

**REFURBISHMENT SCHEME BOOSTS BRASSHOUSE**

Six new jobs have been created by a £170,000 refurbishment of the iconic Brasshouse pub in Birmingham's Broad Street.

The venue, owned by the Stonegate Pub Company, will be one of the settings used for the 29th Birmingham Jazz Festival from July 5-14. Manager Paulo Jacinto said: "The refurbishment is a no holds barred re-vamp and we're thrilled to be ready for the festival."

**FUNDRAISERS IN FINANCE BOOST FOR CARE UNIT**

Birmingham fundraising experts raisemore have helped a small cancer charity open a new treatment centre which will benefit hundreds of patients.

raisemore, based at Fort Dunlop, helped PDT for Cancer Cure finance a treatment centre at The Royal Cornwall Hospital, in Truro. The firm's Claire Healy said: "We have been working with PDT for three months but we are seeing a huge impact on its fundraising income."

**500,000 SQ FT OFFICE AND MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT**



An artist's impression of the proposed Great Charles Square development

**City scheme to create hundreds of new jobs**

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Plans have been unveiled for a 500,000 sq ft office development in Birmingham city centre which could create hundreds of jobs.

Birmingham City Council and Sterling Property Ventures (SPV) have entered into a joint venture partnership for the delivery of offices and complementary mixed uses on the site of Ludgate Hill car park.

The scheme, which will be known as Great Charles Square, covers two acres and fronts the A38 inner ring road, close to Snow Hill Station, in the city centre enterprise zone.

An outline planning application for the phased development will be submitted later this year.

SPV, which is based in London but has been active in Birmingham with schemes including Colmore Plaza, said the first phase of re-development will be a new 500 space multi-storey car park, which will act

as a catalyst for the development of offices and a mixture of uses.

Architect PRC Group has been appointed on the scheme and is working on proposals which will be presented as part of the planning consultation process.

James Howarth from SPV said: "The development will create hundreds of jobs through the construction phase but the lasting legacy will be the creation of high quality space and built environment which will accommodate over 2,500 new jobs.

"The supply of high quality office accommodation in the city continues to diminish so the creation of new stock which can be delivered without significant infrastructure works – and which we can bring to the market at a competitive rental level – is excellent news for occupiers and investors."

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