



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 centre, 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.

Town Council Leader Ian Simpson 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".

IMPROVING HIGHWAY SAFETY IN CHANCTONBURY ROAD

One of the most serious issues raised with Meeds Ward Councillor Anne Jones focuses on highway safety and parking in Chanctonbury Road.

Anne recently invited highway engineers to visit the site. They witnessed a motorist involved in an accident as they walked the route and the difficulties experienced by pedestrians with inconsiderate parking and driving.

It was agreed that the situation is very dangerous and, as many residents have requested, the parking on the pavement with the grass screed will have to stop.

This has to be resolved as soon as possible and the highway engineers have assured Anne they are working on a quick solution

GET IN TOUCH WITH BURGESS HILL CONSERVATIVES

Can we help with a local issue or concern? Why not get in touch with Anne Jones, your local Councillor.

Email annembe@yahoo.co.uk

Phone 01444 245293

Write 57 Potters Lane, Burgess Hill

Twitter @Mid_Sussex

Facebook search for 'Mid Sussex Conservatives'

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.

You can also contact your County Councillors through their monthly ward drop in surgeries, which were instigated following last year's County elections.

