

All units filled at Rhyl's £12million Queen's Market

Inside the new Queen's Market in Rhyl and inset - outside (*Image: Denbighshire County Council / Newsquest*)

A BUBBLE tea vendor is among the latest businesses to sign up to the Queen's Market, which has now filled all of its internal retail units.

All of the hot food units at the £12.6m food hall and market in Rhyl have now been leased, with just one - Salt & Pepper Box - still preparing to open.

Salt & Pepper Box (Chinese food) has replaced Kinn Kinn (Thai) and will be open imminently.

Kumo Ramen was replaced by Anarkali (an Indian food stall) who have been open since the launch of the market.

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A spokesperson from Denbighshire County Council said: "Kumo Ramen and Kinn Kinn (Thai) made a decision to pull out of Queen's Market prior to the opening day.

"Kumo Ramen was replaced by Anarkali (Indian food stall), who have been open since day one. Kinn Kinn has been replaced by Salt & Pepper Box (Chinese food), who are currently setting up and will be open imminently.

"Signage for the new vendors is currently being installed.

"It would not be appropriate for us to comment on the reasons why they decided to pull out, but we are really pleased to see two high quality food vendors coming in to replace them."

The spokesperson confirmed that all traders have signed a 24-month licence, which is in line with the agreement that is in place with the operator of Queen's Market - Midland Events (Rhyl) Limited.

"Over time, there is always likely to be a certain amount of change in terms of the food and retail offer in Queen's Market," the spokesperson said.

"This is to be expected and should not be deemed as a negative.

"The donut unit opened during the opening weekend, although the operator of the unit has changed since the original proposal. Again, this is not unusual, and it certainly not a concern to the council or Midland Events (Rhyl) Limited.

"All of the hot food units are leased out, with only one (Salt & Pepper Box) still preparing to open.

"Aber Falls Distillery and Conwy Brewery took on retail units prior to opening day, and Baked & Loaded (Jacket Potatoes) and the sandwich shop will be opening imminently.

"The market has also recently signed up a Bubble Tea vendor, which means that there will be 100 per cent occupancy of the internal retail units within the building.

"We would like to thank everyone who visited and supported Queen's Market on what was an extremely successful opening weekend.

"We would like to thank the community for bringing the market to life, it was great to see so many people come through the doors."

The market, which also boasts a leisure space with shuffleboard, darts, football tables, a double-sided bar, booths to relax and watch TV, and a large flexible events space, opened on Thursday, July 10 at 10am.

