

Kirkham Public Realm

CONSULTATION ON PROPOSALS PRIOR TO APPLYING FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

CONSULTATION EVENT:

SAT 25TH SEPTEMBER, 10:30 AM - 2:00 PM, IN MARKET SQUARE

(OVERALL CONSULTATION WEDNESDAY 22 SEPTEMBER TO WEDNESDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2021)

On behalf of Fylde Council, The Paul Hogarth Company has been working closely with stakeholders in Kirkham to develop proposals for the Public Realm of the Town. This started with focussed discussions in April, to help inform the design thinking and at the end of June the emerging concept designs were shared. Now, we are keen to present the developed design proposals prior to lodging a Planning Application for the scheme later this year.

This is an opportunity to see how comments made over the last five months have shaped the scheme as well as to identify ways in which it can still be refined to be the best that it can be for the Town.

The proposals that have been developed focus on the area where greatest impact can be made and which aligns with the project budget. It is hoped that future funding applications will be successful and allow proposals for areas such as Town End and the Park to be progressed.

Proposals are centred around the regeneration of Market Square, responding to the comments of stakeholders to create a space that can be extensively used for markets and a wide range of other events that attract people to the town throughout the year, by day and into the evenings.

The streetscapes of Poulton Street, Preston Street and Freckleton Street and the junction with Church Street will be comprehensively improved, providing a safer environment with a focus on pedestrians and cyclists. On-street parking is proposed to be rationalised, keeping footways clear and promoting the use of the off-street car parks.

The proposed materials will strengthen Kirkham's historic character, using sandstone paving, whinstone kerbs and large street trees. Handrails, seats, architectural lighting and bespoke public art, along with other elements of furniture, will be crafted adding to the character.

We are still keen to continue the conversations with those who have been involved before and would welcome thoughts on the proposals before we submit for planning later this year.

THERE ARE A NUMBER OF WAYS OF GETTING INVOLVED:

From 22 September, the proposals will be available on the Kirkham Futures website (www.kirkhamfutures.org)

The website will provide a link to a **questionnaire** – please complete one and encourage others to do the same

On Saturday 25th September, from 10:30am - 2:00pm, we will be in Market Square (come rain or shine!)

We will be there to explain the proposals and hear thoughts about how they can be refined to be the best that they can be

The project email address kirkham@paulhogarth.com is a great way of sending us your comments.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON SATURDAY THE 25TH OR HEARING YOUR THOUGHTS IN ONE OF THE OTHER WAYS!