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Next week, the District Council will decide whether the proposed redevelopment of Burgess Hill town centre should move forward.

As your Conservative Councillor team, we wanted you to hear directly about what is planned, what happens next and how you can have your say.

Burgess Hill needs a new town centre. Our town is growing and modern retail and leisure facilities in a high quality, vibrant and accessible town centre are essential to meet the needs of residents.

We've worked hard to attract inward investment to Burgess Hill and now New River Retail, who run the Martlets Shopping Centre, is proposing a £65 million redevelopment, which we think is an exciting opportunity. The proposals include:

- New and enlarged shopping areas occupied by big retail brands
- A multiplex cinema
- Family restaurants and a hotel
- Additional parking spaces
- A modern library
- New homes on brownfield land

Following public consultation, the proposed development of Queens Crescent car park has been dropped. Current users of the Martlets Hall will be supported so they can use the many other community and performance venues in the town which have spare capacity. A new cultural quarter is proposed as part of the Neighbourhood Plan.



All change: a new town centre will transform the tired, unappealing Martlets Shopping Centre

What happens next?

Once the Council decides whether the proposals can move forward to the next stage, it will be up to the developer to submit their planning application. This will be subject to full public consultation and follows the same process as all applications.

If planning permission is granted, Councillors have been told that construction work should start in 2016/17 with the development being built in phases until the whole scheme is completed by 2020/21.

What do you think? Send us your thoughts at info@msca.org.uk