



Basingstoke Community Food Link (CFL), a part of the Starfish Enterprise Registered Charity, is looking for new premises to act as the base for our operations and the reason for this letter is ask if you have suitable premises that you would be willing to make available for CFL use at a favourable rent.

CFL collects fresh nutritious food from the supermarkets in Basingstoke that cannot be sold and would normally go to landfill. Our volunteers then sort and repack the food and deliver it to charities and churches who distribute it to the less well off in their local community.

CFL works with distribution hubs in local churches and schools around Basingstoke where those in need can come and collect food. The distribution hubs also make up food boxes, particularly for pupil premium families nominated by local schools.

CFL run our own refrigerated vehicle to ensure all food is kept at the correct temperature and Tesco have just generously donated a second refrigerated van to us. We are currently making over 50 collections a week from local supermarkets and we estimate we have provided over 150,000 meals over the last 2 years of operation. We have approximately 40 volunteers who work an average of 180 hours a week helping the local community.

CFL is currently based at the URC church in London Street Basingstoke where we sort and pack the donated food. However, as URC restart their activities post COVID they now require the space used by CFL for their own activities and we are required to vacate the premises as soon as possible.

We are looking for approximately 1,000 square feet with easy vehicular access and on one level with some space for vehicle parking. The space would be used primarily for sorting and packing food and whilst we store a very limited amount of food long term, we do have a number of fridges and freezers used for overnight storage.

We would be very happy to answer any questions you may have. We would also welcome the opportunity to come in and meet you and your team to discuss CFL and the work we do to help the less well off in our community and stop good nutritious food going to landfill.

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