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New Plans for Altrincham Town Centre



Following extensive consultation with Trafford Borough Council, HOW Planning has submitted a revised planning application for the altair development in Altrincham town centre on behalf of Exige Developments Ltd (a Nikal Development company).

HOW Planning secured approval for the major new mixed-use development in August 2008 and has now prepared a new application to include plans for a hospital and healthcare facility at the site. The revised scheme also incorporates all the land uses approved by the existing consent, but with a reduction in scale and mass to respond to feedback from the local community.

Says Jon Suckley at HOW Planning: "This scheme has been specifically designed to complement the existing town centre and the revised planning application will further enhance this objective. The feedback from local residents has been taken on board and the revisions



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to the new application not only reflect this, but will also provide a major community benefit with the proposals for a new hospital and healthcare facility.”

The altair development will still form the centrepiece of Altrincham’s regeneration plans and will be located on a highly sustainable 2.5 hectare site adjacent to Altrincham transport interchange. Designed by Ian Simpson Architects, it will include a combination of retail, residential, offices and hotel accommodation as well as the complete re-development of the town’s popular ice rink, home to Manchester Phoenix ice hockey team, and other leisure facilities.

In addition to the ice rink and the hospital and healthcare facility, the new application includes 31 new homes, 8,970 sq m of office accommodation, a 125 bed hotel and 6,760 sq m of food and non-food retail and 680 sq m of leisure space.

Work is due to start on new development in late 2010 with a three – five year development programme.

