Outline of the general terms and conditions for community shares as detailed in the societies rules

The Society is an open and democratic organisation. One member receives one vote on issues determined by members, irrespective of how many shares that member has purchased.

The value of the shares will not increase, nor can profits be distributed as dividends.

If the society makes a profit interest can be paid on shares. The maximum rate of interest under society rules is 5%, or 2% above the Bank of England base rate if greater.

The society benefits from limited liability, the maximum that a member can lose is the amount of the original investment.

The shares are not transferable (except on death or bankruptcy) and cannot be sold.

Community shares are not subject to inheritance tax.

Given the shares in the time-bound offer will be used to purchase a building/business, any withdrawals must be funded from surpluses generated by the business or from new share capital raised from members.

Shares cannot be withdrawn until at least three years have elapsed from the date the time-bound offer of shares were issued.

Members may request to withdraw their shares by giving three months' notice of withdrawal

The Management Committee can decline requests for withdrawals depending on the long-term interests of the Society, its need to maintain adequate reserves, and its commitment to community benefit.

The Society has a statutory "Asset Lock". This means that in the event that the society is dissolved and assets sold, shareholders would be repaid their investment after settlement of all debts. Any surplus remaining after such repayment, would be paid to a qualifying community body as decided by the membership of the society.

Specific terms and conditions for membership shares.
Membership shares are non-withdrawable, non-transferable and will not attract interest.

If the shareholder ceases to be a member of the society, the share capital is cancelled and transferred to the general reserves of the society.

These shares are not redeemable if the project fails to go ahead and the society is wound up.

Legal Status and the Standard Mark
The Society is registered with the Financial Conduct Authority under the Cooperative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 – its Register number is 9090

The shares are unregulated. They are not subject to the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000. Additionally, there is no recourse to the Financial Services Compensation Scheme nor to the Financial Ombudsman.

For the principle time-bound investment offer we aim to mitigate risk by being awarded the "Community Shares Standard Mark" by meeting national standards of good practice in our share offer.