



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 **Cherry Catharine** 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".

NEW SHEDDINGDEAN BAPTIST CHURCH APPROVED

Sheddingdean Baptist Church have had their planning application approved to build a Church and community venue close to the BMX track.

The church has been involved in discussions for a long time with the District Council to find a site. The church will provide a dedicated place for the Green Circle and the Friends of Bedelands to meet. Cllr **Pru Moore** says: "This is wonderful news and will assist when holding events such as the Summer Safari that so many local people attend".

■ Our new BMX track in Leylands Ward has been successful beyond our wildest dreams with so many children, adults and families using the facility in the summer and even the hardy ones in the winter!

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THE DREADED GASOMETER!

Residents will have noticed activity on the Gasometer site, which is a deep soil survey to assess the quality of the land.

The latest activity gives everyone a glimmer of hope that at long last and not before time something will be done about this eye sore.

Local resident **Diane Heckels** says: "It is not for the lack of trying on the part of our local Councillors or Council staff that there is still so much to do to get progress. They will keep on the case!"

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.



Pru Moore, Cherry Catharine & Diane Heckels