

North Hertfordshire Museum and Community Facility



Arts Museum Heritage Forum and Community Briefing

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Background

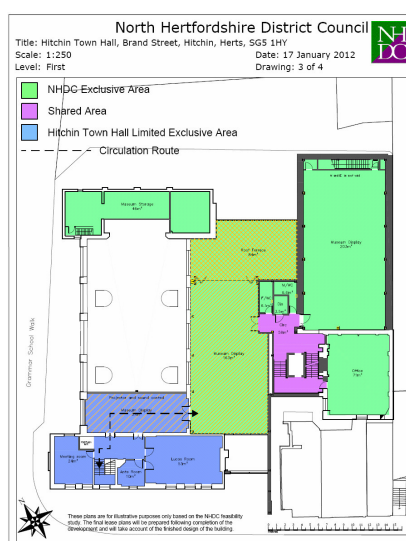
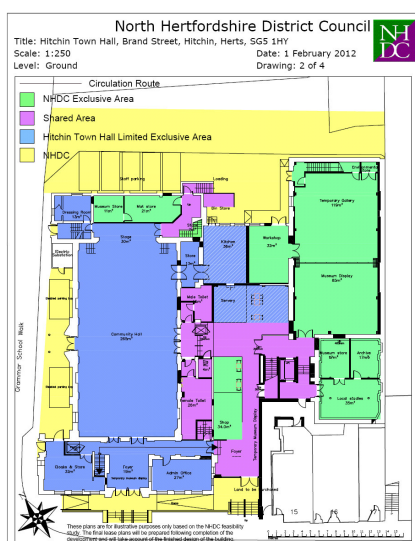
- Museum Fundamental Service Review
- Museums and Town Hall required significant investment
- Urgent financial pressure
- Town Hall option
- Community Groups alternative
- Supported by Council November 2010
- Planning and Listed Building Consent
- HTH Ltd. £850k grant/Loan
- NHDC possible £1 million HLF grant
- Balance of circa £2.4 million of overall £4.2 million cost from NHDC
- Negotiations since February 2011 - HTH Ltd, Workman's Hall and Gymnasium Trust, FBE, and NHDC



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The Vision



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Proposed Agreement

- Development Agreement
- Lease
- Community Use and Management Agreement
- Council/Trust Management Arrangement
- Some Outstanding Issues (Part 2 Report) will be considered at:
- Special Meeting of Council 10th May 2012



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Key Benefits

- Sustainable future for the Town Hall
- Fit for purpose museum
- Addresses maintenance liabilities
- Reduces call on Council Tax
- Meets Trust objectives



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Key Challenges

- Museum Service migration
- Complex refurbishment/construction
- Hitchin Town Hall Ltd. income generation
- Resolving outstanding issues



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