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Methodology and Creative Approach to the project.

We have been involved in regeneration projects for over 20 years and have witnessed the contribution that arts and community can make to identifying and strengthening the unique nature of place and its people.

Artworks can highlight distinctiveness, act as visual signposts, and as ways of celebrating particular cultural identities. Working with local people can focus the artist's vision and inspire the project. To work with the community successfully requires attention to detail, affection and care.

We understand the need to encourage a growing population to feel part of the established community, and also for an established community to welcome new people; arts participatory projects have long been recognised as a support to these aims and as a route to understanding the place you live in and the encouragement of community spirit.

The purpose of the community engagement is to give local and interested people the opportunity to become partners in the creative process of;

Developing a theme.

Identifying sites for the artworks.

Making an artistic contribution to the project.

These would be the key objectives of the community programme we would develop.

Community engagement. *Welcome to Our Community.*

We would run art projects with local groups; residents of the development and nearby areas.

We would work with local schools and any other established groups where both dialogue and practical sessions could take place.

The art workshops would be creative, messy or neat, kite making, or printing, we would introduce processes which would be fun and rewarding.



Involving the Community.

From the set aside budget of 5% giving us about 10 days of contact time with people we would develop the themes to create work that would be incorporated into the final designs. For this project participants work would be recognised in the edge design of the Settles, the themed motif to the top of each one and the small birds on the large entrance work.

The encompassing theme for the community project would be; 'Welcome to Our Community'

We would also deliver clear presentations to the community about the proposed artworks as we developed the designs.

