

Sainsbury's Tonbridge



Sainsbury's is delighted to announce our exciting plans to extend into the former Beales unit in Tonbridge town centre.

The proposals will allow us to provide Tonbridge with the next-level Sainsbury's supermarket making for joyous, affordable and accessible food for everyone.

The expansion into the Beales unit will allow Sainsbury's to provide a full food offering in the store along side our Habitat and Tu range with an Argos store in store. The enhanced and extended store will also provide around 50 new jobs, ranging from entry level to management positions.

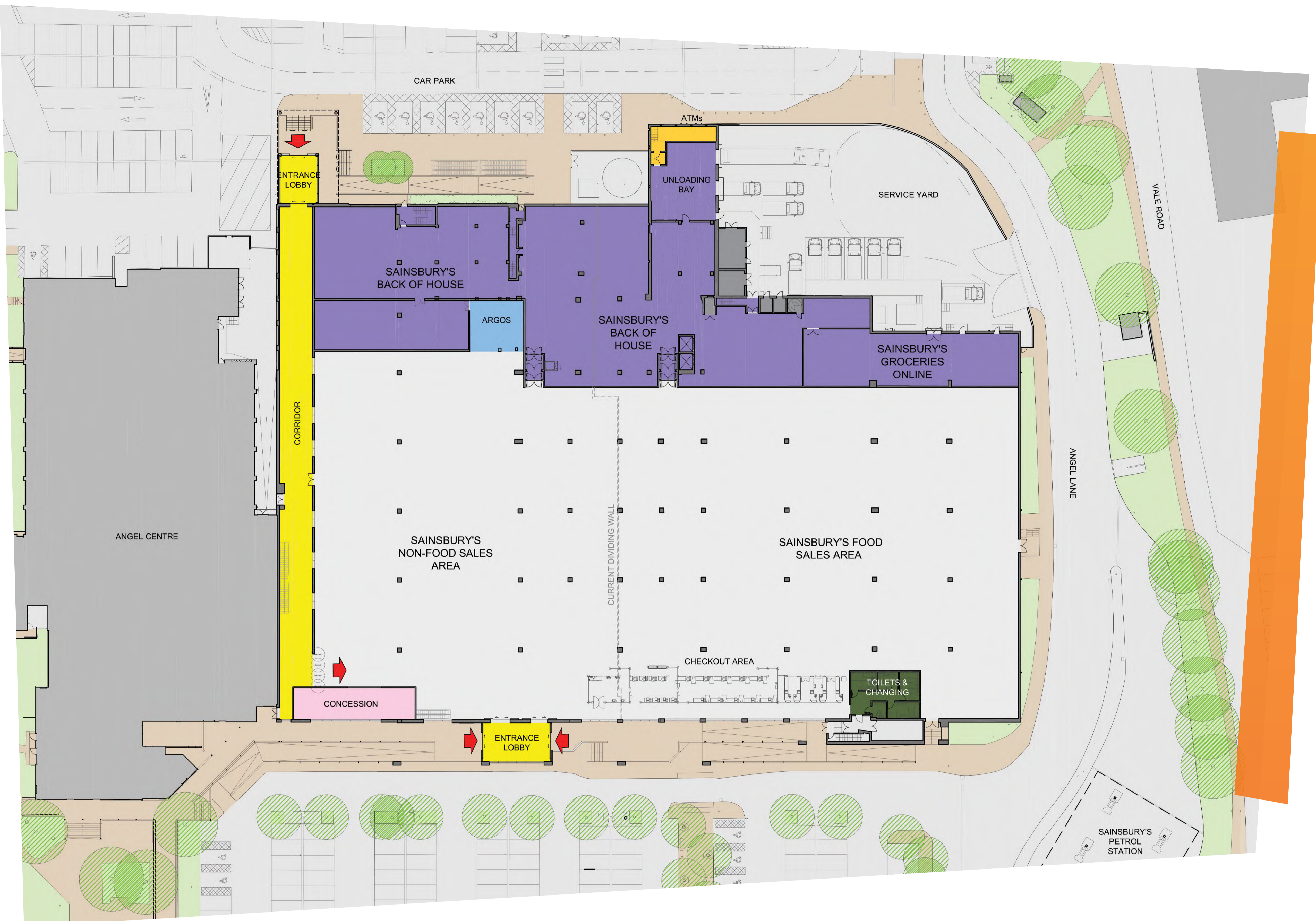
Throughout these exhibition boards, we will provide an overview of our emerging proposals to deliver a store that meets customer needs and our plan to bring jobs and investment to the area.

Sainsbury's is committed to working with the community and wants to listen and engage with you. We welcome any feedback on the proposals and invite you to get in touch if you have any questions using the contact details provided on the 'Feedback and Timescales' board.



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Our Plan



Our plan is to extend the current Sainsbury's store into the vacant former Beales unit.

The development of the former Beales unit will allow us to significantly improve the range of the current offer within an enhanced store that will create a much-improved customer experience and increased product choice.

The store will include our full food offer, increasing from 31,200 sq. ft. to 40,300 sq. ft., while the non-food space will increase from 1,300 sq. ft. to 15,000 sq. ft.



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Real benefits

The Sainsbury's expansion will offer a wide range of community benefits, as outlined below.



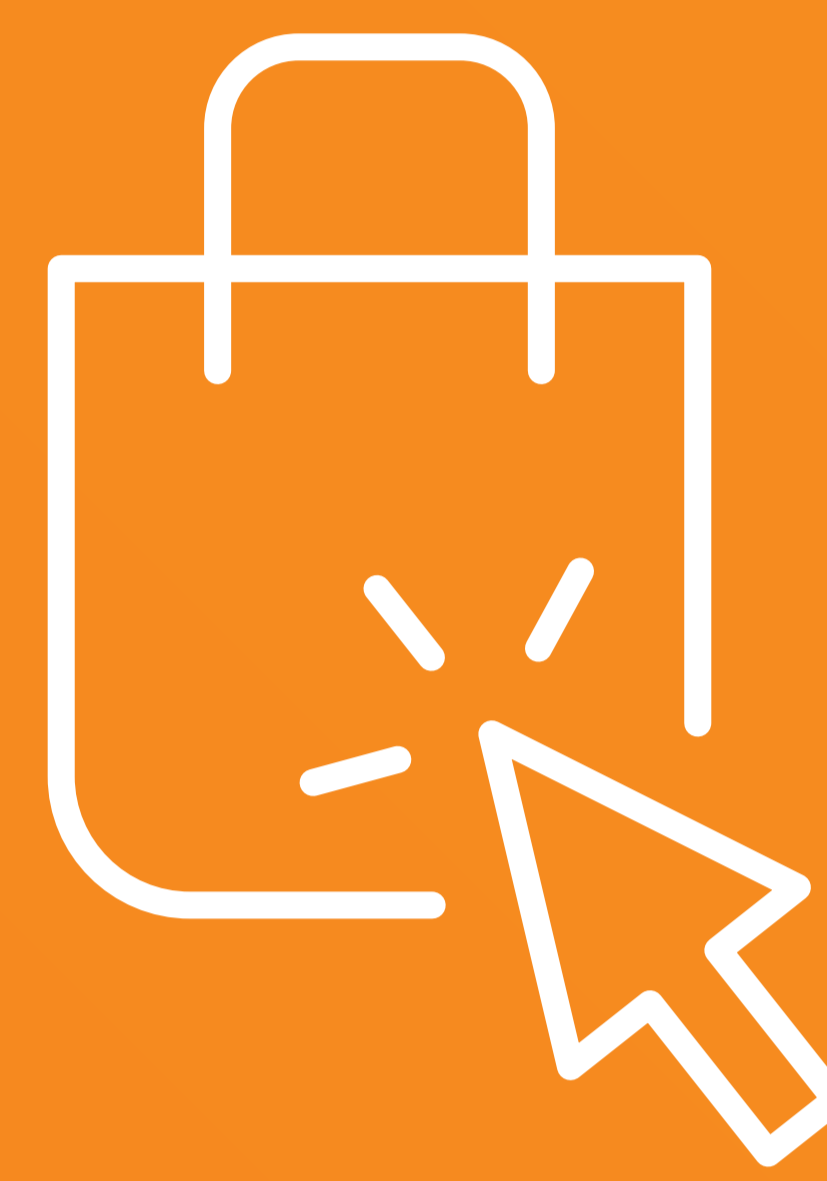
Regeneration of a vacant store into a store with purpose



Inclusion of a **Habitat and Tu clothing range** in the store



Around 50 new jobs with a wide range of roles



Argos in store to allow customers to choose from 1000's of products for same day click and collect



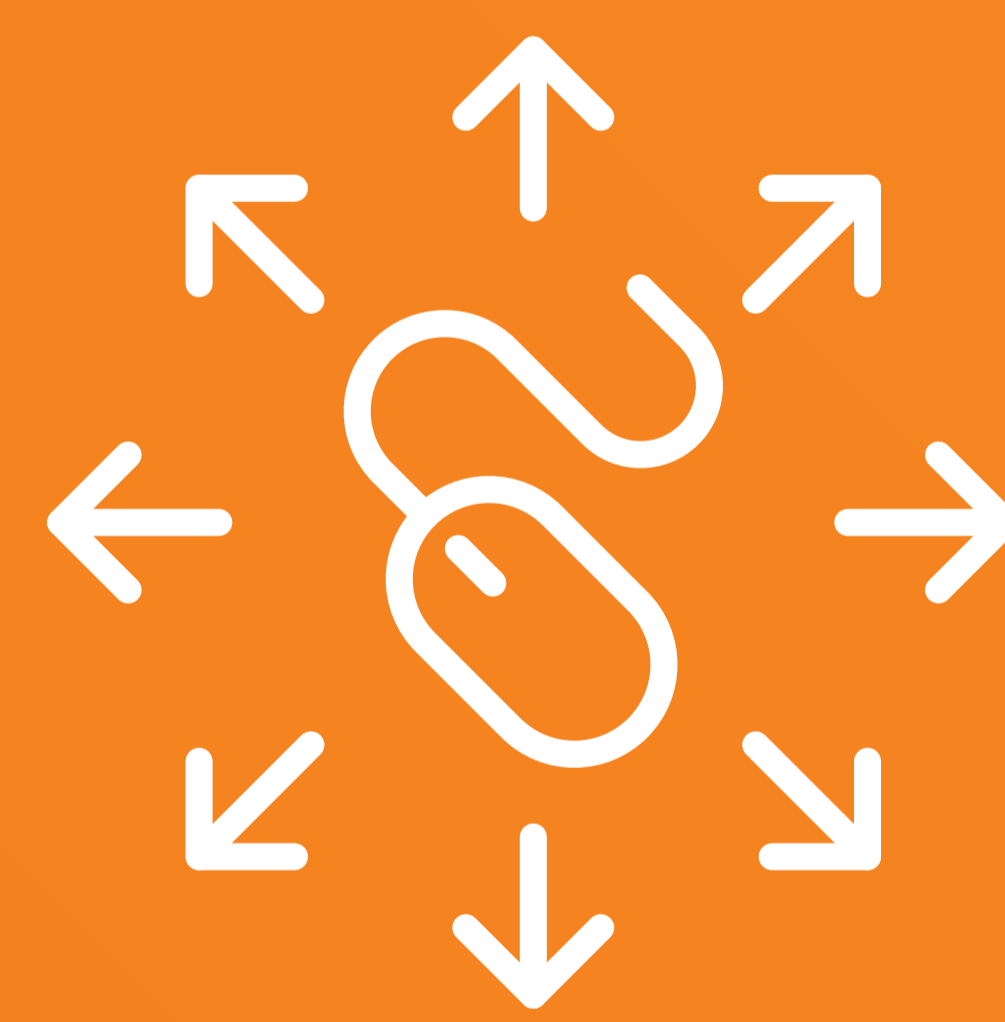
Smart Charge hub, with 6 Ultra-rapid electric vehicle charging points



A net-zero store, operating using **100% renewable electricity**



Improved building infrastructure



Improved capacity for online deliveries from larger store



New colleague areas, including canteen, changing areas and break room to provide better spaces for our staff

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Shopping and Services



Customer experience is at the heart of our proposals. The store will feature wider aisles and checkout areas, with extensive areas of glazing to create a light, bright and welcoming environment. Comfortable new customer toilets will also be included, as well as a new concession unit at the front of the store.

The extended store will emulate what was offered by Beales by providing a carefully curated selection of non-food items, including Sainsbury's much-loved Habitat and Tu Clothing ranges, as well as an upgraded Argos store that will enable customers to shop from thousands of products in technology, toys, gaming, and electricals while picking up their groceries.

We are passionate about providing 'Good food for all of us' and the new store will help to make us the first choice in Tonbridge for joyful, affordable and accessible food. The store will feature a fantastic range of tasty products, including an extensive selection of fresh food, fruit and veg, food-to-go, cupboard staples and baked goods. The new store will allow customers to enjoy an even greater selection of products and choose from a large variety of product sizes.

The Sainsbury's team in Tonbridge will continue to play an active role in the community by supporting food donation, volunteering, and charity initiatives in the local area.

Sainsbury's Tonbridge will take part in the Sainsbury's Food donation programme, distributing surplus food from the store to local charities and community groups as part of our nationwide partnership with Neighbourly, which works to reduce the amount of food waste within stores' operations.

Sainsbury's Tonbridge currently works with Families Eating and Sharing Together (F.E.A.S.T) and Nourish Community Foodbank.

Sustainability



Sainsbury's has been rated 'A' for the last nine years for our Carbon Disclosure Project climate change disclosure and we are leading the way in the supermarket sector on operating sustainably.

We have recently strengthened our commitment by accelerating our target to become Net Zero in our own operations by 2035. The improved and extended Tonbridge store will help achieve this target and have a focus on sustainability through its design.

This will include the store operating using 100% renewable electricity and will not rely on any natural gas. The store will utilise heat pumps to keep chilled cabinets, cold stores, and heating systems cool and warm all year long, while the roof will have a full coverage of solar panels to help generate energy.

We are committed to using natural refrigerants, which are more readily available and less damaging to the environment.

Inside the store, there will be a refrigeration, ventilation, and heating system that works together alongside ambient air door curtains, to reduce heating and improve store comfort by counteracting drafts in the shop entrance and loading bay.

By 2040, we will also be water neutral, through water reduction and saving techniques such as low use taps. Becoming water neutral is a positive step in achieving Net Zero and benefiting the local community by helping us offset water consumption.

Our proposals also include 6 Ultra-Rapid Electric Vehicle charging points in the car park through Sainsbury's new electric vehicle charging brand Smart Charge. The Ultra-rapid charging points will allow customers to complete a charge in around 20 minutes while completing their shop.



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Feedback & Timescales

Thank you for viewing our proposals to extend our Sainsbury's store.

Sainsbury's is committed to engaging with the Tonbridge community and is seeking your feedback on the proposals.

To provide feedback, you can complete the feedback form which will be provided at our event today. This will ensure that we understand your views on our scheme and can keep you updated as the project progresses.

If you have any queries or comments, please use the following contact details:

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Further information can be found at our project website which will be live until **28th March 2024**

www.sainsburys-tonbridge.co.uk

We are currently working to the following timescales

14th March 2024

In-store public consultation event

14th-28th March 2024

Online public consultation website live

April 2024

Submission of planning application

Spring 2025

Start on site

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