

Property acquisition for the Peterborough Nepalese Society (PNS)

(Concept Paper)

Reasons for acquiring a premises:

In order to deliver PNS's activities more efficiently and effectively, we are looking for a property which has spaces accommodating around 100-150 people. It is obvious that the property should be convenient to the majority of members of the society. Based on this, we propose to acquire the hall located at **Westwood centre-Stafford hall**.

1. PNS is a charity organisation with its own mission and vision and organising several welfare activities and fund raising programmes throughout the year. Most of the occasion, we hired Stafford hall for organising our social and cultural events and also for fund raising activities.
2. Currently we are using Stafford hall every Saturday for the last 3 months for the language classes to the children of the community. Nearly 40 children are benefitting from this charity works. Parents are equally participating in the programme as the location is highly convenient to them.
3. Most of the members of this charity are based in the Westwood, Raventhorpe and Ledbury areas. Because of this reason, the Stafford Hall is very close to these areas and is easily accessible to all of the members as well.
4. Some of our annual programmes are for the children. It is convenient for the parents and guardians to handle their children during the programmes if it is around the Westwood areas.
5. We have enough volunteers to take care of the property and some of them are skilled ones like plumbers and electric and electronic mechanics. We can use those skilled professionals to maintain the property. PNS has also well experienced and skilled volunteers which are enough to carry out different activities and events.
6. Being a newly established charity we are not much financially strong but we have strong feeling of to do something for the community. All our financial resources are from the generous support of the members. Even though, we will try our best to fulfil the terms and conditions and other unavoidable requirements in terms of acquiring the premises.

As our main motto is to help and support community at large, we are very hopeful in getting support from Peterborough City Council on this mission. As part of council's Community Capacity enhancement programme (Community Asset Transfer -CAT), we are very hopeful of having the under used community halls like Stafford Hall at Westwood centre for our charity use.