



**On the Verge - ‘Underpasses - connecting people, connecting places’ project**

**‘The Unveil’ - join RARA and On the Verge and find out what’s being proposed for the Conniburrow and Downs Barn underpass.**

Residents of Conniburrow and Downs Barn are invited to come and join artist collective RARA on the 14<sup>th</sup> October when they present their proposals for the underpass connecting Conniburrow Boulevard and Downs Barn Boulevard.

RARA have been running events for residents of the two grid squares over the past few months, gathering stories and talking to people about their impressions and experiences of using the underpass. The information they have gathered has been assessed and has provided the inspiration for the scheme. RARA’s proposals aim to connect the two communities through improving the look and feel of the underpass, whilst also interpreting the heritage of the area.

Members of the artist collective RARA will be available to talk about their proposals and answer any questions residents may have between 5-6.30pm on Friday. The proposals will then be on display from 14 -21 October at Conniburrow Community Centre and available to view online. The proposals will also be on display at the Cross and Stables Community Centre in Downs Barn from the 17 – 21 October, the centre is open to the public after pre-school from 12.30pm each weekday and whilst a session is running at the centre.

So come along and get involved between 5.00-6.30pm on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October with the opportunity to share your thoughts on what is being proposed or view the displays during the following week.

If you want to find out more about the events taking place in your area please look at the On The Verge website **[www.ontheverge.org.uk](http://www.ontheverge.org.uk)**

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## Notes to Editors

On the Verge and its partners MK Council, The Parks Trust MK and the MK City Discovery Centre, are delivering the yearlong 'Underpasses' project with funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF), the MK Community Foundation and MK Council. On the Verge is a Community Interest Company.

On the Verge has been awarded an 'Our Heritage' grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund towards the '*Underpasses connecting people, connecting places*', which will see a series of heritage and cultural events taking place in 4 communities in Milton Keynes designed to explore its heritage and unique system of underpasses. On the Verge will be working with partners and artists to deliver a series of community engagement events to uncover local history, collecting artistic responses and oral histories. Artwork for two underpasses, a heritage trail and series of exhibitions and publications will be created through the project, culminating in a celebration event next year marking Milton Keynes' 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**RARA**, which stands for *The Redundant Architects Recreation Association (RARA)*, through their practice, they collaborate on a broad spectrum of works with a commitment to bringing people together through the creative processes of design and making. More information on previous projects and members of the group can be found at: [www.r-a-r-a.com](http://www.r-a-r-a.com).

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