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Design statement Change of use Offices in the Courtyard, Dalby Forest Artist Residencies

We are applying for a change of use for 4 out of the 5 office units in the Courtyard in Dalby Forest from office space to ancillary residential space.

In 2003/04 the buildings in the Courtyard in Dalby Forest were refurbished for the following use:

- one of the 3 buildings is used as a bike hire centre/café – the North Building;
- one of the buildings is used as a Community Resource Centre/workshops;
- and the final building – the South Building has been used for workshop space and upstairs as office space for a variety of businesses.

This South Building is currently empty, apart from office 1 at the end of the corridor, which is used by the bike hire company.

In 2017 we will be piloting a range of arts activities that will inform the arts strategy for Dalby Forest. The main focus for activities will be in the workshop units.

We would like to offer the artists low key, short term, ancillary residential space and stay overnight in the Courtyard. As offices 2-5 are currently empty, this seems like an ideal space to use.

Hopefully this will lead to a more permanent rolling programme of artists in residence, creating art in the Courtyard for our visitors to get involved in and enjoy.

There will be no requirement for any physical changes to the building, which requires planning permission.

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