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Silver Hill Proposals Well Received Locally

The revised proposals for the comprehensive redevelopment of the Silver Hill area of Winchester, with new shops, homes and offices that will help revitalise this area of Winchester and create a vibrant new quarter for the city centre, were well received by around 500 local people who attended the public exhibition held last week in the Undercroft at Winchester Cathedral.

The exhibition included a series of panels with summary information on the proposals, together with the full planning application document pack submitted to Winchester City Council last month. The exhibition gave local people the opportunity to discuss the plans for the site with members of the Thornfield team and gain a better understanding of how they have changed since the extensive public consultation exercise undertaken last year.

Michael Capocci, Managing Director of Thornfield Properties said: "We were delighted with the turnout at the exhibition and would like to thank everyone who took the time to stop in and find out more about the proposals. The amendments we have made following the consultation we undertook last year have been well received and we very much hope that people will support the proposals."

For those who were unable to attend the exhibition, all the exhibition boards will be available to download shortly from the project website - www.silverhill-winchester.info

Further information and a full copy of the planning application documentation is also available to download from the Silver Hill website and comments on the proposals should be marked for the attention of Director of Development Services and sent to: Planning Department, Winchester City Council, Avalon House, Chesil Street, Winchester, SO23 0HU.

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