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# The fall of a bakery — and a new pub's set to rise on its site

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A NEW PUB and beer garden is planned for the site of a 19th century bakery and warehouse in Llandudno.

Demolition work on Dunphy's bakehouse in Market Street, Llandudno, began in May this year.

The three-storey building, which also doubled as a warehouse supplying the five former Dunphy's grocery shops in Llandudno, Conwy and Pemaenmawr areas, is now in rubble.

But beams of a wrecked ship, used in building the bakehouse, are expected to be incorporated in the new pub planned for the site.

Behind the venture is Mr. William Rowlands who runs a tobacconist shop in Mostyn Street, Llandudno.

Mr. Rowlands said he intended calling the pub The Cottage Loaf because of its link with former bakeries on the site.

Ship wreckage including masts, keels and booms had been used in constructing the bakehouse around the middle of the last century and this would be restored.

"There were many ships relics in the bakehouse with masts, for example, used as girders to hold up the first floor", said Mr. Rowlands. "People were very thrifty and gathered wreckage from the beach to use for building work".

Mr. Rowlands said he



Demolition work on the old warehouse, where the beams made out of ship's timbers can be seen.

couldn't say yet when a start would be made on the pub development which will also include a car park.

A provisional licence for The Cottage Loaf was granted by Llandudno Magistrates earlier this year — despite objections from Llandudno, Conwy and District Licensed Victuallers Association.

An LVA official said they had objected because they felt there were already sufficient pubs in Llandudno, but

the closure of the town's Harrington Hotel at about the same time had weakened their case.

Planning permission for the development has been deferred on the grounds that the proposed pub building is "too domestic" and not in keeping with the urban setting.

Llandudno Conservation Area Advisory Committee have recommended design modifications including the raising of the roof level and the use of less timber.

At the advisory committee's suggestion, Aberconwy's development and works committee have approved the project in principle subject to the design modifications being carried out.

An official in Aberconwy's planning department said this week that the modified plans had not so far been received but, if they were submitted in time, they would go before the next developments and work committee on October 1.