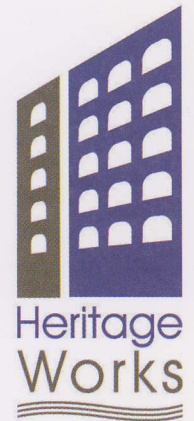


02 August 2011



Dear Colleague

As you may be aware, for the past few years the Trustees and staff of Heritage Works have been striving to create a sustainable base upon which the Trust could work with its range of partners to meet its charitable objectives. These are two-fold: to preserve the built heritage, particularly those buildings whose conservation and re-use will contribute to the regeneration of their locality and to promote the public's awareness and appreciation of the historic environment and the processes involved in building conservation and regeneration.

As with any other Building Preservation Trust the income which sustains Heritage Works is mainly derived from undertaking projects and whilst there have been many reviews, appraisals and studies into potential projects commissioned and funded by partners over the past few years, collectively the income to the Trust has been insufficient to cover the costs of employing the staff and the associated office costs. Heritage Works recently submitted a significant application to the Heritage Lottery Fund in relation to Everton Library in Liverpool, which had it been successful would, together with other funded activities, have utilised and funded a significant part of the current infrastructure.

With this prospect no longer visible the Trustees cannot see the income streams over the next year that would enable the Trust to retain its offices and employed staff. Therefore, in the absence of other funding coming available in the next couple of months, the Trustees have no option now other than to close the offices at the end of October this year and regrettably make the current staff redundant by that date. All of our immediate commitments will be completed by that time.

Heritage Works as an organisation will continue, but the Trustees' ability to drive matters forward will be severely limited without our staff. This is particularly frustrating since there is a raft of projects on which we have been working which will either fail or be dangerously delayed.

We are informing all our partners with whom we are working currently and request that you let your team know. We are also trying to contact all those who have worked with or for the Trust in the past, and would be grateful if you could circulate the news as you feel appropriate.

Should you have any issues, concerns or ideas that you wish to discuss, please do not hesitate to telephone or email me (director@heritageworks.co.uk) or to contact, John Glester, the Trust Chairman, on his personal mobile number 07808 299 951. Thank you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kate E. Dickson". The signature is written in a cursive style and is followed by a horizontal line.

Kate Dickson
Trust Director

