



The Cat's Pyjamas is a new restaurant and bar in the centre of Leeds serving Indian street food and craft beer. It was founded by local business woman Alison White who drafted in Vision to help achieve her desired concept.

Vision consulted Alison before starting any CAD work, walking through the operation step by step to determine the minimum size of kitchen needed to cater to maximum restaurant covers. Due to the building previously being a shop, one of the biggest initial hurdles was no gas, minimal electrical supply and drainage issues. Vision had to ensure this was all covered within M&E works.

Another issue was a low height mezzanine floor which caused a very low ceiling height. The design had to incorporate the cookline in a location where the ceiling was higher and judge the best placement for an extract system in a difficult space. Due to limited ventilation possibilities, induction hobs were included instead of gas to minimise heat generated.

One of the most prominent elements of the design would be a very open pass where much of the cooking would be on show to diners to help evoke the feel of a bustling Indian city. This almost had to be changed when instructions came in requesting the need for a fire shutter. Vision tweaked the design during the very last stages so that the shutter could be incorporated and the existing design would work around it.

Alison found the design to have been so proficient at making the best use of space, it is now a template for all new and prospective Cat's Pyjamas sites.



As an entrepreneur I have the drive and ideas but I needed the expertise of someone like Vision to help me bring this to life. Acquiring a site in the city centre was difficult and circumstances were often unfavourable but the team at Vision were proactive and had a can-do attitude just like me! The design took a lot of planning and the installation schedule was tight but I am truly delighted with how it turned out. When I remember the space before works began I never thought we would be able to achieve the number of covers we now reach at peak times. And that's down to Vision.

- Alison White, Owner, The Cat's Pyjamas

