

**Redditch Nightstop.
September 2017.**

Proposal in relation to the letter received from Fairway in connection with a grant application.

1 Night Stop Values:

- To understand and develop awareness of issues centred around homelessness with young people.
- To support young people through difficult periods in their lives.
- To support young people with social, emotional and learning difficulties.
- To support families and young people who are experiencing difficult issues.

2 Night Stop Mission and Vision:

- To pro-actively address issues around homelessness in young people aged 16 to 25 in Redditch.
- To work with families to support and help address social and domestic issues relating to young people that can lead to family disruption and homelessness.
- To provide host families and volunteers to support young people experiencing difficult issues.

3 Project Proposal – Introduction:

Currently the charity operates out of a small office in Redditch town centre and has limited access to other space within the building it rents. The charity is now celebrating its 20th year in operation and the nature and extent of the charities work is now very different to that even a few years ago. The charity has out grown its current space and now needs a larger base from which to operate from.

The charity is not just about providing emergency and longer term accommodation for young people, but helps to pro-actively address the challenging personal circumstances of young people by providing support and developing skills.

It is the part of the charities work of providing support and developing skills that this project is mainly related to. A key part of the charities work is about addressing issues between young people and their families, developing life and social skills, providing crisis led and longer term support and developing work skills. This proposal is designed to help the charity address these issues in a more structured and strategic manner.

The proposal is therefore not about just providing short term relief, but it is about providing sustainable support to many youngsters, therefore the funds would help provide a new centre for the use over many years and would support the charity in its next phase of its development.

4 Relocation of the operations of the Charity:

By relocating the charity to a larger and more flexible space the charity can extend the pro-active nature of its work.

These premises would include:

-office space

-private interview room

- counselling area to provide quiet / reflection lounge for mediation between young people and parents to help reflect on issues

-skills centre including a kitchen / shower room / lounge to help individuals develop independent living skills and social skills – addressing issues of cooking, personal hygiene and life skills.

-training centre to deliver Lifewise, our AQA accredited learning programme to develop a range of essential life skills, including employability / job application / interviewing skills / skills in managing bills and budgeting / shopping skills / how to ask for help / identifying when you are in need of help / accessing support /resilience and coping strategies.

-potential charity shop / coffee centre providing a community hub

5 Potential Premises

The charity is currently researching a number of alternative potential premises for relocation including:

Britten House , Redditch

Community House , Redditch

Centrally located properties

6 Sustainability:

This plan is not just about addressing short term needs of young people, but about pro-actively addressing underlying needs and issues to prevent these difficulties overwhelming the people involved.

It is about providing real life changing experiences to alter the life journey in a positive way. It is not only about providing a step change to young people, but helps address wider social and emotional issues and is a sustainable project bringing about measurable real change over a long period.

7 How the funds would be used:

The funds would be used as part of our 20th year fund raising to help establish the new centre.

Indicative budget:

- £4,000 to support in the first year the potential rent increase from the current premises
- £2,000 to support relocation costs
- £10,000 to refit the premises to provide the facilities as described in the proposal
- £4,000 to provide the on-going support / running costs of the new centre in terms of its extended services
- Total £20,000

8 Timescales:

- Research as to new premises - completed by November 2017
- Refit of Premises – December 2017
- Relocation to premises and operation from the new site – January 2018
- Regular quarter reports on the effectiveness of the support being provided and outcomes to Trustees of the Charity and to Fairway – from March 2018.

9 Conclusion:

This is an exciting period in the development and work of the charity and we very much hope that Fairway can help support us on our journey in making a real difference to the families and young people in the area who find themselves in challenging personal circumstances.

This project would allow the charity to work with youngsters in a more holistic way to ensure ongoing change and allow those youngsters in turn to support other individuals in need and part of peer help and support.

We look forward not only to the successful outcome of the grant application but to an on-going working relationship with Fairway in the future

Prepared by the Trustees and Management of Redditch Nightstop.