

Regeneration plans for Radstock officially submitted



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Exciting plans to rejuvenate the town centre of Radstock with new homes, retail space, and restoration of the Brunel rail shed have been submitted to Bath & North East Somerset Council by Norton Radstock Regeneration Company.

Some 17 acres of the town's former railway land is proposed to be redeveloped to support the future of Radstock with the new homes it urgently needs as well as commercial buildings and open spaces.

Cate Le Grice-Mack, Chair of Norton Radstock Regeneration Company, said, "The application has been made following close working with the Council and our preferred development partner Linden Homes, and is based on careful consideration of the need to support a strong commercial centre, as well as planning for improved access within and through the town.

"While the 17 acres occupies only a relatively small part of the town we are aware of the role that this development will play in supporting the future of the town. Alongside the mix of housing, significant amounts of office space will support the creation of new jobs. Since our original permission was granted a number of factors have changed, followed by further consultation.

"We've listened very carefully to what local people have to say about what they want for the future of their town. The new application takes these on board, and is designed to support safe access to the Colliers Way and National Cycle Network routes, while providing pedestrian access both within and outside the development through wider pavements and traffic calming.

"Nearly half the site will remain undeveloped, and we remain committed to supporting mixed regeneration uses, access to the old railway line to Frome for walking, cycling and hopefully one day light rail use."

The plans have also been met with support from Bath & North East Somerset Council's Cabinet.

Councillor Paul Crossley (Lib-Dem, Southdown), Leader of Council, said, "These are exciting times for Radstock residents. At every town event I attend there is a feeling of gaining momentum towards achieving this regeneration project that will deliver new homes, jobs, and more opportunities for people's leisure time. The project is more than bricks and mortar, it is about supporting a better quality of life for local people."

Key details of the plans

- up to 210 homes of different sizes;
- A total of nearly 11,000 square feet for a potential combination of offices, shops, and community use;
- Restoration of the Brunel rail shed for new uses;
- Car parking as part of the new scheme and new bus stops;
- New children's play areas;
- Safe access to Colliers Way and National Cycle Network routes;
- Linked in to a new road network to improve travel within and through the town.

The full planning application can be found on the [Council's website](#)

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