

Sainsbury's Tonbridge

Newsletter | March 2024



Indicative CGI of proposed store

Welcome to this newsletter regarding Sainsbury's proposals to extend our Tonbridge store into the adjoining former Beales unit.

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 Proposals

Sainsbury's is proposing to extend the store into the former Beales unit, which will increase the food sales area from 31,200 sq. ft. to 40,300 sq. ft and non food space from just 1,300 sq. ft. to 15,000 sq. ft.

Our new store will provide a carefully curated selection of non-food items, including Sainsbury's much-loved Habitat and Tu Clothing ranges, as well as a new Argos store that will enable customers to shop from thousands of products in technology, toys, gaming, and electricals while picking up their groceries.

Sainsbury's high quality food offering will remain, with a new look. Sainsbury's is passionate about providing 'Good food for all of us' and 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 store will be a pleasure to visit, featuring 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 retail unit at the front of the store.

Our Plan for Better report sets out our sustainability commitments to be better for the planet. Our next level Tonbridge store will help us achieve these commitments through a range of environmental upgrades.

It will operate using 100% renewable electricity with no fossil fuels. Heat pumps will keep chilled cabinets, cold stores, and heating systems cool and warm all year long. The roof will have a full coverage of solar panels to generate energy.

In store, there will be refrigeration, ventilation, and heating systems that work together, to reduce heating and improve store comfort. This will help achieve our goal of being net-zero in our operations by 2035.

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Benefits

- **Around 50 new jobs** for the local community.
- **Regeneration** of a key town centre retail unit.
- Inclusion of a **Habitat** and **Tu clothing range** in the store.
- **Argos** in store to allow customers to choose from 1000's of products for same day click and collect.
- **6 Ultra-Rapid Electric Vehicle charging points**.
- **A net-zero store**, operating using 100% renewable electricity.

We would welcome your views

We will be hosting an engagement event at the store on **Thursday 14th March 2024, from 10am-7pm**. At the consultation event, we will provide further information on the proposals with an opportunity to provide feedback and ask any queries you may have to the project team.

If you are unable to attend the exhibition, you will be able to view the exhibition boards and further information on our project website, which you can access at **www.sainsburys-tonbridge.co.uk**. The materials and the online consultation will be live following the exhibition, from **8pm on Thursday 14th March, running until Thursday 28th March**. You can also access the website by scanning the QR code.



The feedback will help us to refine our plans before we submit a planning application to Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council.

We are delighted to bring forward these exciting plans and hope to see you on 14th March. If you have any queries regarding the proposals, or the consultation, please do not hesitate to get in touch with our community representatives, DevComms, by email at **Sainsburys-tonbridge@devcomms.co.uk**, or by phone on **0800 080 3262**.



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