



PARISH CENTRE REDEVELOPMENT

As we approach the end of the year, with all the seasonal activity, fun and festivity this brings, it is a good time to both reflect, and to look forward.

Reflecting back, we have recently updated our website for the PC Redevelopment page to include a set of PDF images which show information from our Pre-Planning Event on 3rd November, along with a 3D 'walkround' video of the proposed Parish Centre. The event was very well attended (we estimate over 200 people came) and it was encouraging to see the level of engagement from local residents, church members, users of the existing Parish Centre, local dignitaries and representatives of local interest groups, societies and associations.

The first illustrated page of the online document lists out the wide local consultation that has taken place during 2018 and 2019 as we have listened to local views, and responded through the pre-planning design process. Our process has been a synthesis of church needs and brief, community consultation and influence, technical and design input, and viability and financial review. We believe the resultant proposals are well informed by this holistic process and that we are putting forward a better design as a result of this.

Our design respects the setting, heritage and village location and draws inspiration from it. Much of the feedback we have received is very complimentary about the design, and especially about the sensitivity and environmental soundness of the approach being taken. This is illustrated in more detail through the sketch below which brings together the various aspects of ecological and environmental significance in the proposed approach to design.

Looking ahead, we had hoped to submit the application prior to Christmas, but due to some unforeseen delays in obtaining some of the site investigation findings we needed for accompanying reports, we are now looking to submit the application to Chiltern District Council in January 2020. The determination period is likely to be the statutory 13 weeks and so we would expect to hear about a result from the application during April 2020.

We hope you enjoy a restful and refreshing Christmas break and look forward to what the New Year will bring for us all. Thank you for your support for and interest in the project, and for sharing many helpful questions and issues to inform the design process.

Do continue to follow progress via our website page and share your feedback via our dedicated email: www.stleonardscb.org.uk/parishcentreredevelopment | pcredevelopment@stleonardscb.org.uk

