



Sidmouth Town Council

Invitation for expressions of interest for the leasing of the Arches (East) Unit for commercial or community activity

Sidmouth Town Council is inviting interested parties, commercial or community based, who may be interested in leasing the Arches (East) to submit their expression of interest and proposals to the Council.

Background

Members of the Council have recently expressed a desire to make more effective use the Arches (East) unit which currently houses the Jurassic Interpretation Centre. They are keen to hear from groups and/or individuals who could utilise the space for commercial and/or community-based activities. Councillors are particularly keen to receive proposals which could assist in helping to promote the town, reflecting the new Visit Sidmouth destination branding and the principles of the Sid Valley Neighbourhood Plan.

“Our vision is of a Sid Valley that maintains and promotes its rural and coastal beauty and welcoming community and advances its appeal to young and old through providing a diverse economy to support a high quality of life, work and visitor experience.”

Sid Valley Neighbourhood Plan

Proposal Information and expressions of interest

A series of criteria against which proposals will be judged against is attached to assist with your submission. The Council invites you to detail your interest and would ask you do this via email including:

- details of your business or organisation’s background
- an outline of your proposal including if it is for commercial and/or community purpose
- the length of term of lease you would prefer to see offered
- If a commercial activity, the approximate level of lease rent you would be prepared to pay per annum
- details showing how it reflects at least one or more of the criteria set out in Appendix A

Please email your expression of interest by **5pm Friday 12 March 2021** to Christopher Holland, Town Clerk at: townclerk@sidmouth.gov.uk

Sidmouth Town Council Arches (East)

Qualitative Assessment Criteria

These criteria are used to aid the Council in the comparative assessment of applications for the pilot scheme to lease the Arches (East) space.

NOTE: Proposals should meet at least one or more criteria.

Qualitative Assessment Criteria

With respect to the area owned by the Town Council, this project:

- 1. Promotes the well-being of the people and community**
- 2. Enhances and/or preserves the heritage**
- 3. Contributes to the viability and vitality of the economy**
- 4. Improves the cohesiveness of the community**
- 5. Is inclusive of a wide spectrum of beneficiaries**
- 6. Contributes towards the community's cultural life**
- 7. Contributes to organisational and/or environmental sustainability**
- 8. Actively contributes to the promotion of Sidmouth in terms of tourism**

Each criterion to be evaluated by the Council, with the highest overall applicant being offered first refusal. The Council's decision in this matter is final.