
Fosse Arts studio survey

Overview

Fosse Arts is a service valued by many in Leicester. However, the building itself is old, access and parking are limited, and the electrics and specialist pottery facilities in particular require significant investment. Relocating the arts provision, the artists' studio spaces and the adult learning service classes to another refurbished building may be a wiser investment and provide much better facilities.

The new site we are considering is the former Muddy Boots Nursery on Bishopdale Road, Leicester LE4 0SR. No decision has been made yet, and if we go ahead we would like your ideas on how we use the Bishopdale Road building and develop services there.

Why we are consulting

The building we are considering was built as a nursery in the mid 1980s. We will refurbish it and change the layout. It is solid and has lots of potential but has been empty for a while. Its benefits are:

- a modern single storey and accessible building
- all the main rooms have large windows with plenty of natural light and look out over the gardens
- will be easy to maintain and efficient to run
- convenient parking and close to a good bus route
- outdoor space with gardens and located next to a park – will make it a pleasant place to visit.

We aim to create:

- pottery and art teaching and drop-in facilities to replicate those currently at Fosse (but with new kilns and better facilities)
- studio space for up to five artists/potters/craftspeople
- two classrooms for English, Maths, ESOL, employability courses and community hire

- a community café – providing training and work preparation opportunities while offering refreshments for users of the centre and local people. Also a space to exhibit art work
- a community garden – providing training, volunteering and work preparation opportunities
- an accessible toilet with hoist.

We would like you as existing service users to tell us what you think about this idea.

Your views

1 Will you be able to get to the new centre?

(Required)

Please select only one item

- Yes, with ease Yes, with difficulty No Unsure

2 What might cause you a problem in getting to or using the new centre?

3 What could we improve about the Fosse Arts provision at the new building?

4 Please see the attachment showing the proposed layout and let us have your views on it. Do you have any suggestions to improve on it?

5 Is there anything else about the proposed move you are concerned about?

6 Any other comments?

7 Can we contact you to discuss your ideas or concerns in more detail? If yes, please provide your contact details.

Email/phone:

How you use the centre

To help us understand how the proposals might affect different groups of people, please tell us a little about you and how you currently use the facilities.

8 When did you last use the Fosse Neighbourhood Centre?

Please select only one item

- This week In the last week In the last month
 In the last 6 months In the last year Never

9 Which services did you use on your last visit? (please tick all that apply)

Please select all that apply

- Drop in pottery Drop in art Art or pottery classes
 English, Maths or ESOL classes Music classes Library
 I hire a studio space Other (please state below)

10 How do you travel to the centre?

Please select all that apply

- By bus By car Walking Cycling Other (please state below)

11 Disability

The Equality Act 2010 defines a person as disabled if they have a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long-term effect on their ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities and has lasted or is likely to last for at least 12 months. People with HIV, cancer, multiple sclerosis (MS) and severe disfigurement are also covered by the Equality Act.

Do you consider yourself to be a disabled person?

Please select only one item

Yes No Prefer not to say

If you have answered '**Yes**' to the above, please state the type of impairment that applies to you. People may experience more than one type of impairment, in which case you may need to tick more than one box. If none of the categories apply, please tick 'Other' and state the type of impairment.

Please select all that apply

A long standing illness or health condition such as cancer, HIV, diabetes, chronic heart disease, or epilepsy

A mental health difficulty, such as depression, schizophrenia or anxiety disorder

A physical impairment or mobility issues, such as difficulty using your arms or using a wheelchair or crutches

A social / communication impairment such as a speech and language impairment or Asperger's syndrome / other autistic spectrum disorder

A specific learning difficulty or disability such as Down's syndrome, dyslexia, dyspraxia or AD(H)D

Blind or have a visual impairment uncorrected by glasses

Deaf or have a hearing impairment

An impairment, health condition or learning difference that is not listed above (specify if you wish)

Prefer not to say Other

Postcode

12 What is your postcode?

Please note: we collect postcode data to gain a better understanding of which parts of the city/county respond to our consultations. We cannot identify individual properties or addresses from this information.