

**Declarations on Formation of a Community Interest Company**

Company Name in full

Foredown Tower Community Interest Company

**SECTION A: COMMUNITY INTEREST STATEMENT – BENEFICIARIES**

We, the undersigned, declare that the company will carry on its activities for the benefit of the community, or a section of the community. In particular, the company's activities will be carried on for the benefit of groups and individuals using the South Downs National Park, for educational and youth organisations and for community groups.

**SECTION B: COMMUNITY INTEREST STATEMENT – ACTIVITIES & RELATED BENEFIT**

Please indicate how it is proposed that the company's activities will benefit the community, or a section of the community. Please provide as much detail as possible to enable the CIC Regulator to make an informed decision about whether your proposed company is eligible to become a community interest company. It would be useful if you were to explain how you think your company will be different from a commercial company providing similar services or products for individual or personal gain.

<b>Activities</b>	<b>How will the activity benefit the community?</b>
The company will operate the Tower as an access point to the South Downs National Park, providing a meeting space and a range of other facilities.	The Tower is located on the boundary of the new National Park and the community will benefit by having a gateway to the Park which provides a range of facilities including a meeting space, a tea room and a shop selling information leaflets, maps and guides. We also intend to provide facilities for hiring mountain bikes. Running the Tower with a combination of paid and voluntary staff will make it possible for us to offer a wider range of services than could be provided by a purely commercial company.
The company will operate and enhance the existing Camera obscura.	The Camera obscura gives the Tower a unique identity. We intend to use it to help individual visitors, families and educational groups to understand the history and geography of the Downs. We will do this in several ways: by illustrated lectures, by diagrams and displays, and by new technology such as mapping software. We also intend to develop the Camera obscura as an educational tool by introducing "hands on" optical displays and new technology, such as a web cam.
The company will provide meeting spaces and opportunities for adventure training and leadership for youth groups.	The Tower is located on the edge of the Brighton conurbation, next to a number of residential estates, where many families with teen aged children live. We hope that the Tower will become a meeting space for youth organisations, such as Sea Cadet Units. They will be able to use the facilities of the Tower and the National Park to participate in chart work and map reading, the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, adventure

	training, expedition planning and leadership activities. Taking part in these will enable the young people to acquire a range of national qualifications. Running the Tower with a combination of paid and voluntary staff will enable us to offer these facilities at a much lower cost than would be charged by a purely commercial company.
The company will provide meeting spaces for community and local interest groups.	The Tower will be used as the base for local interest groups, such as the Foredown Tower Astronomers who currently use it. We also intend to offer it to local businesses for meetings and for training and staff development. Operating the Tower as a C.I.C. will permit us to set different charges for commercial and non-commercial organisations.
In the short term any surplus will be used to enhance the facilities of the Tower. In the longer term, any surpluses will be used for the benefit of Hove and Adur Sea Cadet Unit, the shareholders of the C.I.C.	

(Please continue on separate continuation sheet if necessary.)

### SECTION C:

1. We/I, the undersigned, declare that the company in respect of which this application is made will not be:

- (a) a political party;
- (b) a political campaigning organisation; or
- (c) a subsidiary of a political party or of a political campaigning organisation.<sup>3</sup>

### SECTION D: SIGNATORIES

Each person who will be a first director of the company must sign the declarations.

Signed (Ian Wright) Date 23 Dec 2009

Signed (Michael Halsey) Date 21 Dec 2010

(Please continue on separate continuation sheet if necessary.)

### CHECKLIST

This form must be accompanied by the following documents:

- (a) Memorandum of Association
- (b) Articles of Association, which comply with requirements imposed by section 32 of the Act and Part 3 of the Regulations or which are otherwise appropriate in connection with becoming a community interest company
- (c) Form IN01- you need to indicate that the proposed company is adopting bespoke articles.

(d) Any completed continuation sheets

(e) A cheque for £35 made payable to Companies House

You do not have to give any contact information in the box opposite but if you do, it will help the Registrar of Companies to contact you if there is a query on the form. The contact information that you give will be visible to searchers of the public record.

When you have completed and signed the form, please send it to the Registrar of Companies at:

For companies registered in England and Wales: Companies House, Crown Way, Cardiff, CF14 3UZ

DX 33050 Cardiff

For companies registered in Scotland: Companies House, 4th Floor, Edinburgh Quay 2, 139

Fountainbridge, EH3 9FF DX 235 Edinburgh

For companies registered in Northern Ireland: Companies House, 1st Floor, Waterfront Plaza, 8

Laganbank Road Belfast BT1 3BS

## NOTES

1. The community interest test is referred to in section 35 of the Companies (Audit, Investigations and Community Enterprise) Act 2004 and is expanded upon in regulations 3, 4 & 5 of the Regulations. E.g. “the residents of Oldtown” or “those suffering from XYZ disease”.

2 A company is not eligible to be formed as a community interest company if it will be an

3 “excluded company”. If you are not sure whether the company which you wish to form falls

into any of these categories, you should refer to the definitions of the terms “political party”, “political campaigning organisation” and “subsidiary” (and of the related terms “election”, “governmental authority”, “public authority” and “referendum”) in Regulation 2 of the Regulations before completing this form.

