

## **REPORT FROM CHILHAMS FUTURE DELIVERY BOARD**

77 parishioners registered for the Open Workshop in Chilham Castle on 27<sup>th</sup> May and achieved the objective of formally identifying and ranking community aspirations for the square and its environs. A briefing note explaining the agenda and what was meant by aspirations and design parameters was issued to them prior to the meeting to help them prepare for the evening.

The workshop was chaired by an independent chairman and run by an urban design consultant from Halcrow Ltd.

Attendees were asked to identify what they didn't like about the Square and the feeder streets including Taylors Hill car park and the kind of improvements they would like to see.

They then split into 8 randomly selected groups for an hour to discuss these issues further and identify areas of agreement and disagreement. Group leaders then presented the findings back to all attendees.

Issues and aspirations were then ranked under headings (eg Parking, Use of Space) and further definition added by a show of hands on 28 specific questions regarding these issues and aspirations.

18 attendees put themselves forward as community representatives to attend the scheme development workshops that now follow. These workshops will be run by the same independent chairman on the following Thursday evenings at 7pm ...

17th June - 1st Scheme Development Workshop

Objective: commence process of sieving and reconciling statutory stakeholder and community aspirations to yield a set of practical and achievable design parameters

Attendees: representatives from the local community, statutory stakeholders

8th July - 2nd Scheme Development Workshop

Objective: continuation of 1st Workshop if required

Attendees: representatives from the local community, statutory stakeholders

[Halcrow to draw up a buildable scheme at concept level based on draft design parameters]

29th July - 3rd Scheme Development Workshop

Objective: present, review and agree parameters and concept proposals

Attendees: representatives from the local community, statutory stakeholders

If the 2nd Workshop is not required the 3rd Workshop will be brought forward to 8th July

CFDB have invited the following statutory stakeholders to participate in the Scheme Development workshops:-

Ashford Borough Council, Kent County Council, Kent Highways, Kent Police, Kent Fire Service, South East Coast Ambulance Service, Ashford Access, English Heritage, Kent Downs AONB

CFDB will continue to provide updates on their project via their website, Parish News, local press and village noticeboards (including the CFDB noticeboard outside Chilham Post Office)

Documentation relating to the workshops can be downloaded from the CFDB website or borrowed from Chilham Post Office.