

**WILTSHIRE COUNCIL
MELKSHAM AREA BOARD**

February 2019

Melksham 'Market Place' consultation

1. Purpose of the Report

To update members on the consultation session delivered on Wednesday 7th November with the attendees of the Melksham Area Board.

2. Background

Following discussions with local residents and community groups, the Melksham Area Board delivered an open consultation on the use of the Market Place. The objective was to understand how this new public space could be best used for events and activities, and what equipment would be useful to enable this to happen.

The Area Board was keen to use this feedback to facilitate an enhanced use of the space in the future, making it more appealing and a more valuable community asset.

3. Feedback

The questions asked of the members of the public at the meeting were:

1. What facilities or equipment are needed?
2. How would this support activities?

The feedback to the consultation can be seen within the table below. The feedback is provided in order of that most frequently suggested.

Table 1 - Feedback at Melksham Area Board

Facilities/ equipment	Activities
Gazebos/ marquees (2)	An improved events space (4)
Outdoor cinema/ large screen (2)	Help support/ promote groups normal day to day activities (3)
Mics/ PA equipment (2)	Music/ Dance festivals (3)
Year-round green plants/ trees (2)	Charity events stalls
More seating (2)	Outdoor café
Market Sheds	Busking
Band stand	Summer fetes
Outdoor seating for a stage/ theatre	Outdoor art exhibition
Outdoor giant snakes and ladders	Poetry
Astroturf	Speakers corner
Exhibition stands	Promote assembly hall activities
Noticeboards	Xmas Markets
Interactive maps	Continental markets
Boules facility	Artisan food fair
Netball/ Badminton court	Art Trail
Historical points of interest	
Urgent signposting	

(Number in brackets illustrates the volume of tables who provided this feedback)

4. **Recommendations**

- (1) That the area board notes the Market Place consultation update report.
- (2) That Councillors consider options to support the improved usage of the Market Place based on the responses provided and other community feedback.

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