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New Plans for Altrincham Town Centre

Project: Altair
Client: David McLean Nikal
Location: Altrincham



Planning has been granted for a major new mixed-used development for Altrincham town centre. Manchester based planning specialists HOW Planning, have secured approval on behalf of David McLean Nikal who are working in partnership with Trafford Borough Council.

The new development, named altair, will be the centrepiece of Altrincham's regeneration and will be located on a highly sustainable 2.9 hectare site adjacent to Altrincham transport interchange. Designed by Ian Simpson Architects, altair 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.



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Since 2006 ice skaters have used temporary premises located on the Oakfield Road site which has long been earmarked for re-development. The construction of a new ice rink has always been a key aspect of the scheme, and will once again provide Altrincham with a permanent ice skating venue and flagship leisure operator for the scheme.

In addition to the ice rink there are plans for 150 new homes, 8,471 sq m of office accommodation, a 135 bed hotel and 15,000 sq m of retail and leisure space which is already attracting major occupiers, creating a lively and contemporary café bar atmosphere.

Says Jon Suckley Principal Planner at HOW Planning:

“This scheme has been specifically designed to complement and enhance the existing town centre. Its location next to the transport interchange provides a great opportunity for people from further a field to visit Altrincham and the town centre will benefit from the scheme’s lively and vibrant atmosphere.”

Work is due to start on new development in mid 2009 with completion expected in mid 2013.

The vision for the future development of the site at Booth Road is to create a community of exceptionally high quality residential properties. By offering individual architectural house types it will create a sense of place in the urban area.