

REPORT FROM CHILHAMS FUTURE DELIVERY BOARD

3 groups of community representatives have continued working hard developing their outline schemes to address the community aspirations for the Square identified at the open workshop on 27th May as part of the Community Engagement Exercise... Group1 based upon the Jacobs proposal providing 38 parking bays, Group2 based upon a compromise layout providing 25to35 parking bays and Group3 based upon a layout providing less than 25 parking bays.

Details of the proposals have been issued to statutory stakeholders including Ashford Borough Council and Kent Highways as well as Chilham School to ensure the proposals do not present any problems to these bodies that would prevent them from being developed in detail and implemented. The groups are currently working on feedback received from Ashford Borough Council, Kent Highways, Ashford Access and Kent Police and adjusting their proposals accordingly.

The groups will also be provided with support in order that they can include in their proposals estimates for the capital costs to build the schemes that will require funding as well as any ongoing annual maintenance costs that will need to be met from the parish precept. Details of each proposal will be put on public display for 2 weeks prior to the open meeting on Thursday 25th November so the community can familiarise themselves with the ideas and reasoning behind them.

CFDB have taken advice from Ashford Borough Council regarding the method to be used at an open meeting towards the end of November to test community support for each scheme proposal and concluded that a brief questionnaire to be completed by attendees at the open meeting is a fair and appropriate method. This method has been endorsed by Ashford Borough Council who are satisfied that the principles of the consultation are sound.

A leaflet will be delivered to all properties in the parish advising them about the open meeting and how to find out more information.

CFDB are extremely grateful for all the effort put in by the 18 community representatives that make up the 3 groups.

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.

Chilham's Future Delivery Board
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