



***Dear Planners,***

*For the past 3 years Bricks and Soul has redeveloped and refurbished over 26 properties across Greater Manchester for vulnerable people, the homeless, victims of domestic abuse and move on accommodation for children coming out of care. Collaborations with Housing Associations and Councils have meant we have developed a unique business plan where there are significant cost savings on the public purse.*

*Included in the application is a report commissioned by Hatch Regenris (an independent Manchester based social and economic development consultancy) that monitored and assessed the impact of housing 3 housing schemes by Bricks & Soul, if you don't have time to read the whole report then please look at pages 9 and 13 which will give you a snap shot of the monies saved to the council through collaboration.*

*We pride ourselves in delivering above standard renovations, disrupting the social housing market and encouraging others to follow suit. Being part of the community is equally as important as delivering good quality housing. So whilst the renovations are underway Bricks & Soul in the Community will deliver a bespoke community engagement programme that will be activated alongside the build.*

*We are strong believers in the power of employing local trade to work on the properties; thus encouraging growth within the local economy. We are proud of our hyper local mission of, local houses, built by local people for local people. We have employed over 38 different local tradesmen over the past year and a half. Whilst the property is undergoing renovation we submerge ourselves into the existing community, finding out ways to improve spaces that matter most to them.*

*Please watch this short 2 minute film which demonstrates the standard of work, community engagement and testimonials from councils and RP's.*

*<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VS1zeMmN6XA>*

*Our plan with 134 -136 Seymour Road South is to change it from a badly run, below decent home standard 14 bed HMO into 8 well managed beautifully renovated one bedroom flats that will create wonderful homes. Mosscafe St Vincents will be managing this building once its renovated and MCC will be using the accommodation for vulnerable people.*

*Thank you for reading this statement.*

*Victoria Sinclair*