

Newberries Car Park, Radlett Proposed development



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Proposals for Newberries Car Park

At Hertsmeare Borough Council, we are working to increase income from council-owned assets in response to a massive reduction in Central Government funding.

This increased income will help us to protect the key services that we work hard to deliver to residents across the borough.

Among the 10 entrepreneurial projects we are considering is a proposal to develop Newberries Car Park in Radlett.

This project will improve significantly the existing car park provision and develop a premium food retail store and a hotel above the car park.

Both Marks and Spencer and Travelodge have confirmed that they wish to enter into leases and operate from the development.

The proposals are now sufficiently developed to start public consultation to ensure you are fully informed about the scheme. This will allow time for any comments to be considered and incorporated, where possible, into the final design.

What will be the benefits for Radlett?

Reinvigorating the village

The scheme will reinvigorate the south end of Radlett and will provide the funds to tidy up and enhance Newberries Car Park and the adjoining Tykes Water. The construction of the car park, retail store and hotel will enable landscaping improvements to be made to the access area to Newberries Car Park, create a new public space and an extension to the centre of the village through improved pedestrian and vehicular access, whilst also incorporating Tykes Water into the landscaping scene.

Increased car parking

The development will increase the number of available car parking spaces and will prompt a traffic and parking review of the roads around the development. Newberries Car Park currently has 202 useable spaces. With the development, the parking capacity will increase to approximately 290 –an increase of more than 40 per cent. The development will enable improvements to be made to the access to and from Watling Street.

Boosting the local economy and retail scene

Residents who will choose to shop locally and the many additional visitors to Marks and Spencer and the hotel will add significant footfall to those using the High Street. This will give the village's retail scene and local economy a boost and bring employment opportunities to the area.

What about disruption in the car park during construction?

Whilst there will always be some disruption during construction, the intention is to keep this to a minimum by building the triple layer of car parking to the left hand side before undertaking any of the building work to the right hand side of the car park.

Marks and Spencer

Hugo Adams, M&S Property Director, said: "M&S are excited to bring an M&S Foodhall to Radlett, which will create investment and job opportunities within the local area."

Travelodge

Tony O'Brien, UK Development Director for Travelodge Hotels, said: "A new Travelodge would now provide great quality, value accommodation for business and leisure customers visiting Radlett and the surrounding area."

What happens next?

A public exhibition will be held at the Radlett Centre where architects and project managers will be able to show the plans, answer questions and record any suggestions.

Monday 10 October 3pm to 8pm

Thursday 13 October 3pm to 8pm

The Radlett Centre

Aldenharn Avenue, Radlett, WD7 8HL

We hope you will come along to find out more.

Information about the scheme will be on our website at:
www.hertsmere.gov.uk/newberries

Email us with your comments or questions to:
newberries@hertsmere.gov.uk

Your comments and feedback will be shared with local borough and parish councillors.

A planning application for this scheme will be submitted after the public consultation, giving a further opportunity to comment on the proposals.



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