

‘SEE WHAT I SEE’ IN MY LOCAL COMMUNITY... ...AND IN MY IMAGINATION

DESIGN BRIEF FOR 9-12 YEARS OLDS

During this extraordinary time, when you have to stay inside and only take one walk a day close to your home, you might find yourself thinking about aspects of your local area that you are missing, and places where you would like to go. Here is an opportunity for you to reflect on your local built environment, and through using your imagination, considering ways in which you might design new buildings, structures and streetscapes, or even redesign existing ones, to improve and enhance your local community.

Step 1 – Stop, think and reflect!

Here are some questions that might start you thinking:

- Which buildings, structures and streetscapes are you missing the most, and why?
- Can you remember clearly, in your mind’s eye what they look like and how they have been designed?
- Are there aspects of them that you would like to improve, and why?
- How would you redesign them and how would this improve them and their use of them?
- Would you like to remove, or relocate any buildings and structures, and why?
- What buildings, structures and streetscapes would you like to add to your local environment, and why?
- What would be their purpose and how would they be used?
- How would your design of them improve the lives of local residents and enhance your community as a place to live?
- Are there places and spaces in your design that allow people to come together, especially after being separated for so long?

Step 2 – (re)Imagine and design!

What you have to do:

- Once you have reflected on these questions, and on questions of your own, you now have the opportunity to re-imagine your surroundings and design the changes you would make to your environment to make a better place to live in.
- You can share your ideas by writing about them, drawing or painting them, designing and making them through a range of materials, or through the use of digital technology. You can even send us a picture of your current built environment to help us understand how creative you have been.
- When you’re finished, take a picture of your design or save your file in a format we can access (ideally JPG or PDF) and send it to us, along with your entry form.

Be bold in your thinking, and don’t forget to let your imagination guide you...