

**Fitzrovia Youth in Action – Suffolk House, 'The Warren Centre'**

**Information on the Running of the Business**

The Application seeks change of use from B1 Office to D1 Non-Residential for the lower ground basement floor at Suffolk House, which is to be transformed into an open plan activity space – 'The Warren Centre' for the Fitzrovia Youth in Action group- members of which are aged between 14 and 19. They participate in a number of activities including dance, music and gardening. As many of the youths live locally, it is anticipated that most would be travelling on foot or by bus.

Access to the basement itself would be from the private stairway leading off the door from the alleyway off Whitfield Place. As such, FYA will have their own entrance; the communal corridor shown on the plans is utilised by residents only. The building in itself is used for residential purposes (use class C3).

FYA anticipate that the opening times of The Warren Centre will not exceed the stated 9am-9pm. On average the centre will be occupied by 20 youths per day, supervised by 1-2 members of staff. In addition to this they would anticipate approximately 10 visitors on occasions when an event is being hosted.

Whilst there will be no food preparation on site, there will be reheating facilities and as such we anticipate that the FYA's waste disposal requirements will be minimal. We have proposed the provision of a 770 litre bin in the existing Suffolk House bin store, which we believe will be sufficient (as per 'Waste Disposal Strategy' drawing no. 02020).