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News: Plans unveiled for new Tesco store in Rotherham town centre



Plans have been unveiled for a new Tesco store in Rotherham town centre that could create an extra 200 jobs.

Developer, TCN Property Projects and Tesco have brought forward proposals to replace the current superstore at Forge Island with a new Tesco Extra store on the former Civic Site on Drummond Street.

The development, thought to be around 120,000 sq ft, would create up to 200 new full and part-time jobs, on top of the existing jobs at the current store. All staff at the current store would be guaranteed a job at the new site.

Stephen Holme, development director at TCN Property Projects, said: "We are delighted to be able to announce these plans that will bring a significant investment in Rotherham town centre.

"I have worked in the Rotherham area for a number of years and it is very exciting to bring forward proposals that will provide jobs and the potential for a multi million pound investment in the local road network."

In 2008, the Anglo-Dutch developers secured a five year exclusivity agreement with the council to develop vacant land following the disposal of council buildings.

TCN are purchasing the council's 236,000 sq ft Civic Site with Rotherham Council staff relocating to new offices, Riverside House on Main Street, in 2012.

The proposals for the current site of the Civic Building, Norfolk House and the Central Library and Arts Centre also include a multi-million pound investment in the road network, including removing the Centenary Way flyover, upgrading pedestrian crossings and improving access to the bus terminal.

The Grade II listed clock, which sits at the current civic centre complex, would be moved to Effingham Square.

Deborah Hayeems, corporate affairs manager at Tesco, said: "We are delighted to be working alongside TCN Properties to bring forward a new Tesco Extra. Our customers have been telling us for a number of years they want an improved

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shopping environment and a wider choice of shopping.

"We want to hear as many views as possible on our proposals and would encourage local residents to come and see our plans which will be on display at our public exhibition."

The public exhibition will be held on Thursday, November 17, from 2pm and 7pm and Friday, November 18, from 1pm to 5.30pm at Rotherham Central Library.

The developers have been in pre-application discussions with council planners and a formal planning application is expected to be submitted soon.

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