

REPORT FROM CHILHAMS FUTURE DELIVERY BOARD

3 groups of community representatives have been 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 are producing a proposal based upon the Jacobs proposal providing 38 parking bays

Group2 are producing a proposal based upon a compromise layout providing 25to35 parking bays

Group3 are producing a proposal based upon a layout providing less than 25 parking bays

After making good initial progress, each group has had a meeting with our consultant from Halcrow and received guidance and briefing on further work required in order that they can present a buildable and workable scheme at an open meeting later in the year. This work will include estimating the capital costs to build their schemes that will require funding as well as any ongoing annual maintenance costs that will need to be met from the parish precept.

Before these outline schemes are finalised, they will be issued to statutory stakeholders including Ashford Borough Council and Kent Highways to ensure the proposals do not present any problems to these bodies that would prevent them from being developed in detail and implemented.

The proposals will also be circulated within the 3 groups for further feedback.

The final proposals will be put on public display for at least 2 weeks prior to the open meeting so the community can familiarise themselves with the ideas and reasoning behind them. Each group will then present its proposal to the open meeting.

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

The parish council have forwarded letters from 2 residents expressing concern regarding the community engagement process. CFDB have replied to one resident and replies to follow up concerns will be made in due course.

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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