

Statement by Hart Bros Restaurants Ltd (May 2018) (v.4)
Unit 4 and 22 – 24 Bagley Walk (The South Anchor Unit)
Western Coal Drops Yard
King's Cross Central

In support of a proposal for:

"External seating areas for two restaurants at viaduct and yard level including demountable canopy structure (viaduct level only) and at both levels for landscape planters; tables and chairs; lighting; and, ancillary restaurant facilities."

1. **Introduction:** Hart Bros Restaurants Ltd are leasing the South Anchor Unit of Western Coal Drops, King's Cross Central.
2. Harts Bros also own and run elsewhere in London, Barrafinna, Quo Vadis ad El Pastor and propose to open new flagship Barrafinna and Casa Pastor Restaurants at King's Cross, before Christmas 2018.
3. The Company is highly regarded and the Directors are very familiar with running high profile restaurants in sensitive places – architecturally and historically – in London.
4. For example, Quo Vadis is a Grade I listed building in Soho. It is a historic restaurant and members' club serving seasonal, regional British fare.
5. Barrafinna are at two locations in Covent Garden serving superb Spanish tapas. Barrafinna at 43 Drury Lane is a Grade II building and Barrafinna at 10 Adelaide Street is part of a large Grade II* building.

6. El Pastor, is a Mexican taqueria serving tacos with tortillas at 7a Stoney Street within the Borough Market Conservation Area.
7. Over last 12 months the Company has been working closely with the landlord and The L. B. of Camden.
8. This wealth of experience has been brought to bear on the signage and outside areas etc – the subject of the planning and signage applications - to ensure the retail heart and regeneration of King's Cross Central is successful.
9. The proposals submitted today seek to make the most of this historic group of Victorian buildings and cutting edge modern architectural design.

Conclusion

10. In the light of the proposed design for the outside seating area and the signage for the two restaurants, it is confirmed that these accord with the pre-application advice from planning, heritage and urban design officers of the London Borough of Camden and Hart Bros commend these proposals to the L. B. of Camden, Officers, Members and interested third parties.

