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Developers look to Brick Lane as model for commercial and artistic site Arts project to inject life at Holloway development

A MASSIVE new Brick Lane-style commercial and artistic development is about to transform part of Holloway with new restaurants, coffee bars, shops, gyms, a nursery, art galleries, recording and artistic studios.

With 2,300 homes already being built at Vizion7 on Hornsey Street, this landmark regeneration scheme just off the Holloway Road, includes units ranging in size from 900 to 20,000 ft.

by PETER GRUNER

The man behind the scheme is property developer Richard Artus, whose firm owns Highbury Studios.

He said: “We’re taking a leaf out of the Trueman Brewery scheme at the north end of Brick lane where there is a real vibrant mix of young art, fashion and commercial companies.

“We are developing an area of commercial property in a forgotten area of

Islington and aim to create a community and a cultural village.

“The first influx will be design orientated, including architects and art galleries. Following that we are going to see new restaurants and cafes.”

A new art exhibition Saudade has been launched at Highbury Studios to mark the property scheme.

It goes on until December 3, and features 15-18 emerging and established artists, including, Sarah Dwyer and Laura Green who are joint curators, Amanda Couch, Clare Parry, Claudia Sarnthein, Ryan Mosley, David Spero and Thomas Hylander. The exhibition includes painting, sculpture, drawing, installation, performance and video.

■ *Saudade at Highbury Studios, 5-7 Hornsey Street, N7. Thursday and Sun-*



Richard Artus



Curators-artists Sarah Dwyer and Laura Green

days 12pm to 6pm by appointment. Contact: 07958 917450.