



**Stamford : Welland SSP**  
**Pump priming grants**

As part of Stamford Vision's commitment to encourage diversity in the town's economy, an innovative pump priming grants scheme is being tested. The aim of the scheme is to support bringing buildings back into beneficial use. Stamford Vision, with the help of these grants, will encourage the conversion of redundant space to provide places where new businesses can establish and existing ones expand. The grant is for up to 20% of the cost of conversion and there is still opportunity to apply for this financial year.

The first three projects have now been agreed and work is about to start shortly.

- **Second floor 2 St Mary's Hill:**  
The letting agent Giles Arnold commented on the simplicity of the scheme and commended the low bureaucracy approach. "The work at 2 St Mary's Hill, one of Stamford's most prestigious buildings, will provide flexible office space available for letting in March 2004. The offices amount to 1,300 sq.ft. and will be suitable for either one medium sized occupier or it could be split and let in smaller parts" he stated.
- **Rear of 10 St Mary's Hill**
- **First floor Stamford Walk**  
Gavin Hynes of Lambert Smith Hampton commented that the two conversions, which he is involved with, will help to deliver the type of accommodation which businesses stated that they require in the recent Stamford Vision survey.

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**Editors' note:**

**The Welland SSP** is a cross-boundary, cross-community partnership covering 5 districts across 4 counties and working together with local communities to produce gains for all. Welland is the only East Midlands SSP with a rural and market towns agenda. Welland SSP's challenge is to harness the economic potential of its rural landscape while retaining the balance of interests between economic growth, the needs of communities and the environment. Welland partners already have a sub-regional economic plan which complements the strategy of the East Midlands Development Agency, published after consultation throughout local communities. **Stamford Vision** was established in 2000 as a public/private partnership. The partnership was established to make Stamford a safe, attractive and thriving town for shoppers, residents, visitors and local businesses. Following extensive consultation, a good deal of consensus was achieved and a Vision Document was produced for the town. The purpose of the Vision was to consider what the town should be like by the year 2015. The date 2015 was chosen because many of the issues are complicated requiring complex strategies. We are now beginning the implementation phase, literally bringing the Vision to life, through a number of different projects.