

Good morning,

You may recall we had previously spoken about the 'Talking Bench' commonly known as 'Happy to chat bench'. Originally, Danny Steel requested the first bench be sighted on the south pier, but unfortunately, having investigated further, our economic development team have already been working on a master plan for the whole of the south pier area, so this was not an option.

What we have managed to secure in this time is a commitment from Suffolk Norse, to donate a bench for the project. Whilst we still plan to identify benches that already exist, I think it would be a nice idea to launch the very first bench to be an additional bench which is located in a suitable position which may benefit from maximum media potential. I wonder if you would consider the first location, in time for the launch of our second first light festival, for it to be sighted in Kensington Gardens? I have had requests for other areas, such as Kirkley and town centre, but I would like the very first one to be in partnership with LTC. If I could have your initial thoughts on this please?

Kind Regards



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