

### **The Peasholme Centre**

#### **What is it?**

The Peasholme Centre is a supported accommodation centre for 22 people, staffed 24 hours a day. It offers support and accommodation to homeless single people and couples without children. All residents of the centre are from York or have a local connection to York.

Residents are at a stage in their lives where they want to move towards more stable long-term accommodation options. To stay at the centre they must be willing and able to take part in a planned support programme, which is based on their individual needs and aspirations. It ensures that they will be fully supported in their move towards successful independent living.

Residents are referred to the centre by agencies (there is no direct access). Once accepted, they will remain at the Peasholme Centre for a short period until we are able to re-house them in more permanent accommodation.

The centre offers a comprehensive programme of activities, workshops and groups. Some are delivered by the centre staff and others by specialist external agencies. Residents have a key-worker and co-worker who work very closely with them to ensure that they can be re-housed in suitable accommodation.

#### **What support does it provide?**

Peasholme offers a comprehensive support package for individuals who are homeless. It offers a structured and stable environment that gives residents the space they need to address the issues that have contributed to their homelessness.

Residents take part in a planned programme of support that is based on their individual needs. One of its primary aims is to prepare people for more independent, less supported accommodation.

The centre plays a crucial role in helping resettle homeless people in the city and helps them to reintegrate themselves back into mainstream society.

#### **Who runs it?**

The centre is jointly run by the council and the Peasholme Charity. The Peasholme Charity is a registered charity with almost 20 years experience of working with vulnerable people. It manages several supported housing projects with ongoing support.

#### **Why does it have to move ?**

The Peasholme Centre needs to move because of the planned redevelopment of the Hungate area. The new development will include

housing, retail and new council office facilities. The current facility is situated on what will be the entrance to the development and therefore needs to be moved to other premises.

The new centre will be a modern building with modern facilities. It will include group and education rooms, meeting and counselling rooms, all of which are important to the centre's continuing development.

### **How do I find out more?**

There will be an open day at the Peasholme Centre on Thursday 8 June, from 2.00pm to 5.00pm and 6.30pm to 8.30pm. It will give you the opportunity to see the existing building, ask questions and meet staff, residents, councillors and charity trustee board members.

Please note that there is no public parking at the Peasholme Centre, but the centre is located on The Stonebow bus route.

### **What happens next?**

We have assessed a number of available sites for the new centre against set criteria and has identified only two suitable alternatives:

- 4 Fishergate
- Monk Bar Garage

A third possible location is currently being discussed with its owners. If these discussions prove successful, we will report back and consult with local residents about this site.

A public consultation will be held from 31 May until 25 June to get local residents' views about the two sites. Leaflets will be distributed to homes and businesses near the shortlisted sites.

There will be a public meeting at 7.00pm on Wednesday 14 June, at the Royal York Hotel, Station Road. Residents of the two wards in which the proposed new sites are located will be able to hear council officers explain the reasons for the choice of these locations, and ask questions.

Any comments should be sent to Steve Waddington, Head of Housing Services, City of York Council, 10 –12 George Hudson Street, York YO1 6ZE, tel: (01904) 554016 or email: [peasholme.relocation@york.gov.uk](mailto:peasholme.relocation@york.gov.uk)