Key Design Objectives

Following Parish and public consultation, Planning advice and feedback from Historic Envirnoment

Heritage and history

New designs should speak of St. Aubin’s rich history. Desk top research and archive records confirm St. Aubin was once the centre of a vibrant industry of both ship-building and associated shipping trade 17th - 19th centuries. St. Aubin was once the principal harbour in Jersey with shipyards occupying the current Parish Hall site. The ‘boat seats’ and engraved historic timeline will interactively narrate this fascinating story.

De-clutter the space

The paved forecourt occupying the area in front of the St. Brelade Parish Hall hosts a busy schedule of events. Gathered public feedback reflects a wish to de-clutter the area to make a more usable, flexible space. Current street furniture includes at least 4 types of bench, 2 types of bollard, various paving modules and sizable plinth central to the space (holding a timber rowing boat). New proposals create an open paved forecourt and work to rationalise design and materiality.

Increased Seating

Despite de-cluttering the area designs efficiently utilise space dedicated to seating to increase current site capacity by 16no seats.

Planting and Greenery

St. Brelade has a celebrated history of attractive floral display throughout the year. New proposals offer increased provision for planting. The principal new bench incorporates a sizable planter within its design and new freestanding tree planters are intended to bring a green verticality to the space in addition to shade and shelter.

Pedestrian Priority

The Parish recommend increased pedestrian priority and safety across the space. This is achieved by reducing the width of the vehicular entrance road and enforcing one-way traffic. Telescopic bollards can also be employed to fully pedestrianise the area over busy periods. The existing, uneven road cobbles will be replaced with a hard, bound surface for safe foot traffic.

Cost and Maintenance

Funds are reserved for the project, but ongoing costs for the space are key drivers for the design. It is vital quality materials are specified for longevity. Whilst affection for the existing rowing boat (that serves as a seasonal planting container) are recognised, its annual upkeep draw thousands of pounds each year. New proposals seek to maintain the boat theme whilst working with quality materials to create a purposeful statement that has a robustness ensuring the installation will be a lasting feature within St. Aubin’s landscape.

Department of the Environment

Pre-application Advice

"From a historic point of view the creation of clear open space and the use of simple robust forms is a positive addition..."

"...aim should be to minimise the proliferation of bollards and other street furniture, to stop vehicle over runs and parking."

"From a planning perspective, the scheme demonstrates a modest but effective design allowing the main focus to be on the Listed buildings whilst producing a fully versatile and usable space."

"The proposal uses good quality materials and is sympathetic and complimentary to the surrounding area."

"St. Aubin is zoned as a Tourist Destination Area and the proposals are within the policy requirements and are considered a significant improvement to the public realm."

"...it is likely the Department would support the proposal"