

# **DEWSBURY BETTER SPACE PROGRAMME – BID TO TOWN FUND**

## **EXTERNAL ENHANCEMENT WORKS TO REAR PIONEER HOUSE**

### **Background**

An opportunity has arisen to enhance an important open space to the rear of Pioneer House. This area is identified in the Better Spaces Strategy as an area where improvements could be undertaken and the works in this proposal will contribute to achieving the objectives of the Strategy.

Pioneer House itself has been the subject of substantial investment by both the Council and Kirklees College to transform it from its former derelict state into a state of the art further educational facility.

Pioneer House is a very special teaching/ training environment for the community of Kirklees and beyond. The café and hair and beauty facilities are open to the public in addition to students and staff the proposed external enhancing works would be enjoyed by the public where they can visit Pioneer House and relax on the external terrace areas.

The package of works described in this proposal will help to provide a higher quality of environment than would otherwise be achieved within the current budgets available. The upgrades to the arch way and other external features such as the proposed sculpture to the arch way this will provide interesting aspects for the public to take in whilst enjoying a drink from the café.

### **Proposed Works**

1. Heritage archway gates and fencing to protect the heritage structure and enhance the focal point. £4,400.00.
2. Heritage flagging to entrance area beneath heritage arch £2,160.00.
3. Rendering to rear and side of heritage arch £2,400.00.
4. Supply and installation of up lighters including ducting from building and power installation £6,000.00.
5. Supply and installation of art work statues to show the history of the arch with the figures of two persons leaving the cinema through the archway £12000.00. (would need to further investigate options but think two persons leaving through the arch would link really well with the building history).
6. Seating for the heritage terrace from the café £8,400.00.
7. Terrace seating area to the side of the arch way to be 7m x 10m (70m<sup>2</sup>), path then 60m<sup>2</sup> along the top of the banking with a set of steps down to the terrace at the rear of the café. The terrace will be formed using the York stone flags recovered from the basement and restored for use (I have included 30m<sup>2</sup> of flagging purchase at £75m<sup>2</sup> as on measuring the flags we have from the basement is 260m<sup>2</sup> and the café terrace requires 160m<sup>2</sup>). Allowance has been made for the small retaining wall to form the flagging against £30,480.00
8. Lighting to terrace and walk way area £5,700.00.

9. Upgrading of signage to include heritage feature such as timber moulding to perimeter of signage £6,000.00.
10. Upgrade the cycle store to secure storage, and or install heritage cycle storage instead of simple modern cycle storage cover. Uplift cost £8,000.00.
11. Create additional visitor parking area in the car park to allow additional visitor capacity, we could operate a booking system for any visitors wanting to park and visit the enhanced external areas with links to arts and culture £12,000.00.
12. Electrical car charging point to allow visitors to charge up their vehicles when visiting £8000.00 including power and ducting.

**Total bid value £105,540.00.**

**All costs include VAT.**

### **Timescales**

The College are moving the staff and students into the building on the 19<sup>th</sup> November, although these external enhancement works would occur after the occupancy date. The College would look to progress the works at the soonest opportunity the grant was approved and complete in 2020/21.



