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Dear All,

I wanted to express my support to the concept of providing a permanent space for Fiery Bird / Phoenix Cultural Centre CIC that is owned by the community in perpetuity to provide live music, cultural & community activities in the town centre.

As I understand, the current location (the former Quake night club) is only available until March 2020 & back in 2014, the full council accepted the petition that a permanent space for Fiery Bird / Phoenix Cultural Centre CIC should be provided. The founders & volunteers have done amazing work to date resulting in a positive social, community & educational impact on the borough. The current area is listed under UA15 is proposed for leisure & community. It would be great if you could specifically identify a permanent space for the Fiery Bird / Phoenix Cultural Centre CIC, to end the uncertainty.

I believe that a such a facility improves the identity of the town, & has a positive social impact on our diverse community, as well as supporting grassroots emerging music. I myself have been learning guitar at the Fiery Bird & last week got up on stage (for the first time ever) and played with two new friends at the open mic evening - something I never would have believed possible until I started attending. My friend Jon who has dementia, has now sang at various open mic evenings at the Fiery Bird, & got such a positive reaction from the audience, volunteers & other performers, which has done wonders to his self-confidence.

Yours sincerely,
Ian Anderson

