

Business name	Love Dover Regeneration Company
Business address	Dickens Corner, 7 Market Square, Dover, Kent CT16 1LZ
Property details	
Address of the property	Dickens Corner, 7 Market Square, Dover, Kent CT16 1LZ
Are you the freeholder or leaseholder?	Freeholder
Is the property at ground level and over 10 years old?	Yes
Occupancy status	Empty for over 6 months
Is the property in a conservation area?	Yes
Is the property a listed building?	No
Assessment questions	
Question 1: Is the property within a priority zone?	Yes
Question 2: Has the property been empty for more than 6 months?	Yes
Question 3: Are there other empty retail/commercial properties within 50 metres from this one?	Yes
Please give details of empty commercial properties the area	5 and 6 Cannon Street, 18-19 Market Square, 9 and 10 King Street
Question 4: Can the property be seen clearly from the street?	Yes

Question 5: Is the property in poor condition?	Yes
Please tell us about the condition of the property	The building is in a poor state of repair and requires a new roof, full refurbishment and redecoration. The change of use requires the addition of a new internal staircase, platform lift and associated demolition works. A new access door at street level is required.
Question 6: When the work has been carried out will the property be suitable for trading or rent?	Yes
What are your plans for the property after the work is complete?	The ground and basement floors will be refurbished for retail use as well as providing training for the community. The first and second floors will be converted for residential use.
Question 7: Will the renovation make a positive difference to the surrounding area?	Yes
Please explain the difference the work will make to the surrounding area	The renovated building with its improved frontage will enhance the street scene and improve the appearance and ambience of this important part of Dover town centre.
Question 8: Will the business create new employment?	Yes
Details of employment	It is anticipated there will be two full-time and one part-time staff, with the possibility of three apprenticeships being offered and potentially another three staff being employed at a later stage.
Grant details	
What will you use the grant money for?	External renovations or improvements to frontage Internal ground floor fit-outs to shops and business premises Professional fees associated with the development and delivery of the project

<p>How the money will be used</p>	<p>The project comprises the refurbishment of an existing commercial property in the centre of Dover. New awnings and signage will be applied externally. The outside of the building is very much an important part of its character. The project will enable a new business to operate on the ground floor and basement, also providing training and educational opportunities for local residents. Work has started on some of the structural work to the building, particularly the roof, but not on the work subject to this grant application.</p>
<p>How much grant funding would you like to apply for?</p>	<p>£10,000</p>
<p>Total cost of the work</p>	<p>Accepted estimate: £77,475. This relates to the work which meets the criteria for the grant. It is part of a larger scheme covering the renovation of the whole building. Second estimate (rejected) £85,850. Fees £34,709.</p>