

LCF Case Study

Community Kitchen

Burnley FC in the Community

funded by Lancashire Environmental Fund Limited

Total project cost:
£50,400

Total LCF
contribution:
£30,000



‘Delivering positive change for people in the town, using food as the catalyst’

Background

Burnley FC in the Community is a charity working with the Premier League football club to improve the lives of the community across Burnley and East Lancashire. The charity works in five key areas; sports, health education, social inclusion and community facilities.

The community café is located in one of the most deprived areas of England, less than 0.5 per cent on the Index of Multiple Deprivation.



LCF project objectives

The project aimed to fulfil some key objectives, with the charity aiming to create a community café in the largest shopping precinct in the town. The café will be open to all and will feature a book exchange and children’s messy play area.



Alongside the café there will be a teaching kitchen with six work stations. The charity will offer training in basic cooking skills, cooking on a budget, healthy cooking and healthy diet classes. These will be open to all members of the community, parents and school children.

The wider project also includes a foodbank, set up in a supermarket style to offer users the dignity of choice. The foodbank element of the project was separately funded as foodbanks are not eligible under the Landfill Communities Fund (LCF).

Project details and outcomes

LCF funding through Lancashire Environmental Fund Limited supported four separate elements of the project, including the electrical installation, toilet alterations, decoration and installing and fitting out the new community café and the training kitchen.

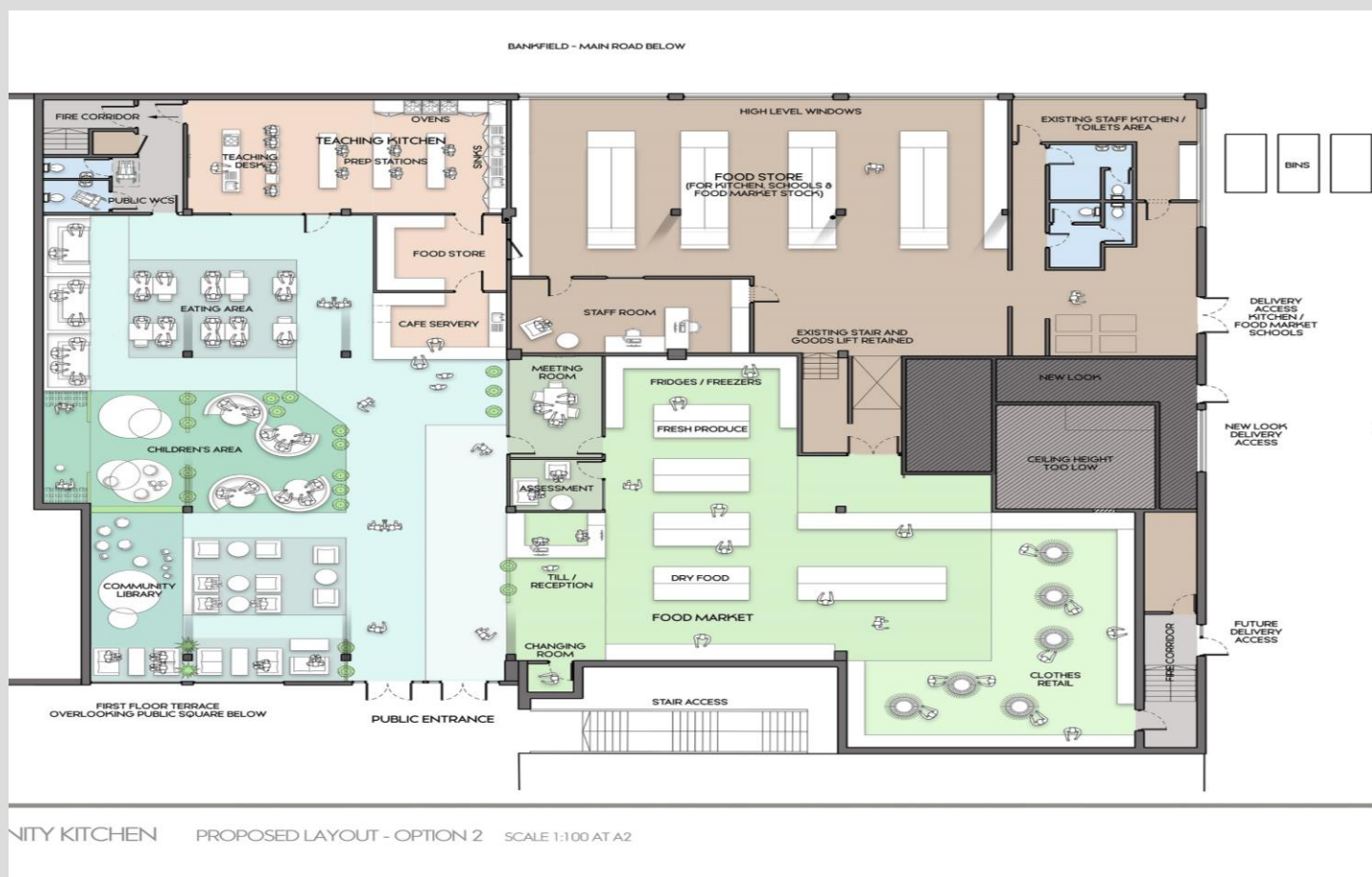
The project refurbished an unused retail facility in the town centre and created a low cost venue for the community to enjoy a central meeting place. At the start of the project the location was unoccupied and in a state of disrepair. The improvements have brought the unit back into a useful function as well as having a positive effect on the shopping precinct and offering the local community a space which aims to deliver positive change for people in the town, using food as the catalyst.

Paul France, Deputy Chief Executive Officer for Burnley FC in the Community, said:

“The teaching kitchen space will be used by Burnley FC in the Community staff to offer cookery lessons and guidance on how to create healthy, balanced meals so that people in the town can start to live healthier lives. After 18 months of hard work, this is such a milestone event. Without the help, support and generosity of the many partners involved in this project, it simply would not have happened. I extend my thanks to each and every one of them.”

Ben Mee, Burnley FC defender, said:

“It’s my first time visiting today. It’s a fantastic facility delivered by the club, the Community and all the partners. It’s great to see everyone digging in and helping out people in need around this town.”



Burnley FC Community Kitchen, Site Layout

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