

Silver Hill Renaissance – Plans Unveiled

Detailed plans on the proposals for the Silver Hill Renaissance (also known as Broadway Friarsgate) will be unveiled for the public this week. Exhibitions are being held in the city and will be available online at www.silverhill-winchester.info from 23 June.

The proposals include around 35 new shops, cafes and restaurants, a new bus station, the relocation of the markets, a new medical centre, a post office, a larger Sainsbury's supermarket, a new youth venue, office and studio space for small businesses and 280 new homes, of which 100 will be affordable.

Michael Capocci, managing director of the developer, Thornfield Properties said: "This is a work in progress and we look forward to discussing the proposals with local people. The exhibitions form part of an extensive programme of consultation and, after we have had an opportunity to review all the comments received, we'll be amending the proposals where possible and hope to be in a position to submit a planning application by the end of the year."

Paul Appleton, partner of Allies & Morrison, the award winning architects which put together the initial designs on display said: "This is an important and exciting project and we envisage creating a vibrant mix of uses incorporating shops, living space, offices and community facilities that will integrate with the existing heritage of Winchester and inject new life into the area.

"The design of the public spaces between the buildings will be critical to Silver Hill's contribution to the city centre. The existing public realm will be extended and enhanced using high quality materials throughout."

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Councillor Sheila Campbell, Leader of Winchester City Council said: “The consultation gives everyone who lives and works in Winchester an opportunity to see the proposals and give their views before detailed plans are finalised. We want to make sure the final development is something we can all be proud of.”

The public exhibitions are as follows:

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| Thursday, 23 June 2005 | Winchester Guildhall | 2pm – 8pm |
| Friday, 24 June 2005 | Winchester Guildhall | 10am – 5pm |
| Saturday, 25 June 2005 | Middle Brook Street Car Park | 10.30am – 4pm |

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