

Whittlesey police station could be converted to become new headquarters for town council

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“With the exception of the extension and minor amendments (such as relocating the platform lift and introduction of a door from the meeting room to the courtyard) the external appearance of the building remains unaltered,” says a design statement to Fenland planners.

“This proposal should be considered as best use of the site and will ensure that an existing prominent building within the town continues to serve purpose for the local community and will not fall in to disrepair.”

The building’s previous use was as the Whittlesey Town Police Station with offices and interview rooms located at first floor.

Prior to this the upper floors to the north of the building (3 storey elements) were used for residential accommodation comprising of two number 3 bed flats with living accommodation and first floor and bedroom accommodation at second floor.

The application says the proposal “is to create a mixed-use development comprising of town council offices, council chamber, offices and two 3 bed flats”.

## NEWS

### Summer festival

The 2015 March Summer Festival takes place on June 9 and the March Lions are looking for a prince and princess to lead the annual event this year.

The winning entrants will ride in a carriage through town leading the parade and then they will officially open the gala.

They will then spend the afternoon visiting the stalls and generally taking in the event.

Anyone between the age of eight and 14 is invited to enter the competition. Please email a picture with the child's name and age as well as the contact details of a parent to ben.young@wisbech.gov.uk.

The closing date for this competition is May 25. The March Lions will then choose the winners.

Last year's princess was 10-year-old Evieley Primary pupil Caitlin Thomason.

March Summer Festival is a major community event which has been running alongside the March Lions Club Gala in its present form since 2006.

For more information email March Lion Ian Givonne via Ian.Givonne@wisbech.gov.uk or call 01353 583184.



2015 winner of the Lions' princess competition, 10-year-old Caitlin Thomason.

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