



PARISH CENTRE REDEVELOPMENT

Dear Residents,

Our last communication and update of the website was in June this year, and over the summer period we have been engaging with Chiltern District Council Planning Department. We lodged a formal pre-application enquiry with the design information that was presented in our public meetings on 24th March 2019.

The planning officer, conservation officer, urban design officer and tree officer all visited the site and have since provided their written feedback on the proposals. In summary of their feedback:

- The principles for the development are accepted and warmly supported;
- The planning authority are very positive about the architectural concept and approach, whilst keen to see the next level of design information about appearance, materials and landscape proposals;
- The location of the proposed residential and the new Parish Centre is largely agreed, however there are helpful suggestions about orientation and relationship to Glebe Way;
- The planning authority are pleased to see the project is aiming high in terms of being environmentally responsible;
- The planning authority are keen to see a site layout which provides more emphasis on pedestrian and cycle access, and less on car travel and parking.
- It was agreed which trees must be retained and which could be removed. The site layout is to be revised to accommodate this.

St Leonard's and the project team were very pleased with this response from the local planning authority and feel that it gives a solid platform on which to now develop the detailed design of the project. We will take on board consultee advice, along with the community feedback from the public meeting in March, and since then through the dedicated project email and correspondence we have received.

We are grateful for this genuine collaborative process over this last year, with each stage of consultation and review providing valuable feedback to help shape the project and inform the design. The next step for the project will be to update the layout in response to the comment and feedback, and then present these revisions to the church community in early October and providing an update via our website at this time. Following this we will look to add detail to the design and present the full project plans in a final public meeting in early November. This will be with a view to submitting a planning application shortly following this.

Do continue to follow progress via our website page and share your feedback via our dedicated email:

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