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Proposed transport hub



Proposed access improvements



Existing site entrance

2005. Instructed by Tesco Stores Ltd to provide transport planning consultancy services in support of the proposed redevelopment of the District Centre at Cannon Park, Coventry.

The scheme will comprise of a 10,795m² (116,199 sqft) gross floor area replacement to their existing store and the provision of 74 residential properties. The proposal involves raising the Tesco store on stilts with car parking provision positioned both underneath the store, to the east of the existing site and on a deck situated to the east of the store. The residential accommodation will provide active frontage to Lynchgate Road, to the south of the development and will consist of 74 flats. As part of the scheme the non-food retail element of the District Centre will also be increased by 1,324m² (14,444 sqft).

The public transport accessibility of the Cannon Park District Centre could greatly increase by the introduction of the 'Sprint' rapid transit scheme. The route of the 'Sprint' would run from Nuneton and Bedworth in the north, through the Ricoh Arena, Coventry City Centre, Cannon Park and Warwick University, to Kenilworth in the south.

The proposed route will run along Lynchgate Road with stops located at the public transport 'hub' close to the District Centre main entrance. This route has been safeguarded by the design of the proposed development.

Once operational, 'Sprint' services should serve the District Centre with a 10 minute frequency, greatly increasing the accessibility of the centre.

The overall scheme was strongly opposed by Cannon Park Community Association on the grounds of congestion, pedestrian access and servicing. However through many consultation events and negotiations with Coventry City Council and Councillors a planning consent was approved by committee in January 2009.

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