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RESTORATION OF ICONIC HORNSEY TOWN HALL DEVELOPMENT TO GO AHEAD

The restoration of the Grade II* Listed Hornsey Town Hall, the former civic headquarters in the heart of Crouch End, is set to go ahead following the completion of a development agreement between Far East Consortium and Haringey Council. The restoration will deliver a range of community benefits including guaranteed access to the Town Hall and Town Hall Square, new jobs and a modern day, future proofed Arts Centre.

Undergoing meticulous restoration sympathetic to its history and significance within the community, the building will also be removed from Historic England's 'At Risk' register, enabling Hornsey Town Hall to enter a new glorious period in its history.

Key benefits include:

- Over £30million investment into restoration and refurbishment of the building
- Of this, £20million invested to carry out essential repairs to the building
- 33% increase in utilisation of the Town Hall post completion
- £1million invested to improve the public realm
- Circa 279 full time jobs will be created which includes those who will be directly and in-directly employed within the Town Hall, compared to around 100 currently
- In addition, 37 jobs will be created at the hotel
- Guaranteed public access to a refurbished Town Hall Square
- A new space called Town Hall Gardens, which will be accessible to the public via the hall
- 146 new homes, including 11 social rented
- The building will be removed from Historic England's 'At Risk' Register

Headed up by Piers Read, The Time + Space Co. will be the new operator of the Town Hall, creating a modern day, future proofed Arts Centre for Crouch End and its surrounding areas. The investment will restore the Town Hall to its original condition, creating spaces fit for purpose as a sustainable arts centre.



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Running alongside the new homes, Time + Space Co will ensure the new Arts Centre is a creative hub, hosting world class performances and events, providing a centre in which people can work, socialise, relax and enjoy for many generations to come.

Piers, a Crouch Ender himself, is exploring partnerships with many other local arts organisations and has already secured a partnership with Musion, the world leading 3D holographic projection producer, who will base its HQ at the Hall.

Time + Space Co. has pledged to protect, harness and grow the cluster of creative businesses based onsite, ensuring existing businesses and freelancers can be accommodated within the new Hornsey Town Hall development. This will be possible through agile workspaces, which are flexible and affordable. Groups who use this space for training or practicing activities will benefit from the improved offering too.

In line with the wider restoration of the building, the square will be rejuvenated to celebrate original features such as the iconic fountain and the period street lighting. The central green space is still home to the existing shady mature trees and lawn garden, while integrated seating will border the area and soft planting is set to bring bursts of colour.

Lining the square, cafés and restaurants will serve al fresco diners as seating spills outside, and local traders and stall owners set up shop on market day, creating a vibrant, inclusive space for generations to come. Hornsey Town Hall will remain an important part of the local community, hosting regular events, festivals and shows throughout the year.

John Connolly, Head of UK Development at Far East Consortium, commented: “We are delighted to be working on Hornsey Town Hall, and understand that the pioneering, Art Deco building, is more than just a Modernist monument. It also has a proud history and a building much loved by the Crouch End community.

“As such we are honouring Hornsey Town Hall’s distinguished legacy and bringing it to new uses, creating a new destination in Crouch End. The restoration will blend culture, history, modern living and excellent amenities, giving the space the attention it deserves, allowing people to enjoy this much-loved London landmark for generations to come.”



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Not only will Hornsey Town Hall undergo a physical transformation, but its place in local society will also be transformed.

Liz Sich, Chair of the Hornsey Town Hall Creative Trust, commented: "It's very good to know that Hornsey Town Hall has, at long last, a secure future. We have worked with Haringey Council for over a decade to try and ensure the much-needed restoration of this iconic building alongside the provision of an arts centre and guaranteed community access and use. We look forward to working with the FEC team, Time + Space, and MAKE Architects over the coming years and to the opening of a fully refurbished Town Hall."

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About Far East Consortium

Head office in Mayfair, London, with a regional office in Manchester; FEC (Far East Consortium International Ltd) opened its UK operation in 2011 with the arrival of the Dorsett

Shepherds Bush Hotel. FEC aim to create high quality residential developments and hotels across London, the South East, Manchester and ultimately, other key cities across the UK.

FEC is a property conglomerate listed on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong, HKSE since 1972, (HKSE: 35) specialising in residential development, hotels and commercial ventures, operating across Mainland China, Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia, Australia, New Zealand and the UK. Specialising in the construction of high specification homes, mid-scale and boutique hotels, FEC is also a respected car park owner and operator.

The company's proven forty-year track record has resulted in the development of over 200 million sq. ft. of residential and hotel space throughout the Asia Pacific region. The company's global portfolio is valued at over £4.8 billion, of which £1.1 billion is contributed to its U.K. projects.

The experienced team has brought its expertise to the UK to create vibrant places for people to live, work and play. The Company has several mixed use developments including Alpha Square in Canary Wharf, Hornsey Town Hall in Crouch End, Meadowside in Manchester and will play a key role in the regeneration of Manchester's Northern Gateway.

FEC holds a strategic investment in Dorsett Hospitality International and opened Dorsett Shepherds Bush in 2015. Dorsett Hospitality International has 24 hotels across the globe, with seven more in the pipeline. Its second hotel in the U.K., Dorsett City, opened in summer 2017. Future hotels include



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Dorsett Residences, a collection of serviced apartments which adjoin the Dorsett Shepherds Bush hotel, and new hotels are planned as part of its latest mixed use schemes, Alpha Square and Hornsey Town Hall.

About Time + Space Co.

The TIME + SPACE Co. is a specialist in urban regeneration and the catalyst for growth. Since 1995, we have been using space in creative ways. In recent years we have been at the forefront of several high-profile developments in the U.K operating Old Granada Studios in Manchester and Custard Factory in Birmingham. During this time we have built extensive relationships across the public arts, cultural education and creative industries. We regularly bridge the gap between the private and public sectors.

We bring ideas / spaces to life by bringing people and products together to create exceptional places, in authentic environments, to regenerate under-developed cities, towns or buildings alike. Always with a focus on commercial enterprise.

Often, this is achieved through the introduction of the media entertainment, retail, leisure & F&B sectors. We work closely with the creative industries to curate mixed-use developments but with a difference. Our ethos is always to develop a strong cultural community. This is critical to realising the cultural capital of any project and to ensure the venture is a commercial success.

For more information on Piers and Time + Space Co. please visit <http://www.timeandspace.co/>

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