

Abbotswood Local Centre, Romsey



The core of the settlement is located in a logical position within the Abbotswood site in the south east corner, this allows the facilities within the local centre to be used by existing residents in Woodley and Cupernham in addition to the new residents. In order that the central space can function as required it will be divided into two sub-spaces. The main space takes the form of an urban square the northern side which will be pedestrian only. The square will be enclosed by a series of 2 ½ and 3 storey buildings including a community building and convenience store as well as residential dwellings. A second landscaped 'sub square' will be located to the north east of the main square to provide additional parking.

The Local Centre has been designed to fulfil its requirements as a natural heart of the new and existing communities and provide access to local facilities. Its important status will be reflected in these key buildings:

- Pub/Restaurant located at the entrance off Braishfield Road
- Three storey shops and offices forming the northern side of the main square with Landmark corner building with tower on the north-west edge of the square
- Convenience Store, Apartments (located at end of key vista from the main entrance), Community Building and Day Nursery forming the south and eastern edge of the main square
- Three storey terrace housing Doctor and Dentist forming the western side of the main square

The design of these buildings will give enclosure to a shared surface main square, parts of which will be pedestrian only. The square will have a central focus in the form of a mature tree or landmark feature with appropriate seating. A care home will be located on the eastern fringe of the local centre within easy walking distance of the facilities.



Local Centre Aerial View



Local Centre Location Plan

This new local centre will include a range of facilities including:

1. Public House / restaurant
2. Recycling facilities
3. Landmark building (residential)
4. Shops with offices / residential over
5. Landmark building (shop with offices over)
6. Offices
7. Gateway buildings (residential)
8. Doctor & Dentists surgery including Pharmacy
9. Convenience store
10. Landmark building (residential)
11. Community building
12. Multi use play area / space
13. Day nursery (with outside play space)
14. Care / nursing Home



Local Centre Plan



Landmark Building Aerial View