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# Hatfield town centre news



## Redevelopment could start in 2011

It is anticipated that work on the redevelopment could start as early as next year. The revised town centre redevelopment scheme has been designed to be built in phases, dependent upon the receipt of funding and market conditions improving.

Phase One of the redevelopment proposes the demolition of the Bill Salmon Centre building at 88 Town Centre and the erection of a four storey building, comprising five shops on the ground floor and fifteen flats on the three floors above. This build is dependent on market conditions improving.

The first phase may also include the development of two new buildings (Block C on the revised redevelopment plan) to be built at the White Lion Square end of the Arcade. This will form an extension to the existing arcade, creating more of a High Street setting.

In order for the proposed first phase of the redevelopment to begin, the existing tenants at Bill Salmon will be re-located. The council is working with the many voluntary groups to find suitable alternative accommodation. Many will remain in Hatfield.

## Council to purchase remaining properties in the redevelopment area

In October, Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council agreed to the compulsory purchase of the remaining units and land in Hatfield town centre that are required to enable the revised scheme to be built.

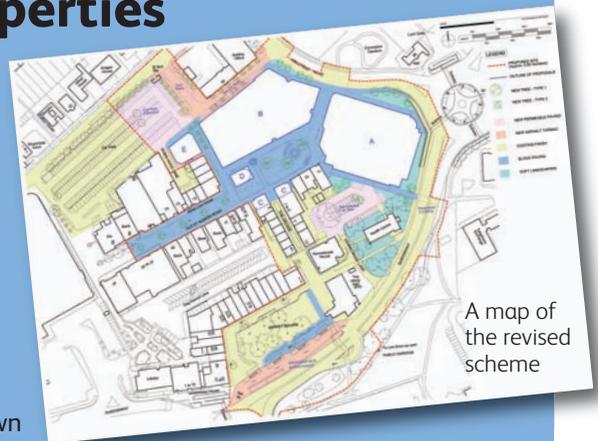
The majority of the redevelopment area is already owned by the Partnership – the council, St Modwen and the Homes and Communities Agency.

Powers to acquire the land by 'Compulsory Purchase Order' (CPO) came into effect in January 2008 to deliver the original redevelopment scheme. These powers were due to run out in January 2011. The council has, therefore, agreed to use the funding it has already received from the

government to acquire the remaining units not already in the ownership of the Partnership. This will place the revised scheme in the best possible position for future delivery, when market conditions allow.

Councillor John Dean, Leader of Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council, said: "In order to redevelop the town we need to complete the purchase of land that falls within the revised scheme. The acquisition of land will put the council and its partners in the strongest possible position to progress the project, as funding becomes available, regardless of the sequence of the development phases."

Businesses and residents whose



A map of the revised scheme

properties were within the boundary of the original development area will be advised officially from early November about which properties will and will not be purchased.

Plans of the revised scheme are available on the council website.

For more information please visit [www.welhat.gov.uk/hatfieldtowncentre](http://www.welhat.gov.uk/hatfieldtowncentre)

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## The Big Christmas Light Switch On

This year's Christmas light switch on takes place on **Saturday 27 November** in White Lion Square. The lights will be switched on at 5.30pm by a special celebrity guest, but throughout the day will be a multitude of other exciting events.

*Live music and entertainment with Stuart and Natalie from the Heart FM breakfast team.*

*A traditional European Christmas Market stocked with food, drink and Christmas crafts; ideal for gifts and stocking treats!*

*Funfair rides, balloon modelling, kids' craft corner and face painting.*

Meet and greet with Peppa Pig and George!



## Town Centre shopper survey

**Win £150 worth of shopping vouchers** for use throughout Welwyn Hatfield by completing our Town Centre Shopper Survey. The survey will help the council to identify possible areas for improvement.



Questions include: "How often do you visit the town centre?", "Where do you usually park?" and "How would you rate the range of shops on offer in the town centre?"

The consultation is available online through the council's website: [www.welhat.gov.uk](http://www.welhat.gov.uk) or from Boots in Hatfield town centre, until 19 November.

## Farmers' Market

Don't forget to come along to the final Farmers' Market of 2010 on **Saturday 4 December** in White Lion Square, from 9am until 2pm. You may just grab a Christmas present bargain...or if not, some excellent food produce including fresh fruit and vegetables, cakes, cheese and meats... not forgetting those ever popular Ostrich burgers!



**There is no Farmers' Market in January.**

## Hatfield Market

Hatfield general market takes place every **Wednesday and Saturday** in Market Place, Hatfield, from 9am – 3pm. There are a range of stalls offering a plethora of goods. Come along and have a browse.

