

Skyview Systems – Vision Statement

Proposed Kiosk, Wellness Garden & Electric Vehicle Charging Points

Since our beginning in 1989, as part of our ongoing commitment to environmental sustainability and social responsibility, Skyview Systems has strived to develop business practices to benefit existing and future generations. We are delighted that our efforts were recognised by the Suffolk Carbon Charter panel, who awarded us with Gold member status in July 2021, and we were thrilled to be named as Suffolk's Greenest Small Business at the Greenest County Awards in November 2021.

As well as owning our own offices, Skyview Systems owns the land adjacent to the Royal Mail sorting office in Church Field Road, Sudbury. This plot of land is currently partially undeveloped and we have long considered how this could be put to better use to benefit local business and the wider local community.

As employers, we are well aware of the limited choice for lunch and break times, with many lunch options requiring a car trip to the local town centre or supermarket. We fully recognise the need for a more sustainable, environmentally-friendly, healthy and convenient lunch alternative and for rest areas in the immediate vicinity. We hope that identifying this need this will benefit not just our own staff, but our tenants and local business staff too.

An initial meeting was held on site with the manager of the Royal Mail Sudbury Delivery Office to discuss the leased section of car park and to develop ideas for the rest area/garden and how this might also benefit their use. We identified potential users of the garden, including Royal Mail staff coming on and off shift and Royal Mail customers who arrive to collect and/or deposit mail.

Encouraged by this, we approached the wider community, including Ortus Group, The Ryes College and PWR Accountants, to seek feedback on our proposed rest area/garden.

It became evident that a wellness garden or general place of relaxation with somewhere to purchase food would have great appeal and could be used by the workers from surrounding businesses, especially at lunchtimes. The area would also lend itself perfectly for local business staff to take breaks, or hold outdoor meetings whilst engaging with nature, reducing screentime and improving mindset, productivity and overall wellbeing.

We provide parking facilities for visitors to Grade 1 listed St Mary's Church, which is in the care of the Churches Conservation Trust. The facility would also provide a well-being area for visitors to the Church. Local dog walkers and those enjoying the great outdoors would also benefit from an aesthetically rejuvenating meeting point to refresh themselves during the sunnier months or to warm their hands with a hot drink during those chilly seasons!

The garden itself would serve as an attractive conservation area. The area of land already provides a countryside habitat for many species of local wildlife, and would be

further improved with shrubs, hedges, bushes and wild flowers to provide a place of tranquillity and encourage community engagement.

The site would also facilitate x8 electric vehicle charges, to add to the somewhat limited infrastructure that currently exists in and around Sudbury. We are hopeful that this will also influence decision-making for electric vehicle purchases within the community now and for future generations.

The designs have been developed by our architects in response to the comments welcoming our proposal, and on (date tbc) we presented the design to the Royal Mail for their feedback. The proposals were met with positive reviews and have enabled us to move forward with confidence to make a planning application for the scheme.

Protecting the environment and promoting wellness remains at the heart of what we do. We encourage a passion for the great outdoors and believe that mental wellbeing and spending time in the open air go hand in hand. We are committed to leading by example when it comes to respecting our planet and each other, and hope that the project will benefit the local community around us for years to come.