

Priory Rooms Letting Policy

The adoption of a 'lettings policy' forms an important part of Quaker witness. This policy is intended to help Friends and their representatives seek constructive engagement in the business world and encourage high standards of corporate practice. Whilst Priory Rooms seeks to trade in a way that furthers the purposes of their parent charity, CEAQM by maximizing returns they are conscious of the need to avoid trading in a way which would conflict with the charitable aims of CEAQM and materially undermine credibility.

Lettings policy is intended to be supportive of organizations which aim to develop their interests in a constructive, successful and sustainable way for the benefit of the communities and environments in which they operate. Specifically, lettings policy is intended to involve working with organisations which:

- Support responsible employment practices.
- Observe good corporate governance practices.
- Demonstrate best practice in human welfare, employment and human rights.
- Operate a responsible attitude towards environmental protection, and contributing towards a cleaner environment or healthier society.

and

- Avoid policies that conflict with charitable aims or objectives, or, offend Quaker witness.
- Avoid policies which might hamper Quaker activities, or, make potential beneficiaries unwilling to accept assistance, or, alienate supporters.
- Avoid policies which support oppressive regimes, are harmful to individuals or the environment.

Endeavours are made to avoid lettings to organisations which are engaged in the supply of contentious products and services, including the promotion of gaming or pornography, or, the supply of armaments. Lettings to organisations are also excluded where a significant part of their turnover is known to be derived from:

- Alcoholic beverages, tobacco or tobacco related product, manufacture and sale
- Non-offensive military equipment
- Weekly collected home credit or doorstep lending
- Human embryonic cloning

The Religious Society of Friends is apolitical and does not wish to be seen to be connected to any political party. All requests for public party political meetings should be referred to the directors. With regard to religious groups, directors will follow area meeting existing policy.

The responsibility for the managing of this policy lies with the directors of Priory Rooms (Bull Street) Ltd who are responsible for all aspects of the management and use of the Priory Rooms as defined in the Management Agreement and is implemented through the manager of the conferences centre. If there are any areas where support is needed on making a clear decision the directors should be consulted by the centre manger.