

Jan Kattein to turn car park into creative hub

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Derelict Wood Green site to offer offices, exhibition space, allotments and a cafe



Plans by Jan Kattein Architects to turn a disused car park and office building into an arts hub have been announced by a north London council.

It is the latest phase of the Wood Green Campus project which has already seen the opening of Green Rooms, the UK's first arts hotel, cafe-bar and restaurant, which is a social enterprise offering affordable accommodation to people working in the arts.

The new project will involve turning the former Station Road council staff car park and an adjacent empty building into a cluster of timber work sheds, studios and offices to be used as workshops or retail units for local businesses.

It will also include a cafe in a Routemaster bus, micro allotments, timber and metal workshops, an arts exhibition space, creative studios and offices. There will also be a central square for cultural events and market pitches.

Due to complete in spring 2017, the project will bring 580sq m of vacant space back into use.

High Street Works, a joint venture company owned and managed by Jan Kattein Architects and Meanwhile Space, was appointed in May to deliver the project jointly with Haringey council.

The Wood Green Campus project won £580,000 funding from the Greater London Authority.

Cllr Joe Goldberg, cabinet member for economic development, social inclusion and sustainability, said the project was a "clear signal" that regeneration in the area was starting.

"We want to support the local economy and need local businesses, retailers or small-scale manufacturers to get involved," he said. "Whether they are filmmakers, florists or fishmongers we want a range of businesses to come forward with their ideas to make the most of this exciting opportunity."