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Arun District Council to host engagement event for The Arcade rejuvenation plans

Arun District Council's regeneration team is pleased to announce an event to provide the community with an update on our plans to rejuvenate The Arcade in Bognor Regis town centre.

The engagement event will be held at **Unit 6, The Arcade, Bognor Regis, PO21 1LH on Thursday 10 April 2025 from 2pm-6pm.**

We are inviting local residents, businesses and others with an interest in the council's plans to rejuvenate The Arcade to come and speak to them about the proposals and next steps. The event will provide the community with an opportunity to meet the project team, receive an update on how the council's plans are progressing and provide feedback.

Councillor Martin Lury, Leader of Arun District Council, said:

"Our exciting plans for The Arcade are another mark of our commitment to regenerate Bognor Regis. Subject to planning permission being granted, these plans could come forward quickly, complementing the new Alexandra Theatre, Premier Inn hotel and Esplanade improvements, all of which are currently under construction."

The regeneration plans comprise the complete refurbishment and extension of The Arcade's upper floors (which are currently vacant), and creation of around 35 character town centre apartments, alongside the potential for additional ground floor shops and external public space.

Rejuvenation of The Arcade will directly benefit its shops and services in the long term by creating additional footfall. This will help to generate extra spending in The Arcade's shops and restaurants and wider adjacent areas, as well as contributing to the growth of the evening economy in the town.

A planning application for the proposals is expected to be submitted to the district council in the coming weeks.

For more information on Arun District Council's plans, please visit the website at regisrejuvenation.co.uk. Alternatively, feel free to get in touch via email at arcade-bognorregis@devcomms.co.uk or call 0800 080 3178.

Notes to editors

The regeneration plans comprise the complete refurbishment and extension of The Arcade's upper floors, (which are currently vacant) and creation of around 35 character town centre apartments, alongside additional ground floor retail space and external amenity space, whilst also restoring and preserving wherever possible the original features of this grand old building, which first opened in 1902.

The building will undergo significant enhancements to improve its aesthetic appeal and visual attractiveness, as well as making it fully weatherproof, to ensure it stands the test of time. These renovations will not only improve energy efficiency but also enhance the overall image of the town centre.

This will include a comprehensive renovation of the building to deliver a refurbished façade, using a range of modern design principles as well as installing new windows and improving the thermal envelope of the building.

Furthermore, rejuvenation of The Arcade will strengthen this key link between the town centre and the seafront, creating a more seamless and enjoyable experience for residents and visitors alike.

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