

RURAL/URBAN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT GRANTS APPLICATION FOR 1ST NOVEMBER 2017 EXECUTIVE :

Applicant :	No More Floor (Just4Children)
Description of scheme:	The project will create a facility called a "changing place" within the Royal Priors Shopping Centre; it is a large toilet with a hoist, hi-lo bed and a hi-lo sink. The facility will be wide enough and big enough to allow for the disabled person and, under current guidelines, two carers to enable disabled users to be hoisted safely. The facility will also be autistic friendly; many parents within Leamington and Warwick talk of the battles they have attempting to go shopping but then having the issue of the bathrooms being too busy and too noisy.
Evidence of need:	<p>The need is visually obvious as currently there is nowhere within Leamington Spa Town Centre to change disabled children/adults that require continence products; at the moment the reality is that they either sit in soiled nappies or these people aren't able to be taken out to enjoy a normal life. The other option is to lay them on a dirty toilet floor or, if you're lucky to have a big enough car, lay them in the boot. The only "nearby" changing facility is based within Shire Hall, Warwick, and is therefore only open during the daytime Monday to Friday, and realistically this only serves Warwick Town Centre as it is obviously not logistically possible to use this if families are out in other areas/towns such as Leamington Spa Town Centre.</p> <p>Chris White MP supports the project; he has completed a sponsored 10k run to help raise funds and he has spoken about it in Parliament: https://hansard.parliament.uk/Commons/2017-02-23/debates/1EE10D83-4034-4C04-A746-41023F28B333/DisabledPeoplePubliclyAccessibleAmenities#contribution-CE1C3C40-7BAC-4446-BD9D-3EEB836B568D</p> <p>Additionally, the need has been established by petitioning locally; late 2015 No More Floor set up a petition to see what the need for such a facility would be, within a week the petition received over 1,000 signatures: https://www.change.org/p/changing-facilities-with-hoist-for-those-with-additional-needs-in-leamington-spa</p> <p>A "No More Floor" Facebook page has been created and this also has pages and pages of support for the project. The Facebook profile picture is a snippet of people locally who would be able to use the facility; https://www.facebook.com/nomorefloor/</p> <p>The Royal Priors Shopping Centre have also recognised the need for this type of facility and are supportive of the project to the extent that they have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committed to contributing £5,000 to the project • Provided a rent-free room within the shopping centre for use as the "changing place" facility • Committed to maintaining the facility on an ongoing basis for a minimum 5 year period (we are waiting for written confirmation of this)
3 years accounts received?	NO - No More Floor is a group that has been created to specifically deliver a changing room facility for disabled children and adults within Leamington Spa Town Centre. Warwick District Council's Chief Executive, Chris Elliott, and Members of the Executive Committee are aware of this and have agreed that due to the one-off nature of the project they will consider the application without 3 years accounts. No More Floor are raising funds through sponsored events, donations and grant awards; funds raised are being banked with the Just4Children charity who are therefore the named applicants for this RUCIS application, subsequently a successful award will be paid out to Just4Children.
Financial Performance; minus figure = deficit	N/A
Available Funds (cash and reserves)	Funds raised by the No More Floor group for this one-off project total £16,132 (this has been evidenced via a Just4Children financial summary).
Details of membership, fees etc:	N/A
Details of usage:	<p>The project will specifically deliver a new changing room facility to change disabled children/adults that require continence products; currently there is no changing facility within the Leamington Spa locality. The only "nearby" changing facility is based within Shire Hall, Warwick, and is therefore only open during the daytime Monday to Friday, and realistically this only serves Warwick Town Centre as it is obviously not logistically possible to use this if families are out in other areas/towns such as Leamington Spa Town Centre.</p> <p>Within Leamington Spa and Warwick, there are two SEN schools which further evidences the need for the changing room as it shows that there are people already living within the area who require this facility.</p>
Details of Organisations equalities policies:	N/A - No More Floor is a group that has been created to specifically deliver a changing room facility in Leamington Spa Town Centre for disabled children and adults, by the nature of this project, it is available to all members of the community without any prejudice.
3 quotes provided:	Yes - for all aspects of the project (6 quotes in total)
Which of the Council's Corporate Priorities are met?	Evidence

Increase opportunities for everyone to enjoy and participate in sports, arts and cultural activities

Without this facility many severely disabled people from across the community aren't in a position to attend events within Leamington Spa Town Centre, for example; markets, Christmas light switch-on's, they are unable to enjoy the use of the library, parks, the Spa Centre or indeed use of the town in general such as shopping, eating out, exploring the locality. With the creation of a changing room facility, this project will increase opportunity for a wide range of people from across the community to participate in arts, cultural and social activities.

Engaging and strengthening communities

The No More Floor group who are actively working to deliver the changing room facility are made up of volunteers from within the community; local petitioning and creation of a Facebook page has also brought together a wide range of people from across the community. With the creation of a changing room facility, this project will further engage and strengthen the community as it will enable an otherwise excluded group of people to participate in events and activities within Leamington Spa Town Centre and also make use of the town facilities such as the library, parks and the Spa Centre.

Targetting disadvantage in rural / urban areas:

Families are currently disadvantaged as this type of changing facility is not currently available within the Leamington Spa Town Centre locality which means that families are regularly unable to do things together; activities such as going out shopping together, eating out as a family, exploring the locality, visiting parks, using the library, visiting the Spa Centre, going to town centre markets, Christmas light switch-on's. The only "nearby" changing facility is based within Shire Hall, Warwick, and is therefore only open during the daytime Monday to Friday, and realistically this only serves Warwick Town Centre as it is obviously not logistically possible to use this if families are out in other areas/towns such as Leamington Spa Town Centre.

Total cost of scheme (including VAT where appropriate)

25,600 Net amount, no VAT to be incurred

Funded by:

Status

Organisations Own Funds

£15,932 Approved

Royal Priors Shopping Centre

£5,000 Requested/contribution offered; waiting for written confirmation/payment

Leamington Town Council

£200 Application made; waiting for decision

Total RUCIS

£4,468

equates to

17.5%