REPORT FROM CHILHAM'S FUTURE DELIVERY BOARD

CFDB's current aim is to enable the aspirations identified by the community during the Rummey feasibility study by returning the Square to a largely (but not exclusively) pedestrianised public space rather than retaining its current use as a congested car park.

The disappointment of the rejection of our bid to Village SOS was quickly replaced by the good news that Kent Downs and Marshes Leader have approved our funding application for a community engagement exercise and have applied to SEEDA to get the funding it requires - the community engagement exercise will be the first of many steps required to achieve CFDB's current aim.

The community engagement exercise will be run by an independent urban design consultant and involve representatives from all the key stakeholder groups. The key outputs will include: (a) clear design parameters for the design of a single agreed scheme (e.g. design objectives, space allocations and arrangements, parking provision by parking type and location, materials guidance, signing and lining standards, ...)

(b) plans of a fixed scheme and one or two sketch perspectives

CFDB are now liaising with their urban design consultants to plan an open meeting to inform the community of these plans and collect feedback that can be taken into account in the detailed planning of the community engagement exercise.

Details of the open meeting will be advertised using parish noticeboards, local press, Parish News and the parish council website.

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