



BOGNOR REGIS REGENERATION: PUBLIC EXHIBITION ANNOUNCED

Following the signing of the Development Agreement with Arun District Council in December, St Modwen is embarking upon extensive, community-wide public consultation to help inform its proposals for the Regis Centre and Hothamton sites in Bognor Regis town centre.

As part of the consultation process, a public exhibition to view the initial design concepts has been announced. This will be held at Bognor Regis Methodist Church, Waterloo Square, Bognor Regis, PO21 1ST, on the following dates:

Thursday 24 January 2008 - 2pm-9pm

Friday 25 January 2008 - 9am-3pm

Saturday 26 January 2008 - 10am-4pm

At the exhibition, members of the community will be able to view the proposals and feedback thoughts and ideas through a community questionnaire. Representatives from St Modwen and the design team - including the architect and transport consultants - will be available to answer any questions and listen to people's views.

Gary Morris, Senior Development Manager of St Modwen, comments:

"We are delighted that having signed the Development Agreement we are now able to present our emerging scheme ideas to the community. This is the first chance we have had to communicate directly with the public since the 'Developer Selection' exhibition in May 2006, and we hope that people will be excited by what is presented.

A number of the principle uses for the site have been set, following Arun District Council's previous public consultation, which subsequently led to the adopted Development Brief. However, some aspects of the schemes including initial design concepts, location and height/density of buildings, plus public realm use and landscape design will be presented for consultation and public feedback will be sought. We are very much looking forward to working closely with the community to develop the proposals and hope that local residents will come along to the exhibition and give us their views."

Once the feedback from this preliminary public consultation has been assessed by the design team, the proposals will be amended to reflect the best possible design solutions. Further public consultation on the amended proposals will take place in April 2008.

A new website has also been launched to provide updates on progress and a central point of information for the community: www.stmodwen-bognorregis.co.uk.

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Notes to editor

Background

The scheme represents a £100m regeneration of two key town centre sites in Bognor Regis, West Sussex.

Over both the seafront ('Regis Centre') site and inner town centre ('Hothamton') site, the current proposed schemes will provide in excess of 18,500 sq m (200,000 sq ft) of leisure and retail, 4,645 sq m (50,000 sq ft) community uses, 2,787 sq m (30,000 sq ft) offices, around 300 residential units and extensive public realm landscaping.

After a competition between developers and extensive public consultation, St Modwen was chosen by Arun as its preferred developer in July 2006 on the strength of its proposals to deliver a comprehensive mixed-use scheme – to include an entertainment centre and bowling alley, plus a new health centre and library, along with shops, restaurants, cafés/bars, homes and extensive works to the promenade and the pedestrianisation of The Esplanade.

A key aspect of the proposals is the Entertainment Centre; a 'destination' film and performance venue, including a cinema and flexible performing arts space. St Modwen is currently marketing the opportunity to interested managing operators UK wide. The developer is also looking to build a unique 'building on the beach' as an architectural landmark, which could house a high profile restaurant.

St Modwen is hoping to start on site in late 2009 / early 2010 with completion in 2013.

The sites

The two sites, as identified in the masterplan adopted by Arun District Council in 2004, are the 'Leisure Heart' site, now referred to as the Regis Centre and the 'Healthy Living' site now referred to as the Hothamton site. The Regis Centre site is located between Clarence Road, Belmost Street and the seafront. The Hothamton site is located west of London Road and bounded by Queensway, West Street and Steyne Street.

The developer

St. Modwen Properties Plc (St Modwen) is the U.K.'s leading regeneration specialist operating in all sectors of the property industry, focusing on town centre regeneration, brownfield land renewal and heritage restoration.

St Modwen works extensively in partnership with private and public sector organisations, continually mindful of the impact of their developments on the communities in which they operate. More information can be found at www.stmodwen.co.uk

The team

St Modwen has appointed an extensive team of expert consultants to assist in the delivery of the two sites, including:

Architects: KSS Design Group

Landscape Architect: Hyland Edgar Driver

Leisure & Entertainment Consultant: Locum Consulting

Planning Consultant: Cushman & Wakefield

Highways and Transport Consultants: Halcrow Yolles

Community Relations Consultant: M&N Communications