



Full history of Yate Shopping Centre Developments

East Walk Development

The development that commenced during 2009 was a major project that resulted in a number of improvements for shoppers including:

A New Tesco Extra store and 4 large retail units on East Walk creating a dramatic prime entrance

A new and redesigned car park with a large number of spaces benefiting from weather protection

A new bus station and taxi rank

New improved access and signage

New lighting, street furniture and landscaping.

Marks & Spencer Simply Food

The owners of Yate Shopping Centre submitted a planning application for a Marks & Spencer Simply Food store in East Walk at the Yate Shopping Centre.

The application was for a new unit of combined floorspace at ground and first floor level of 1,678 square metres to sell both food and non-food goods as typically found in such a store.

Planning permission was granted by South Gloucestershire Council in July 2009 for four new retail units in East Walk, located directly opposite the new Tesco Extra store. This application seeks to amend that permission to accommodate the Marks & Spencer store. Two of the units will be merged at ground floor level to form the new store

Sports Direct and Costa Coffee also signed leases to take occupation of the new East Walk units along side Marks & Spencer Simply Food. The development commenced during October 2012 and the new stores opened during Spring 2013. The one remaining was taken by leading fashion operator Peacocks. Costa Coffee opened their new store on the 21st April 2013 and Sports Direct opened on the 27th April 2013. M&S Simply Food opened their new store on the 5th June 2013. Click [here](#) for development photos

Link Road Leisure Development Proposal

A public consultation was undertaken during April 2013 on proposals to develop land adjacent to Yate's Link Road overflow car park.

Crestbridge Corporate Trustees, owners of the town's Shopping Centre, are proposing that the site is developed as a leisure quarter with a cinema, restaurants and new retail units.

A spokesperson, said: “We have always been aware of the strong feelings to see a cinema in Yate. When we first consulted the public seven years ago, shortly after buying the centre, on the proposals for a new Tesco store and additional retail units in East Walk, the things that topped the public’s wish list then was a new cinema and more high street retail names.

“We have so far secured Marks & Spencer Simply Foods, Sports Direct and Costa Coffee for East Walk, along with strong interest from a national fashion retailer on the final unit, and are now doing our best to deliver a cinema!

“Our aim is to create a nightlife venue for Yate that will rival other nearby centres and save people having to drive out of the town for their entertainment. We are proposing a six screen cinema, six restaurants and food outlets of various sizes, and three new retail outlets. It is a combination that will make the project viable and is attractive to the market. We already have operators interested in taking the majority of the space in the development.

The proposed development will have easy access to Yate’s new bus station and will see an increase in parking provisions with a total of 360 car parking spaces along with a further 1260 that already exist at the Shopping Centre.

The total investment in the project is well in excess of £12 million. It is expected to create over 150 further jobs in the Centre with as many as another 100 jobs during the construction phase.

“This latest project will bring our total spend in Yate to over £40 million in the last three years and we are committed to ensuring that Yate Shopping Centre is a 21st Century facility that serves the locality and plays a major role in keeping people in the town. This kind of investment is just unheard of during times of recession, but we believe in the longevity of the Shopping Centre and Town as a whole”.

The consultation display can be downloaded [here](#)

The consultation information leaflet can be downloaded [here](#)

A planning application was submitted during November 2013 - link to planning application [here](#)

South Gloucestershire Council granted planning permission on the 7th May 2014 for the leisure development. Ecology works have now commenced and the building works are due to commence January 2015 with an expected completion date late 2015.

Yate Riverside Leisure & Retail Scheme Launches September 2014

Cineworld is to anchor a major new retail and leisure park in Yate, in the latest phase of development in the South Gloucestershire town.

The 98,000 sq ft Yate Riverside scheme will include a six-screen cinema alongside 73,000 sq ft of retail and restaurant space, as well as 360 new free car parking spaces to compliment the existing 1,260 spaces in the adjoining shopping centre.

The new phase of development is part of an overall masterplan to transform Yate’s retail and leisure offer. Owner Crestbridge Corporate Trustees completed a 50,000 sq ft extension to the existing 400,000 sq ft shopping centre in 2013, which is fully let to M&S Simply Food, Peacocks, Sports Direct and Costa Coffee.

The extension was recognised by the BCSC Gold Awards panel for its design and the way in which it brought a step change to the shopping centre as a whole.

Members of South Gloucestershire Council voted to approve the Yate Riverside scheme earlier this year as part of a long-standing drive to enhance Yate's retail and leisure offer and meet demand in the rapidly growing town, which has 3,500 new homes planned.

A spokesperson for Crestbridge said that Yate Riverside would attract more national operators to the town and transform the town's night-time economy to firmly put Yate onto the map.

"At the moment Yate lacks the food and leisure offer to reflect its significant affluent catchment and major growth plans, which the new restaurants and cinema will address.

"Having secured Cineworld and following the huge success of the recent retail development in the town centre we are talking to a number of national fashion chains and leading food brands about taking space in the new scheme, which offers retail-park scale and accessibility whilst remaining at the heart of the town."

The new retail and leisure development has been designed by Haskolls and will be built on land adjoining the already highly successful shopping centre, which boasts a new 110,000 sq ft Tesco Extra which opened in 2011 and a raft of other national and independent retailers. Footfall in the town centre is currently up 6% year on year with over 12 million customers per annum.

Construction will start on site during the first quarter of 2015, with further occupier announcements anticipated before the end of 2014.

Further plans to improve the overall scheme include proposals to reconfigure the centre's West Walk to provide 15,000 sq ft adjacent to one of the town's surface car parks and next to the current MacDonalds.

Update September 2015 - Cineworld to anchor Yate Riverside

<http://www.yateshoppingcentre.co.uk/Media-Centre/Cineworld-to-anchor-Yate-Riverside-development-at-Yate-Shopping-Centre>

Update April 2015 - Next, Prezzo and Dean's Diner now signed up to the Yate Riverside

<http://www.yateshoppingcentre.co.uk/Media-Centre/Next-Prezzo-and-Deans-Diner-to-open-at-Yate-Shopping-Centre>

Update April 2015 - Riverside works update

<http://www.yateshoppingcentre.co.uk/Media-Centre/Yate-Shopping-Centre-Riverside-works-update-April-2015>

Update June 2015 - Pets AT Home and Franky and Bennys now signed up

<http://www.yateshoppingcentre.co.uk/Media-Centre/Yate-Riverside-now-seventy-percent-let-as-two-new-tenants-announced>

Update September 2015 - Nandos now signed up

<http://www.yateshoppingcentre.co.uk/Media-Centre/Nandos-confirmed-for-Yate-Riverside-and-demand-hots-up-for-vacant-YSC-units>

Update December 2015 - Yate Riverside store opening dates

<http://www.yateshoppingcentre.co.uk/Media-Centre/Yate-Riverside-opening-dates>

Update September 2016 - New TK Maxx store to open 15th September 2016 at Yate

<http://www.yateshoppingcentre.co.uk/Media-Centre/Yates-new-TK-Maxx-to-open-Thursday-15th-September>

Leasing agents for the scheme are Savills. Haskolls is the architect for the development and the Development Manager is Hanover Cube. GVA advised on planning.

The Yate Riverside letting brochure can be downloaded [here](#)

The shopping centre leasing plan can be found [here](#)





Yate Leisure Centre

Which opened in the 1970's is undergoing its first ever major refurbishment, with £1.8million being spent on the centre. This has seen a brand new softplay, café and reception area open in August. Phase two includes Yate getting its Active Gym, featuring the latest Technogym equipment, Spinning Studio and our new Active Service Plan to ensure customers get the results they want for their health and fitness goals. The gym features 90 pieces (double that of the old gym in the centre) of equipment and the 'Wellness' System the personal trainer key, which enables members to ensure they follow their personal fitness programme and stay in touch with the fitness staff who are there to support them. www.sgleisure.org/centres/yate