



## SECURING THE BEST FOR BURGESS HILL'S FUTURE

*Once in a generation chance to improve our town centre*

The first parts of a new, improved town centre are taking shape, with firm proposals for redevelopment being published by New River Retail and investment by Burgess Hill Town Council in community facilities.

In line with the aspirations of the Burgess Hill Neighbourhood Plan, the Town Council has purchased the British Legion building to help create a community and cultural quarter in Cyprus Road.

The Town Council has agreed, in principle, that the redevelopment proposals from New River should proceed to the next stage, although the concerns about Lidl, community space and the Martlets are understood.

Together, the £45million investment represents a once in a generation chance to improve the town centre.



## HOW COULD THE NEW TOWN CENTRE LOOK?

New River Retail have held consultation sessions with the community on their proposals to redevelop Burgess Hill Town Centre. Nothing has currently been agreed with the District Council, who own the freehold, but subject to negotiations and planning permission, New River's proposals would be phased over 3-4 years and include:

- > Changes to shop layouts and improvements to the layout and appearance of the town centre
- > New retail units, attracting new shops and restaurants to the town centre
- > Relocating Lidl to a purpose build store with parking in Queens Crescent
- > Creating a community hub including the library, Town Council offices, youth centre and a police desk in one central, convenient facility
- > A new hotel to give visitors somewhere to stay in town
- > New homes on brownfield land
- > More spaces in the car park adjacent to Waitrose
- > A new, multi-screen cinema

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Burgess Hill is a great town with a strong future. But it needs the positive leadership of Conservative Councillors, who have a clear vision for encouraging investment and ensuring that residents receive the benefits of the growth which the town continues to experience.

Here's an update on how we're delivering our long term plan to secure Burgess Hill's future...

## ORION CINEMA SAFE IN BURGESS HILL

The future of the Orion Cinema has been in the news for three years, but it has a secure future in the town. As the landowner, Mid Sussex District Council recently invested in improving the fabric of the building and is currently negotiating a new lease with the cinema proprietor.

Cllr Steve Hansford says: "The community and cultural quarter in Cyprus Road is a key part of our Neighbourhood Plan and the cinema is a very important part of the area for many residents".

## WORKING HARD FOR VICTORIA WARD RESIDENTS

■ Local Councillors are committed to promoting leisure facilities, particularly for young people in our town. They are currently helping negotiate improvements and funding for the multi-use games area at Burgess Hill Youth and looking at how improved changing rooms and storage can be made possible.

■ The news that big local employer CAE are going to help fund improvements to the green circle in the west of town has been welcomed by Victoria Ward Councillors.

■ The possibility of a traffic island being installed to held cross York Road and Jane Murray Way is being pursued by Councillors to make life safer for pedestrians.

## GET IN TOUCH WITH BURGESS HILL CONSERVATIVES

Can we help with a local issue or concern? Why not get in touch with your local Councillors.

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## BLUEBIRD COMMUNITY BUS - USE IT OR LOSE IT!

Following the decisions of the bus companies to withdraw a number of services in Burgess Hill, Conservative Councillors have been working to help facilitate and fund community bus services run by Bluebird to help residents get around the town.

The latest extension of the service will take in the Bourne Park estate as a pilot scheme until the end of March. It is crucial that residents make use of the services, so that their future provision can be justified. A true case of "use it or lose it"!

## WELCOME TO NEW BUSINESSES!

The recent weeks and months have seen a number of businesses opening in Burgess Hill, creating new jobs and opportunities in our town.

Alongside the welcome arrival of B&Q, Pets at Home and McCarthy & Stone over the last year, we have the Cookshop, Subway and a Pet Store now open in the town centre.

Soon, American Express will be moving staff back into Burgess Hill, showing the confidence that leading businesses have in our town.



**Andy Petch, Mandy Thomas-Atkin, Emily White, Chris Thomas-Atkin and Steve Hansford are here to help**