Appendix A – Scope of Works

The National TrustT hosted a workshop, in May 2005, to develop and agree a vision for the Whitehaven Coast. The agreed vision, endorsed by the partners, is that

- The outstanding quality of the coastal landscape is the major asset of this coastline;
- Enhancing this quality must be the key design criteria in the development of the Haig and Rhodia sites;
- The development of the coastline must provide real benefit to local people;
- Future developments should be sympathetic to the industrial heritage of the area and the conservation of features of historic interest must be a long term management priority;
- Proposals for the coastline should seek to enhance the nature conservation interest of the area;
- On site interpretation should add to the quality of the visitor experience and be presented in an innovative and non-intrusive way;
- Development plans for the coast should seek to create a visitor experience that will attract a significant number of additional visitors, especially from the Lake District.

Having agreed a vision for the Whitehaven Coast the National Trust have prepared a masterplan for the Haig site to guide the preparation of detailed design proposals. The masterplan includes:

- Improvements to encourage and enable access to the Whitehaven Coast including
 - A new access route from the harbour side to the Candlestick
 - An enhanced network of paths from the Candlestick on to the headland including the realignment of existing paths and the provision of access for cyclists as part of the Hadrians Wall route extension to Ravenglass
 - The realignment, and upgrading and repair, of the existing roadway and car park adjoining Haig Mining Museum and the provision of a new access and car park to the Museum.
 - Proposals to deal with contaminated land and capping of mineshafts based on a survey by others.
 - Informal seating and signage in keeping with the site.

Environmental enhancements including:

- Upgrading the area around the Candlestick to include replacement of railings with a dry stone wall, repairs
 to the existing dry stone wall, repair or replacement of existing hard surfaces and the provision of a
 mosaic to interpret the local history of mining.
- Provision of an allotment in the fields adjoining Haig Mining Museum.
- Boundary improvements through the site to include repairs to and replacement or removal of walls and fences.
- Repairs to Saltom Pit and its environs to include
- Repairs to the buildings to prevent their further deterioration and minimise any health and safety liabilities

 Removal of existing stone gabions and repairs to the sea wall to slow the process of coastal erosion and minimise health and safety liabilities

It is accepted that it is uneconomic to preserve Saltom Pit in perpetuity given the natural processes of coastal erosion. The proposed works are therefore intended to prolong the life of the building and ensure any health and safety risks are minimised. The NT has already carried out a detailed assessment of the required works to Saltom Pit.

REVISED MASTERPLAN FOR WHITEHAVEN COAST

