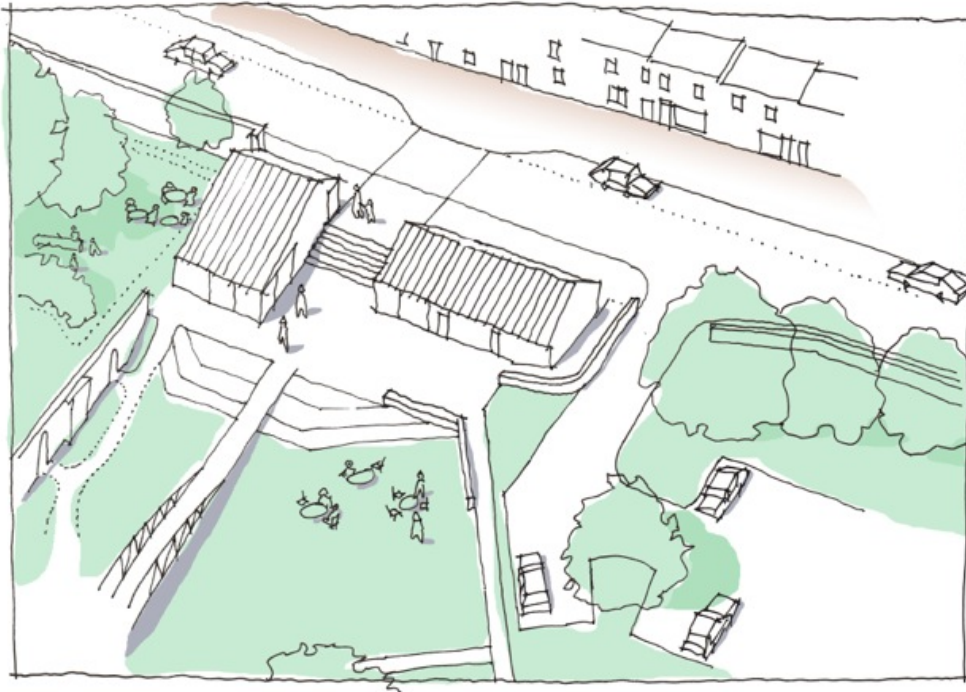


BATHEASTON – IDEAS FOR OUR VILLAGE CENTRE

Batheaston Parish Council have been offered an amazing opportunity to take a lease from B&NES on the Stambridge Car Park including the Toilet Block, Riverside area and Secret Garden.

As it stands there is no real benefit to Batheaston in taking on any responsibilities but with some free thinking, anything could be possible.

To create a vision for the area, a small team were given the brief to produce an exciting design proposal, using ideas from the Think Tank and the 2009 Vision Plan. Below is the initial sketch of those ideas.



Through development, Batheaston Centre has a huge potential to become an increasingly popular destination for a variety of retail, social, recreation and leisure activities.

The plan shows access to the area through a new opening in the wall. Steps lead down to a Public Open Square where a Café could provide opportunity for an al fresco drink or light bite in the Secret Garden where space is made for a new childrens play area. Also shown is a growing area for fruit and veg.

Walkers and cyclists will be able to arrive over the bridge from the cyclepath and once here may choose to use the existing shops and facilities or enjoy what is on offer within the remodelled Riverside Area.

The old toilet block is shown having been refurbished and extended to provide boat and bike hire with the building, offering again, a public convenience for residents and visitors.

Boats could be launched from a new jetty taking advantage of an excellent and relatively unexplored stretch of the River Avon and space around the area could be made more accessible with picnic areas and seating.

Car parking spaces will be maintained although will need significant adjustments and (not shown), a new car park entrance could be created at the 5 ways junction to remove traffic from the pedestrian priority area.

It is hoped that improvements to this area would increase footfall and help existing businesses. It could also attract a broader range of retail opportunities to the area and address the varied needs of residents and visitors as supported through the Think Tank suggestions.

Creating, managing and maintaining this space will require significant funding. Income will be needed to offset maintenance and upkeep costs.

The full details of this plan and an opportunity to suggest alternative ideas will be the focus for a Village Wide open air presentation being held on Saturday 14th March, 10:00 - 15:30 in the Car Park area.



A Bus Stop Moved to New Position

B New Pedestrian Crossing

C Steps Down To New Facilities

D Public Square

E Extended Building for Boat / Cycle Hire

F Cafe / Retail Facility

G Seating for Cafe or Picnic Areas

H Section of Garden for Fresh Fruit and Veg

I Childrens Play Equipment

J Relocated Car Pak

K Boating Jetty

L Opportunity to Extend Foot and Cycle Path