

## Planning permission granted for regeneration of Burgess Hill town centre

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Mid Sussex District Council has approved plans for NewRiver's £65million regeneration of Burgess Hill town centre.

NewRiver REIT (NewRiver), owners of the Martlets Shopping Centre, has a vision to deliver a revitalised Burgess Hill town centre. Following this planning approval, NewRiver will now be working with the proposed tenants, retailers and existing occupiers to ensure their commitment to the town, as they look to create a vibrant and sustainable destination that will meet the future needs of the local community.

Businesses are facing ongoing challenges due to Covid-19, and NewRiver is committed to working with all tenants as the town centre moved towards this much needed step change in its future. NewRiver will therefore be focusing on conversations with proposed tenants, retailers and occupiers over the coming months in order to finalise details of the programme.

**Justin Thomas, Director at NewRiver, comments:** "We are really pleased that Mid Sussex District Council has approved our plans for the regeneration of the town centre. We firmly believe that these proposals will reinvigorate the town centre, creating a place with a different offer that delivers for its community.

"Retail and town centres have faced a period of unprecedented change and challenge. We look forward to continuing to work with the businesses and communities in the town as we move forward and deliver something outstanding for the town".

The decision comes after consultation with local residents and businesses that helped to shape the proposals, including a revised layout of the library to accommodate a Changing Places toilet.

Having already invested heavily within the town centre to prepare the town for redevelopment, including the preparation of the site for the construction of the new Lidl store on Leylands Road and the completion of the new library, NewRiver would like to reaffirm its commitment to the town centre and thank all of the business and residents who have invested time in the scheme to date.

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#### About NewRiver

NewRiver REIT plc (ticker: NRR) is a premium listed FTSE 250 REIT on the London Stock Exchange. The Company is a specialist real estate investor, asset manager and developer focused solely on the convenience-led, community-focused UK retail and leisure sector.

Founded in 2009, NewRiver is one of the UK's largest owner/managers of convenience-led community shopping centres with assets under management of £1.3 billion principally comprising 35 UK wide shopping centres, 21 retail parks and over 650 community pubs. The portfolio totals over 8 million sq. ft. with 900 occupiers across 1,400 leases, an annual footfall of 150 million and a retail occupancy rate of 95 per cent.

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