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Waterfront hotel development announced for Staines-upon-Thames

Spelthorne Borough Council is pleased to announce that following a competitive tender process and unanimous agreement of the Council's Cabinet, the Arora Group has been awarded the contract to develop Bridge Street Car Park and Hanover House in Staines-upon-Thames for a hotel-led mixed use development.

This landmark development is set to greatly enhance the river frontage at one of the main gateways into Staines-upon-Thames, providing an upscale (4 star) hotel with over 300 guest rooms, conferencing/banqueting facilities, spa, restaurants, bars, leisure and retail facilities together with serviced apartments and residential units.

The development will provide a massive economic boost for Spelthorne's main town and gives a strong signal that even in these challenging times, businesses like the Arora Group can see the untapped potential of the town and are keen to invest in Spelthorne. It is anticipated that over 350 new jobs will be created, providing new career opportunities for local residents.

The Arora Group is keen to gain the views of local residents and will be holding public consultation sessions before a planning application is submitted.

Cllr Ian Harvey, Leader of Spelthorne Council, said: "I am absolutely delighted that the Arora Group will be delivering this high-class riverside development which marks a key stage in our plans to regenerate the town. When the consultation phase begins, I think residents will be pleasantly surprised by the clever design features and range of the facilities being proposed by Arora.

"My aim has always been to find sustainable investment models for Spelthorne and the agreement with Arora ensures the land is being used in a way which continues to generate income for council services over the long-term rather than being sold for a one-off payment. Arora demonstrated a strong commitment to the project and desire to invest in the long-term success of the town."

Surinder Arora, Founder and Executive Chairman of Arora Group, commented: "We are incredibly proud to have been awarded this development opportunity and look forward to working with Spelthorne Council to kick start the regeneration of the town centre. We genuinely believe that the area needs the introduction of a new 4-star hotel development, not only to service existing business and leisure customers but also to attract new opportunities to the area."

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