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In response to the submission of the Old Market Quarter Neighbourhood Development plan:

We are Old Market Manor LTD . Set to be Bristols first dedicate makerspace:

We have taken on 3 Barton Manor BS20RL and will be opening up our doors to the public of Bristol providing a comprehensive community workshop JULY 2015.

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Mission / Vision / Values

Imagine a creative environment where no one is limited by circumstance, a place of opportunity, discovery and creative collaboration thriving deep in the heart of an urban community.

Old Market Manor is a 7000 SQ FT, factory situated in the Old Market area of St Philips, Bristol. It is a community-built, community-led space, a design centre for excellence built by people who are dedicated and passionate about making.

Following our own creative rhythm and often going against the grain, we will create a space that will work like the 'hot desk' collaborative system that has become so essential for the professional Freelance creative sector; a space where practical makers can share the skills of their craft and

train,  
inspire and mentor.

Our ambition is to create a sustainable business model for both the community and the environment, to provide affordable access to machinery, training and vocational classes across multiple disciplines.

Old Market Manor will provide an affordable solution for those who require workshop or studio space, but can't afford or don't need to own one. It will give designers and makers access to temporary bench spaces (Members), affordable by the day/week or month for short-term projects, but will also accommodate longer term business (The Fellowship) with resident spaces for them to base and incubate their business in a inspiring creative venue.

The facility will offer a joinery and furniture making workshop, with all of the machines and equipment found in commercial business, as well as metal fabrication, upholstery, digital design, CNC cutting and 3D Printing. Old Market Manor also houses office space and co working desk space and will have a small cafe.

We will work alongside local colleges and universities, providing apprenticeship opportunities where there are little, nurturing talent and encouraging progression in skills and craft through the dedicated support of our Fellowship and Members. We intend also to advise business start-ups and burgeoning collectives, expanding our technical and vocational training to entrepreneurial support through the provision of affordable yet professional sector training.

Why in Bristol? This is not a unique project. A number of successful makers' spaces exist in the USA and there are a number of facilities in London with a

similar, successful business model.

We have recognised a need in Bristol for this industry/business model, one

that not only provides space, but also offers a community and provides training, employment and professional mentoring at every level of engagement.

By investing in this way we are committing wholeheartedly to both the present and the future, engendering skills and wellbeing for both the city and its people, contributing to Bristol's vital backbone – it's ever-growing creative economy.

Making our dream happen will help to make others' dreams a reality.