

Design and Access Statement

Our plans for the development of the Cross Keys Street site are simple; we plan to create a light, airy and calm, community-focused restaurant and cafe space in a disused industrial building.

This will be a locally run, independent business looking to create up to 20 jobs in the centre of Manchester - a mix of full and part time. We plan to run the business in a highly sustainable and environmentally friendly way, from the quality of the ingredients we use and food we sell, to the way we manage/reduce our waste, energy use and recycling.

Structurally we plan minimal changes to the existing building, with the exception of opening up previously existing openings in the building for enhanced light and access. Greater thermal insulation and sound-proofing will also enhance the comfort for customers internally while removing the risk of any external impact from noise.

The main access to the venue will be an enlarged street-level (disabled-access) entrance on Cable Street, with a smaller, secondary access (with a step) from Cross Keys Street. All new windows and openings will be doubled-glazed for enhanced thermal insulation and noise reduction. The roof will be replaced with a modern like-for-like replacement, with 100mm of composite insulation to further increase thermal efficiency and reduce noise pollution.

Planned opening hours are from about 10am-midnight, 7-days a week and we aim to offer a calm and relaxing, garden-like space for customers during those hours - something we hope will be a real service to a community that is set to grow significantly in coming years due to the large developments happening in the immediate vicinity.