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Chilham Square - Parking

Dear Sir

I was elected as KCC councillor in 2009 and during the last three years have been aware of the work carried out by Chilham's Future Delivery Board. I was involved as a scrutineer in the consultation process when a vote was carried out in St Mary's Church for the three scheme options. Prior to the vote an extensive process of consultation took place with villagers able to express their views and present different schemes at various workshops.

I understand the reason villagers are keen to make their views known. Chilham has a beautiful medieval square, visited and enjoyed by many British and overseas visitors. Chilham welcomes visitors, not only because they bring vital employment and prosperity to the businesses in the area, but also because they want to share the unique experience, of which they are proud, to others.

At KCC we support tourism in Kent, we realise the economic benefits and it fits in with one of the three aims in our medium term plan, Bold Steps for Kent 'to help the Kent economy grow'.

I am satisfied that the consultation process was carried out thoroughly. I would like to support any grant applications for funding to allow the preferred scheme to go ahead and achieve an ambition the Parish has wanted to achieve for a considerable time.

Yours faithfully

Andrew Wickham
Cllr Ashford Rural East KCC
Deputy Cabinet Member - Regeneration and Economic Development

