

More room at The Cumberland Hotel

The Cumberland Hotel has got just a bit bigger with the purchase of the next door building which they have now completely refurbished.

There are now an additional 14 bedrooms all ensuite, a beer garden and increased parking at the hotel situated just beyond Donaldson's on the way to Murrayfield.

Dr Narud Fowdar has owned the hotel since 1996 along with the Corstorphine Lodge Hotel and Edinburgh City Suites. The hotelier insists there is continued demand for rooms. He said : "The Cumberland Hotel now comprises two listed buildings, 35 bedrooms, two bars, a large dining room and extensive beer gardens.

"We've worked with Allied Irish Bank (GB) for 25 years. They helped us purchase the Cumberland Hotel back in 1996 and since then have consistently supported our acquisition and expansion plans.

"This has been a long-term project. We are in a conservation area and both hotel buildings are of architectural interest, so we had to ensure our plans were sympathetic to the buildings and maintained their character.

"There is a huge demand for rooms in this part of the city, and this extension will help us meet some of that need."



The £1.1 million expansion at the Cumberland Hotel was made possible by funding from Allied Irish Bank. Tina Crookston, relationship manager at Allied Irish Bank (GB), said: "When the opportunity arose for the Cumberland Hotel team to buy the adjacent property, we knew it was an attractive investment option.

"We understand the landscape hoteliers are working in and are always keen to hear from owners and operators who share our sense of ambition."

