

Community Reference Group Meeting Notes

- Date:** Wednesday 27 September 2017
- Time:** 5.30pm for 6pm start until 7.30pm
- Venue:** Reception Room, Civic Centre, 128 Prospect Road, Prospect
- Chair:** Ben Footner (Manager Library Services)
- Note taker:** Liz Gunn (Community Development Officer)
- Attendees:** Ali Blake, Caroline Ashmeade, David Kilner, Deputy Mayor Mark Groote, Frances McKenzie-Smith, Kym Whittington, Reb Rowe, Sharron Ward, Shaun Lyon, Sue Michael
- Other Attendees:** Cate Hart (CEO), Chris Newby (CLIC Project Lead), Luigi Rossi (Project Manager JAA), Tom Vinall (JPE Architects), Josephine Evans (JPE Architects), Michelle Male (JPE Architects)
- Apologies:** Jess Tovara, Prue Blaikie, Tyler Gates, Vicki Rigney

1. Welcome – (Cate Hart, CEO)

2. Introductions – (All)

- Attendees introduced themselves to the group around the table

3. Presentation on Concept Design Options (JPE Architects)

- JPE Architects gave a presentation covering the following topics:
 - About JPE
 - Project Understanding
 - Design Themes
 - Site Context
 - Design Options
- JPE sought feedback from the group in relation to the opportunities and challenges for each design option. The feedback received from the group for each design option is summarised below.

4. Feedback on Concept Design Options (All)

Option 1: Vertical Community

- Questions/comments re car parking:
 - What is the staff car parking requirement? Need to consider impact of people who “park and ride”. Library experiences significant increases in parking at various times (eg Rhyme Time). Will there be access to the rear lane?
- Question/comments re natural light:
 - Concern re overshadowing – open space should be paved because grass won’t grow. Is a roof top garden possible?
- Comments re flexible design and access:
 - Need space to grow into for future community use - build additional floor space that we may not need— future proof. After-hours access needed to some parts of building. Circulation space needs to be useable space. Most publically accessed spaces need to be on ground floor. Commercial spaces should be on upper levels. Frontage needs to

engage and interact with Prospect Road. Gallery would like an oversized display box fronting Prospect Road. Keen on open space being at rear and away from Prospect Road- “playground for kids”.

- **Commercial opportunity**

- The common view was that the group didn't want to see a commercial building fronting Vine Street Plaza. They wanted Vine Street to be an activated community space not a commercial space, citing there were other options available in the Village Heart for commercial ventures eg, the empty bank.

Option 2: Social Market Place

- Positives of this design: unique, open, seems to be a more sympathetic fit with the Town Hall, better for the neighbours
- Negatives of this design: no open space area, site next door likely to be developed to 4 storeys therefore this option could be overshadowed
- Need to consider building materials – details need to be sympathetic to Town Hall

Option 3: Village Heart

- Positives of this design: visually interesting, like concept of multiple spaces, encloses western space and screens car-parking, value opportunity to have open space
- Challenges of this design: Access – needs to have physical and visual access; Car parking – if have additional commercial then need additional car parking
- Opportunities for this design: outdoor deck area, event space on level 1 facing onto Prospect Road
- This option was generally favoured by the group

The group felt the information presented to them was a lot to take in and asked if they could have a few days to consider the design options. It was agreed the group could have extra time to provide feedback.

Meeting closed at 7.40pm.

Next meeting to be held on Wednesday 1 November 2017 at 6pm – 7.30pm (*refreshments available from 5.30pm*).