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## **Proposed redevelopment of Clarendon Centre**

A planning application for a large-scale revamp Oxford's Clarendon Centre has been submitted to Oxford City Council.

The scheme, spearheaded by Clarendon LP GP Ltd, would expand the shopping centre to three floors and improve the Shoe Lane entrance on the western side.

The Currys store, a principal retailer in the current shopping mall, is expected to move to a different site within the centre or possibly to an alternative city centre location.

Talks are underway with undisclosed major retailers, including high street fashion chains, to take up tenancy in the expanded shopping mall.

The proposed extension would increase the height of part of the roof however it is not expected to impact on views from neighbouring Carfax Tower.

Council officers said the scheme, which could take up to two years to complete, would "improve the shopping experience" while creating a more attractive approach from New Inn Hall Street.

The Shoe Lane entrance would be resurfaced with stone paving, with the option to later extend the paving up to the New Inn Hall Street footpath.

The service yards which currently flank the entrance would be significantly refurbished and screened.

The scheme was presented to the council's West Area Planning Committee on 7 June.

The council is set to make a final decision when it has reached an agreement with the developer on how much money should be contributed to local infrastructure.

## **ENDS**

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