## A home for Bob



Totnes and Rural Community Transport (Bob the Bus) is looking for a permanent or long term home to accommodate our expanding community transport service. We currently provide eight scheduled bus routes servicing Totnes and nine surrounding villages, as well as a thriving hire service for community groups. We anticipate that demand for our service will increase significantly over the next few years and we are committed to developing innovative ways to provide environmentally sound community based solutions to local transport needs.

## **OUR REQUIREMENTS**

- 1. A location on or near our scheduled service routes around the centre of Totnes. The obvious location would be a site on the Totnes industrial estate, although we would consider sites elsewhere if they can meet our spatial and infrastructure requirements.
- 2. External space to provide easy parking for up to 6 minibuses and 5 cars, as well as a covered area for light maintenance (eg oil changes) and washing of buses with appropriate drainage and utility provision. A total external area of around 300 sq.m
- 3. Internal space for a small coordinators office, a larger meeting room to accommodate meetings of up to 10 people and a hot desk for drivers and occasional workers or administrators, a substantial storage room, toilet, wash up and kitchenette facilities. A total internal area of 60+ sq.m. All office space to have broadband and phone line provision.
- 4. Security: We need to be able to fully secure the internal and external spaces with minimum 2m high fencing with an option to provide full cctv scrutiny of the site.

## **OUR PROCUREMENT PREFERENCES**

- Our preferred option is to purchase the freehold, or long leasehold of an appropriate plot or unit(s), with or without existing internal space and service provision. We would of course expect the purchase price to reflect the extent of the work we would subsequently have to carry out to provide accommodation that will meet our needs.
- 2. We are willing to consider other shorter term or trial arrangements, since there is some pressure on us to rationalise and bring together our existing dispersed accommodation and parking provision, but we need to be confident that this would not compromise our current and potential long term sources of funding.

## **CONTACT**

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