

## Council endorses Westgate masterplan

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Yesterday, Oxford City Council's Strategic Development Control Committee gave its official support to The Westgate Partnership's masterplan for the redevelopment of the Westgate area of Oxford. The committee accepted the report's recommendation to "...welcome the opportunity to comment on the Westgate masterplan document and to offer its endorsement to its content and the general approach adopted as a precursor to the intended submission of a detailed planning application in 2005..." and to "...support the masterplan as an important contribution in developing an appropriate framework for the future regeneration of the Oxford West End."

Richard Cable, Property Development Director at Capital Shopping Centres, said: "We are delighted that the Council has ratified the Westgate masterplan. Yesterday's decision is a major step forward for our proposals for the Westgate area of Oxford."

"The Westgate Partnership has consulted widely with the Council, other organisations and the public, which enabled us to further develop the masterplan over the past six months and has played an invaluable part in shaping our vision of how the area should be developed.

We are very much aware of the need for this redevelopment to contribute to improvements in transport in Oxford and to form part of a wider strategy for the City. Since the masterplan was submitted we have carried on our work with all the relevant parties including the bus companies and the Council, and will continue to do so."

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More than 300 responses to the consultation were received from the general public, which have overwhelmingly given a favourable or very favourable rating to the proposed masterplan. A host of constructive and helpful comments were also collected covering a wide range of issues, all of which are now being reviewed.

Once this process is concluded and further progress has been made by the working group considering the transportation issues, then detailed design can begin. A planning application could be submitted in the summer of 2005. Construction could start in 2006 with the new Westgate complete and open in 2009.

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