

# ***London Borough of Bexley***

## **News Release**

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### **VICTORIAN PUB FACADE RESTORED**

The original Victorian façade of the former White Hart public house in Erith has been restored to a high standard, thanks to a successful partnership between its new owners and the Council.

Familiar to locals and visitors because of the striking mural of a river barge on its side wall, the building can again be recognised as one of several fine old buildings between the Riverside Gardens and the town centre, that serve as a reminder of Erith's past as a thriving industrial town on the Thames.

Several years ago, the previous owners of the former pub at 44 Erith High Street illegally ripped out the traditional Victorian pub frontage and replaced it with floor-to-ceiling metal-framed glass windows. The Council responded forcefully, prosecuting the owners and issuing an enforcement notice requiring the installation of a replica of the original frontage.

Over the next few years, the Council worked closely with the new owners - Dhadda Estates Ltd - to secure a sensitive restoration that has now returned the building to its former glory.

The replica façade includes two curved glass windowpanes, decorative woodwork and a newly revealed original tiled entranceway. The owners and the Council worked closely together on the restoration work, which was completed in the summer to a very high standard.

The White Hart is a locally listed building within the Erith Riverside Conservation Area. It was built in 1902 to rehouse a White Hart pub that had operated on the site since at least 1715.

There are plans to put the building to use once again, with a new café or restaurant on the ground floor and flats in the upper storeys.

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Attachments

- The newly restored facade of the former White House PH - different angle [The newly restored facade of the former White House PH - different angle](#)
- The newly restored facade of the former White Hart public house [The newly restored facade of the former White Hart public house](#)
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