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What's this?

Tesco to take on ex-postal depot?

Published Date: 29 May 2010

A new supermarket could be on the cards in Northampton after the Royal Mail announced it was seeking public opinion on whether it should convert its derelict sorting office into a food store.

The former Barrack Road building was gutted by fire almost seven years ago and has stood empty ever since.

However the Royal Mail, in an attempt to get some money back on its dormant asset, has been looking to turn the building into something usef ul and has revealed it will consult with the town residents next month on its plans.

A public notice issued by Royal Mail Estates states: "Royal Mail Estates is holding local consultation events about exciting proposals for the vacant Royal Mail building on Barrack Road.

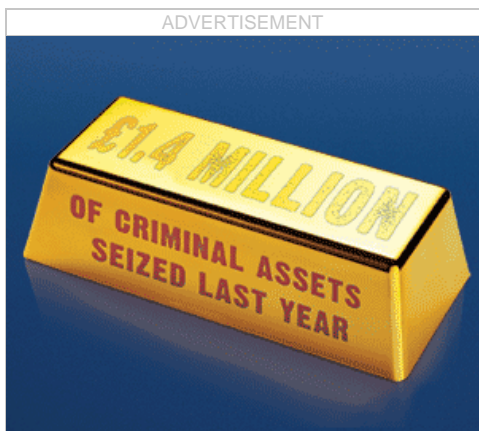
"The building has been largely vacant since a fire in 2003 but remains structurally sound and capable of alternative use. Royal Mail Estates Limited has therefore working on plans to see how the building could be converted into a food store to bring it back into active use and deliver benefits to the local community."

Royal Mail would yesterday only refer to the plans as being for a 'food store' but given the size of the site - three acres including the car park - the new renovated building would be classified as a supermarket.

Tesco are the favourites to land the site - the Chron exclusively reported earlier this year that the supermarket giant had had talks with planning bosses at the West Northamptonshire Development Corporation - in September 2009.

Michael Ellis, MP for Northampton North, said: "It is right that a site so close to the town centre should be brought back into use after so many years. However, I would have concerns about the impact on the Market Square and other small retailers. I would like to see more details on this."

The consultation will be held at Castle Primary School, which is behind the Royal Mail site in St George's Street. Residents can give their views on Thursday, June 10 between 6pm and 8pm and Saturday June 12 between 2pm and 5pm.



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 1 Steve Heaton,
Abington 29/05/2010 09:02:04


If this goes ahead then surely Keith Barwell will be opening a debate about Asda and David Cardoza about Sixfields

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 2 wehaventhadourdinner,
In the canteen 29/05/2010 12:31:42


We await Councillor "Water Features" Church's reaction to this. Frank, the guvnor, reckons that Waitrose, Asda, etc. etc. are just waiting to pounce as well. How long can the Lib Dem Council hold out? Will they be in control after May next year? Any real news on the Grosvenor Centre, and what do Legal and General think of the fountain debacle? Jack

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 3 stevegoodlookin,
abington 29/05/2010 13:22:30


how unimaginative! and surprise surprise, another tesco store, are they not content with the 2 massive stores they already have? it would be nice if another supermarket chain were given a chance, ie. sainsbury's or a waitrose!

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 4 pipenslippers,
29/05/2010 13:56:31


The truth of the matter is that Northampton Borough Council have shot themselves in the foot, big time. Barwell may now not even get the opportunity to make any noises about 'his' Asda project. Why? Well, if you had just spent nearly £800m on Netto's and they already have two existing sites (Kingsthorpe & Far Cotton) you surely wouldn't be thinking about further expenditure. Big business gets on with it while minnows like Church and others at the NBC 'think' about it. That's the difference between having people with business acumen running our Town and a bunch of amateurs. Once again the stable door has been opened and is now shut. Massive opportunities gone. Asda will not now have to bother about having to try to convince anyone. The procured sites already operate in retail.

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 5 kayle,
29/05/2010 14:52:10

It would be great to have a supermarket there on the Royal Mail Barrack Road site. It would really be good for the local residents of The Mounts, Spring Boroughs and Semilong areas who live right on its doorstep. At a time when the cost of petrol is rising through the roof and environmental concerns are high on everyone's agenda to have a supermarket right in the neighbourhood would be brilliant. Think of not having to make all those car journeys to edge of town retail parks like Weston Favell, Mereway, Sixfields etc. Also the slogan should be 'local jobs and local shopping'. Just what everyone needs...go for it...

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 6 Spirit of Bradlaugh,
29/05/2010 17:53:22

it will never happen. just another developer trying it on by suggesting a supermarket would like to set up there. Truth is supermarkets would set up anywhere the Council let them, but the Council just says NO!!

A total no story to fill the front page on a Saturday

Hunt for Plum Fountain man is surely a bigger scoop!

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7 P Griffin,
29/05/2010 18:29:49

It's a shame that Asda aren't interested in the site. They could have had a decent size store there. Do we really need a third tesco?

Also Pipenslippers, i don't really get your point, the size of store that Asda want to open in st. james is much bigger than the Netto stores that they will be gaining, a completely different type of store.

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8 spj,
northampton 29/05/2010 19:08:17

lets turn it into a superstore, whatever the brand, its better than being an eyesore for the next 10 years like the old hospital.

Council get your finger out and give planning permission, think of the business rates that it would attract.

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9 AndAnd,
29/05/2010 20:34:41

A Tesco in that location will take almost all the trade from the Sainsburys located in the Grosvenor centre, I wonder what they'll do with that massive space once Sainsburys vacates.

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10 HOS,
29/05/2010 21:43:58

Fascinating !

Northampton Borough Council: damned if you do and damned if you do`nt.

We wait and see.....

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