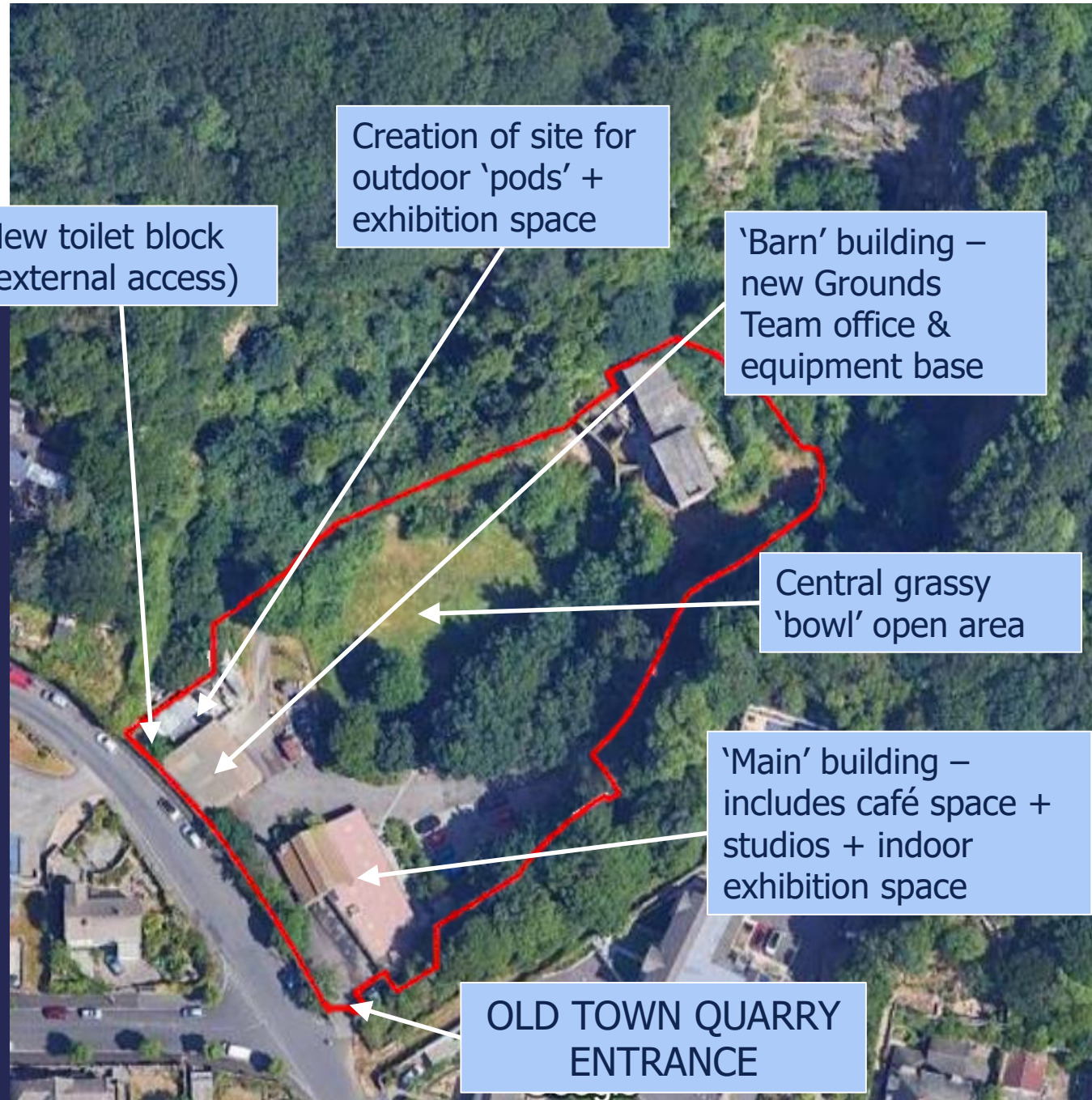
Creation of site for
outdoor 'pods' +
exhibition space

'Barn' building –
new Grounds
Team office &
equipment base

Central grassy
'bowl' open area

'Main' building –
includes café space +
studios + indoor
exhibition space

OLD TOWN QUARRY
ENTRANCE



RENOVATION & REFURBISHMENT PLAN

- Construction starts from Summer 2024
- Building work tendered – numerous local contractors replied
 - Successful building contractors – appointed in principle
- Building work (café building + barn building etc.) will continue into 2025
- Reopening of quarry site - planned for early Summer 2025



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & INVOLVEMENT PROGRAMME

2. Enabling **community engagement & involvement**

- As COF grant holder, Town Council accountable:
 - 35 year lease transfer from NSC to Town Council - imminent
 - Protect, develop & sustain legacy of Quarry
 - Education & learning opportunities
 - Quarry information boards, & signposting to Worlebury Camp Hillfort
- All align with Town Council's Core Values or '5 Core Pillars'

TOWN COUNCIL - 5 CORE PILLARS

- “We recognise the potential of community growth at the Old Town Quarry, which we envisage...as a microcosm for the wider community...as such, our five core pillars...for the Old Town Quarry are”:

Weston View

Measures to promote & better present the Old Town Quarry

Cleaner and Greener

Measures to improve the local environment at the Old Town Quarry

Healthier and Happier

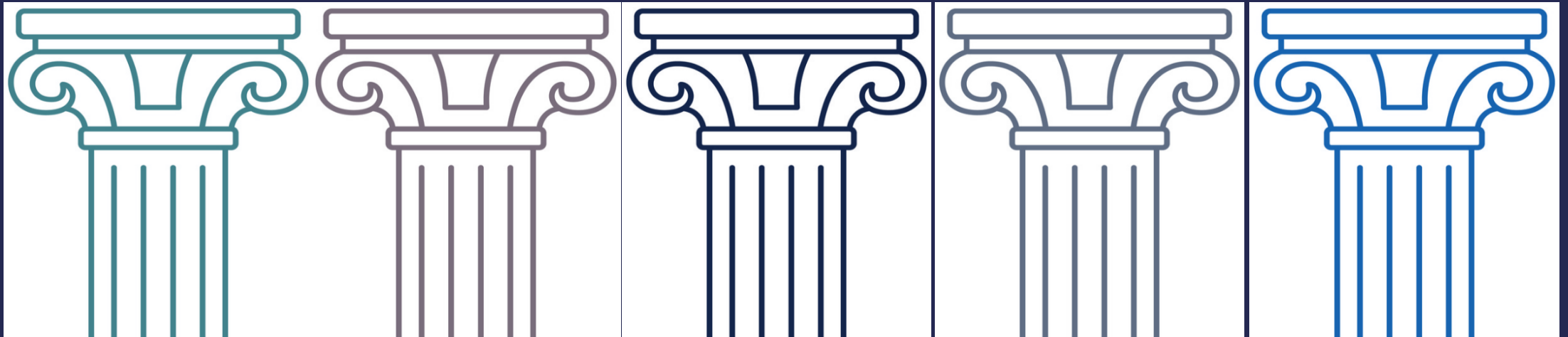
Measures to promote the health & wellbeing of visitors & occupants to the Old Town Quarry

A Bright Future

Measures to support & enhance the local economy

Heritage, Arts and Culture

Measures to ensure that Old Town Quarry thrives as a vibrant place for arts & culture



LOOKING FORWARD...

- Key focus - engage & involve residents and communities:

What comes next for the site from the Weston community perspective?

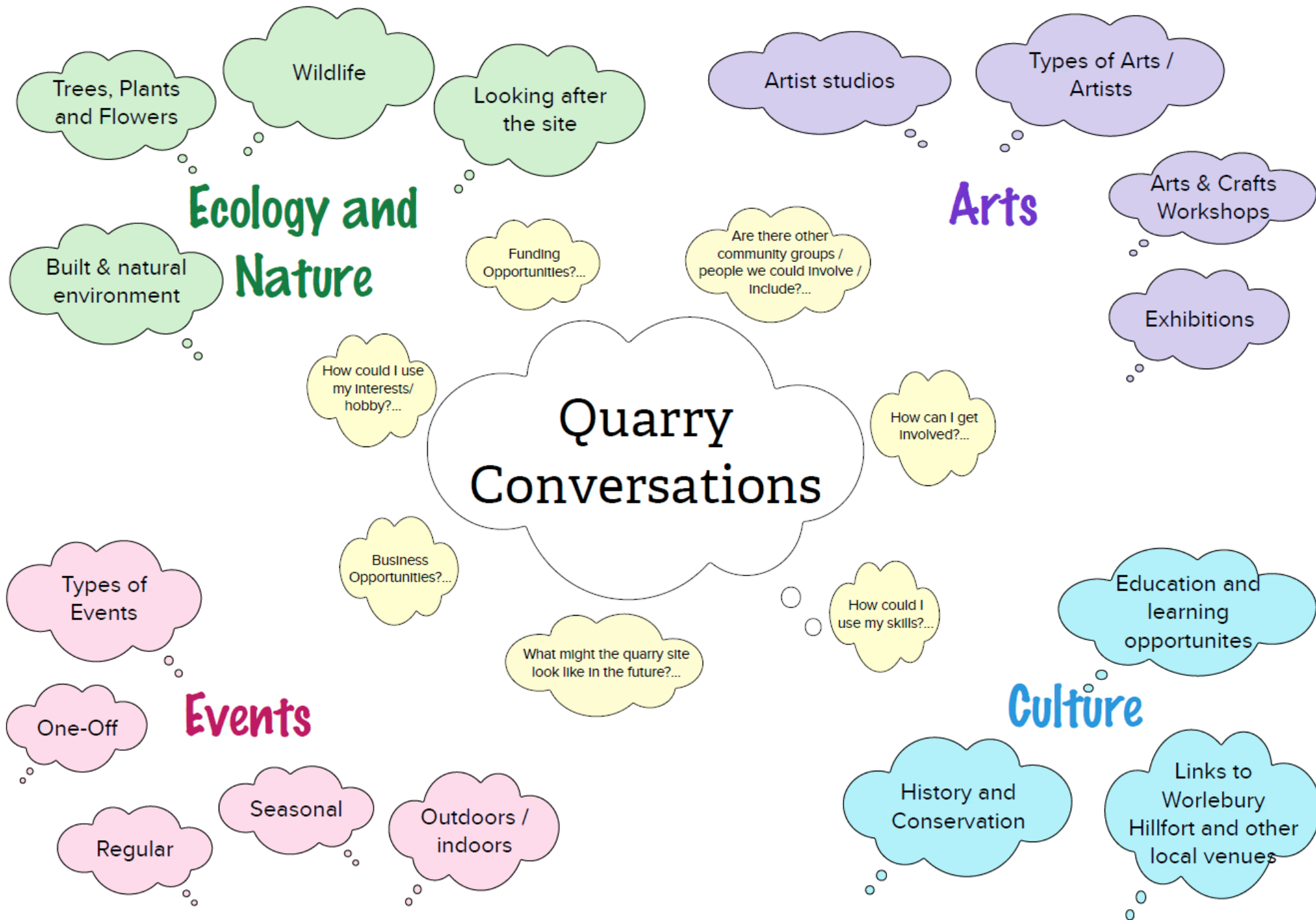
- No further funding in place for activities or provide wider offer on site
- Legacy of Quarry provides strong & solid foundation to build on
- Want to **enable** conversations & ideas generation & community plans
- Support residents, community groups, businesses in 'community ownership'

**We need YOUR ideas & suggestions about the future of Old Town Quarry in
2025, 2030, 2035.....and beyond!**

GETTING INVOLVED – QUARRY CONVERSATIONS

- Now please share YOUR ideas & knowledge!
- Tables - “Quarry Conversations Starter” sheet to start & focus conversations
- Nominate a ‘scribe’ - capture table ideas on paper sheet or Post It notes
- Town Council staff available to help – just ask
- Town Clerk - for queries not related to this Old Town Quarry project or more specific Quarry information
- Up to **1 hour for Conversations** – feel free to take refreshments as needed
- Verbal summary of key points & priorities at end of session

We look forward to hearing YOUR Quarry Conversations!!!



SESSION ROUND UP

- Feedback cards available on tables
 - Your feedback is very important – to shape & inform future sessions
- Further Quarry Conversations if demand?
- Trial different timings & venues across Weston:
 - **June:** Held @ Weston Museum – Evening
 - **July:** Held @ Town Council offices – Daytime AND Evening
 - **August:** @ Blakehay Theatre – Daytime Drop-In session
- Any queries, ideas or suggestions please let us know – we are here to help!

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT...

- Thank you for your time – hope you enjoyed Quarry Conversations!
- Information & feedback will inform future sessions
 - Further topic based / themed sessions planned
- Will share today's session details – please make sure we have your contact details (Sign-In sheet or contact us)
- Tell your friends, families & neighbours to join Quarry Conversations!
- Be involved & receive updates: sign up to Old Town Quarry Newsletter:
<http://eepurl.com/iP9du2>
- All details on Town Council website: <https://wsm-tc.gov.uk/>
- Specific queries: quarry@wsm-tc.gov.uk

THANK YOU!

