



ROOFTOP / DIOCESE VISION

The Diocese of Gloucester opened discussions with Rooftop Housing Group to look at the possibility of redeveloping the site of St Stephen's Church located on Bristol Road, Gloucester to provide a new mixed-use development.

The Diocese of Gloucester, working closely with Rooftop Housing Group established a vision to provide a flexible community space to serve the needs of the local community alongside a mix of affordable homes to address an identified need.

The opportunity to develop the site has arisen following the formal closure of St Stephen's Church for public worship in July 2010, when the existing congregation was integrated with the congregation at St Paul's Church, within a renamed parish of St Paul's and St Stephen's.

The Church was subsequently used for storage, and as a community space for local groups until August 2018 when serious health and safety concerns were identified following a site inspection.

The cost of remediation works was significant, and resulted in the Diocese considering a range of options including community use, other alternative uses, selling the property in its existing state, and selling the site with planning permission.

Community use was the preferred option, but without being able to secure the right partners and substantial funds for the repairs required to the church building the option of a community only use was not deliverable. In partnering with Rooftop Housing Group to provide a mixed-use scheme, with a community facility and affordable housing the opportunity to address housing needs identified by the Council and the needs of the local community was identified.

The Diocese of Gloucester and Rooftop Housing Group have successfully delivered two schemes in Gloucester at Frampton Corner and Jenkinson Close.



ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH



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FRAMPTON CORNER - BM3 & ROOFTOP



AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

Project Aim

"To create a development of high quality, distinctiveness and local identity to provide community space and to meet the temporary housing needs for homeless individuals and provide general needs accommodation for the City of Gloucester"

Objectives

- Flexible community space
- Provision of affordable housing and Move-On accommodation
- High quality design
- Modern and attractive place to live
- Safe, secure and pleasant environment
- Environmentally sustainable
- Public engagement with local residents and stakeholders
- Accessible and adaptable housing
- Meet Gloucester's housing need