



Sidmouth Town Council

Invitation for expressions of interest for the future use of the Ham Utility Building for Community or Commercial activity

Sidmouth Town Council is inviting interested parties, community based or commercial, who may be interested in using the Ham Utility Building (previously owned by South West Water) to submit their expression of interest and proposals to the Council.

Background

Members of the Council have expressed a desire to make use of the former water company utility and storage building, which is alongside the Council's Sensory Garden at the northern end of the Ham, Riverside Road, Sidmouth EX10 8BS. The completely empty building interior has a floor space of 3.9m x 7.5m and is 2.5m to the ceiling inside. There is one access door and are currently no windows in the thick walled building. The Council is keen to hear from groups and/or individuals who could utilise the space for community and/or commercial based activities. It has water, power and waste connections. The Council is 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 organisation's or business' background
- an outline of your proposal including if it is for community purpose and/or commercial
- the length of and terms of lease you would prefer to see offered
- If a commercial activity, the approximate level of 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

The Council is at this stage, only investigating the possible interest that the building may generate and what groups could achieve in the space available. It may, however, initiate discussions with one or more organisations to further explore the expressions of interest with a view to future agreement.

Please email your expression of interest by **5pm Tuesday 30 November 2021** to Mr C E Holland, Town Clerk at: townclerk@sidmouth.gov.uk

Ham Utility Building, The Ham, Riverside Road, Sidmouth EX10 8BS



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Expressions of Interest
Qualitative Assessment Criteria

These criteria are used to aid the Council in the comparative assessment of expressions of interest for the future use of the Ham Utility Building 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. The Council's decision in this matter is final.