

## Re-imagining the Village Green

**Objective:** Appoint a consultant to carry out a feasibility study for the revamping of the Village Green and surrounding precinct in Observatory

### Background

The Observatory Improvement District (OBSID) recently adopted a public space policy which is guiding the use of resources towards improving and celebrating public space in the neighbourhood. Part of this process entailed a public call for ideas amongst residents and businesses. Proposals were reviewed by a volunteer independent working group which is tasked with making recommendations to the Board. There was a proposal to make improvements in the Village Green and surrounds which had strong support by the working group and was presented as a recommendation to the Board.

In order to ensure the prudent investment in terms of resources and to connect this to other relevant plans in the area, the OBSID Board has approved a feasibility study. The idea is to analyse the precinct as a whole so that the space can connect to the neighbourhood as a whole and so that it can respond to the changing needs of the area while speaking to the broader agenda of public space in the neighbourhood.

### Deliverables:

- Precinct plan with proposals, including budget
- Consultation with key stakeholders
- Implementation plan that incorporates community participation

### Experience:

#### ESSENTIAL

- Expertise in urban design, architecture, landscape architecture, or public space.
- Experience with community engagement
- Post graduate or equivalent recognised qualification

#### DESIRABLE

- Knowledge of the local area
- Experience in developing and managing projects with stakeholders in the public and private sector

### Timetable:

11 January 2021– proposals and quotes to be submitted  
28 January 2021 – appointment confirmed by OBSID Board  
1 February 2021 – project initiates  
1 March 2021 – review meeting  
15 March 2021 – work draft delivered to OBSID  
25 March 2021 - draft presented to the OBSID Board  
1 April 2021 – final report delivered.

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