Harrow Council has an ambition to support the development of a vibrant food and restaurant offer in the borough, as it will provide employment to local residents and help to maintain the attraction of Harrow as a place to live.

We have submitted an Expression of Interest under the GLA’s Good Growth Fund to help fund a public square adjacent to the former Cumberland Hotel, and adjacent “pop up restaurant” as part of a new residential led development by Origin Housing who are redeveloping the former Cumberland Hotel site.

WHAT IS TODAY’S EVENT ABOUT?

TEST TRADE RESTAURANT, FORMER CUMBERLAND HOTEL SITE

- The test trade Restaurant project seeks to bring the former Cumberland Hotel site back to life
- The project will create a fully fitted restaurant, including an industrial kitchen, relevant equipment and seating
- The restaurant will be made available to individuals to test-trade their restaurant concept. This will allow individuals to test their restaurant concept in a safe way without the need to invest up front in equipment as this will be done by the project
- Restaurateurs will be provided with business support and food hygiene training
- The restaurant will be made available for established independent restaurateurs who are seeking to expand in Harrow
- Successful restaurants that have used the space will be supported to secure vacant premises in the future

NEW TOWN CENTRE SQUARE

- We plan to create a new square, adjacent to the former Cumberland Hotel, as an outdoor space for entertainment and for markets
- We want new businesses to benefit from the markets and provide a chance for young entrepreneurs to trade with existing market traders
- The square will have a strong link as an outdoor seating area for the test trade restaurant
- Cooking demonstrations or street entertainers? Drummers or dancers? Or what about all of them? These are examples of activities that can be held to liven up this part of the town centre.

Questions about the project or additional feedback at any point? Contact Shehzad Ahmed, Economic Development Officer at shehzad.ahmed@harrow.gov.uk

HOW WE ARE INVOLVING YOU

We are here today to get your thoughts on our ideas before we submit a final bid to the GLA later this month.

Please DO complete a feedback form. This will help ensure that we can really take your views into proper consideration as we move towards submitting the final bid.

PROPOSALS

Residential
Commercial
Proposed Development
GGF – Proposed Public Realm
GGF – Test Trade Restaurant
A     Cumberland Hotel
B     Lyon Road Development

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