

# 'SEE WHAT I SEE' AROUND THE WORLD... ...USING MY IMAGINATION

## DESIGN BRIEF FOR 13-16 YEARS OLDS

We have been placed under lockdown conditions, in order to reduce the spread of the Covid-19 virus. This means that we have been restricted in our ability to move freely in our local community and beyond.

Through this competition, you have the opportunity to reflect on your local and/or regional built environment, or even further afield, and consider how this could be improved. You have the opportunity to become the village/town/city designers and planners of your region.

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### Step 1 – Reflect and examine!

Here are some questions for you to consider:

- What do you miss most about your environment?
- What buildings or streetscapes do you remember most vividly?
- Do you see your built environment differently, when you see it in your mind's eye?
- What would make your environment different, or better?
- What is missing most in your built environment?
- What place or building will you return to first, simply to look at?
- Are empty streets qualitatively different as architectural spaces?
- When your life has been paused and stillness introduced, do you feel differently about our built environment?
- What have you been most moved and frustrated by?
- How do we hold on to those points of stillness when normal daily life returns?
- What physical change might be introduced to a busy street or building, to allow time for reflection?
- What physical change might be introduced to bring people together, after a period of forced separation?

### Step 2 – (re)Imagine and Design!

What you have to do:

- Think like an artist, an architect, and urban designer or even a civil engineer! From your reflections on your environment, consider what you would change to make improvements to the buildings, structures and streetscapes. Consider our current spaces and provide creative solutions that will enable us to live, work and thrive.
- Submit your design plans, proposed solutions and justify why the changes you are proposing will enhance the lives of the residents and visitors who inhabit these places. Demonstrate your design skills and provide annotations.
- When you're finished, take a picture of your design with any annotations you have made (or save your file in a format we can access, ideally JPG or PDF), and send it to us, along with your entry form. You can even send us a picture (or a screenshot from Google Earth) of your current built environment to help us understand how creative you have been in your thinking.

**Be bold, take risks in your design thinking, and imagine a built environment that you and others might only dream of inhabiting.....**