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Bustler Market and The Chocolate Factory Granted Temporary Extension Amid Redevelopment Plans

Derby, July, 2025 - Derby's popular street food & events venue, *Bustler Market*, located within *The Chocolate Factory* on Siddals Road, has been granted a short-term extension following ongoing discussions with developers and local government representatives.

The extension, though limited in duration, provides vital breathing space for Bustler Market and The Chocolate Factory as the area prepares for future redevelopment under a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO).

Local MP Baggy Shanker, who has been actively supporting efforts to retain the venue, confirmed the positive development after speaking directly with the Managing Director of Compendium Living.

Bustler Market has become a key feature of Derby's events & hospitality scene, drawing thousands of visitors with its popular events, street food vendors, and community atmosphere. Since its inception, it has hosted large-scale events such as Wing Fest which draws thousands of people into the city, food festivals, family events and sporting event screenings, significantly contributing to Derby's vibrancy and economy and supporting local businesses and suppliers.

Olivia Pritchard, co-founder of Bustler Market, welcomed the news: "This extension, even if temporary, is a testament to the vital role Bustler plays in Derby's community life. We're incredibly grateful for the support from our local MP and the ongoing dialogue with Compendium. Our goal has always been to remain part of Derby's growth story, and this gives us a little more time to explore long-term solutions."

Jess Hassall, Marketing & Events Director at Bustler Market discusses an insight into the calendar of events: "We're absolutely thrilled to have secured this extension, which allows us to keep delivering the vibrant events Bustler is known for. At the beginning of the year, we took the bold step to take Bustler on tour across more Derbyshire hotspots popping up in some amazing locations to make sure our customers could still enjoy everything they love about us, even while uncertainty surrounded our main venue."

Now, with the extension in place, we're continuing those roadshows alongside a packed schedule back at The Chocolate Factory. Everyone can look forward to an array of events with our Burger & Beer Festival, Oktoberfest, Winter Weekender, Street Food Markets, Silent Discos, Themed Quiz Nights, and our infamous Christmas Parties. This mix of on-the-road and on-site events allows us to reach new audiences while celebrating the unique atmosphere of our original home for a little while longer."

The team behind Bustler continues to work with Derby City Council and stakeholders to find a suitable permanent home, ensuring Derby retains one of its most dynamic and

While the timeline for redevelopment remains in motion, this extension represents a meaningful step in recognizing the social and economic value of spaces like The Chocolate Factory and the importance of keeping Derby's creative energy alive.

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