



GREENHAM CONTROL TOWER REFURBISHMENT PROJECT MOVES INTO FINAL PHASE

Greenham Parish Council is delighted to announce another major step forward in the Control Tower Project as a **formal tender invitation** for the final refurbishment works is about to go out, administered by appointed project managers, Place Partnership Ltd.

The funding for this part of the works has been made possible by a loan from the Government's Public Works Loan Board which was confirmed last week. The loan enables the council to complete the final phases of the refurbishment of the control tower as a visitor centre without increasing the tax burden on residents to repay the loan.

The final build programme, once started, should take place over a period of approximately 16 weeks.

An independent charitable organisation is being formed to manage the building. The new Greenham Control Tower Limited will be a company limited by guarantee with volunteer trustees. Experts in the fields of business, planning, charity funding or people with a great love of the building are invited to contact the company to help support them in providing an outstanding community facility.

The Control Tower when open, will provide **public facilities** of a café, toilets, and a fantastic Viewing Gallery overlooking the expanse of the Common, the former site of one of the longest runways in Europe.

The new Trustees will later go on to tender to **install exhibitions** which reflect the history and natural history of Greenham Common, and planned events and activities are expected around the year.

The Control Tower will provide a practical stop-off for those who love the Common for family walks, runs and bike rides.

Recent supervised group visits to the Control Tower during the celebrated War and Peace weekend brought in a wide range of local, national and international visitors including families, Air force veterans, WW2 enthusiasts, Cold War historians, local families, former Peace Women. All were delighted to see this iconic building being brought back to life as a community facility.

Chairman of the council's Control Tower Committee, Councillor Jon Gage, says, **'The successful loan application is another major step forward in fulfilling the commitment of Greenham Parish Council of opening this fantastic building to the public just as soon as we can - timescales now depend on appointing the final building contractor'**

To keep up to date with the latest developments in the Control Tower Project, follow 'Greenham Control Tower' on Facebook.
