

Green Light for Venture to Build at Brent Cross

“A thriving neighbourhood which will become a model for the 21st century and beyond.”

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That’s how Barnet Council leader Richard Cornelius described a new development proposed for the south of Brent Cross shopping centre, which includes 6,700 homes and a new high street with local shops and restaurants.

The development came a step closer to becoming a reality last night following a decision by a Barnet Council’s Assets, Regeneration and Growth Committee, which approved a joint venture between Barnet Council and developer Argent Related, best known in London for its work on the redevelopment of King’s Cross.

The decision means that preparation, design and construction can now go ahead on the 180-acre area site., with the first works expected to start in early 2018.

It will take place alongside the development of Brent Cross shopping centre, being carried out by property developer Hammerson PLC and Standard Life Investments. The two sites will be connected via a new pedestrian bridge across the North Circular.

Councillor Cornbelius said: “The redevelopment of Brent Cross is of huge significance for the future of the borough and we have always wanted to play an active role in shaping it. By joining forces with our development partners we are making sure we get the best deal for the taxpayer as well as creating a thriving London neighbourhood which will become a model for the 21st century and beyond.”

Meanwhile, Chancellor George Osborne’s budget on Wednesday confirmed that the government will release a £97m grant to contribute towards the cost of an additional Thameslink station to support the new town centre scheme.

Plans for the new development also include better walking and cycle routes; and new parks, squares and community facilities.

Kenneth Wong, joint chief executive of Argent Related, said, “We are extremely pleased to move the Brent Cross South development forward. We share Barnet’s vision for a dynamic town centre which will serve as a magnet for residents, workers and businesses.”

