

## **Shallowford House: *Making Room for Everyone***

### **Renewal programme summary**

#### **What is Shallowford House?**

Shallowford House (Registered charity 1116461), is a Retreat and Conference Centre, operating primarily as a centre for:

1. **Education:** for learning and training; and
2. **Retreat:** for relaxation, retreat and renewal for those in serious need.

We operate primarily in the charitable and not-for-profit sectors, providing a critical service for individuals and organisations who could not afford to meet in regular commercial hotels and conference centres. Our users are very diverse, and include regular HIV/AIDS survivors' weekends, weekend breaks for those caring for sick or disabled relatives, and many training and management breaks for local and national churches, charities and other voluntary organisations.

#### **What is Shallowford's development plan?**

Operating continuously since 1938, Shallowford has recently had to turn away a large number of potential visitors through overcrowding, and the development plan aims to increase capacity in order to increase the number of customers who can use its facilities. In addition, the existing facilities are now in need of upgrading in order to meet the increasing needs of our visitors, and to attract a new generation of volunteers into the not-for-profit sector.

#### **What will change?**

Our extensive renewal programme entails significant additions to the existing 1880s country house. A new chapel/meeting room will be constructed in the grounds, accessed via an enclosed linked walkway. A new concourse entrance will be built between the existing wings of the house with glazed flat roof and pitched tiled roof entrance with glazed screens. The new concourse will be used as a meeting place, a reception room and a comfortable lobby for guests. The old Chapel will be internally modified with the introduction of a new first floor and converted to ground floor meeting room and first floor en-suite bedrooms. The floor plan attached to this document gives more details of the extensions.

External pavings and landscape will be developed to reflect the new setting, with an enclosed terraced garden created between the new meeting room and the existing house.

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#### What will it cost?

Item	£'000
New Chapel/meeting room – build chapel and connecting linked walkway <sup>1</sup>	323.1
Old Chapel – convert to meeting room and add new bedrooms <sup>1</sup>	126.6
Concourse – construct new concourse entrance <sup>1</sup>	181.7
Dining Area – modify existing kitchen and dining room <sup>1</sup>	70.0
Ground Floor ensuite conversion <sup>1</sup>	7.0
Quiet Garden Landscaping <sup>1</sup>	21.1
Making good to existing linkages <sup>1</sup>	30.0
First Floor ensuite conversion <sup>3</sup>	100.0
Refurbishment – redecorate meeting rooms and bedrooms, comprising <sup>2</sup>	230.0
Additional landscaping (including car parking) <sup>3</sup>	15
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>1104.5</u></b>

#### What is the benefit?

Several thousand people a year pass through Shallowford House; the work they come to Shallowford to do affects many thousands more. By renewing the house, we will enable:

- a new generation of people to come into voluntary work with the best training and facilities possible
- more and better training for existing voluntary organisations
- more people in very stressful situations to take time out for retreat, renewal and relaxation

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