

Vale Vision Business Forum 24/9/08

Sainsburys present. Coryn from Delivery Team + Owen & publicity guy.

Store to be built on current Fire Station site.

Store will be 20,000 sq ft. Cam Tesco: 16,000 sq ft. Sainsburys Stroud: 30,000sq ft.

It will be a small Supermarket for food shopping.

Dursley College will continue using their existing building until Dec.08

Car park for the store will have same footprint as Rack field at present plus it will incorporate Youth centre space.

Re-cycling units will be incorporated in final development.

Can't start building until new Fire Station is ready. Should be ready early next year. They may seek permission to remove Tower before site is vacated.

Statutory diversions of services will need to be done: BT, Gas, Electricity, drains etc.

Discussions already taking place for Sub Station to be moved.

Youth centre are to vacate premises November.

Aim to start building March 2009. Hope to get it built in 30 weeks. Therefore launch date October, certainly before Christmas next year.

Will appoint contractors in the next 4 – 5 weeks.

Store will be built with double entrance.

Products will include Provisions, grocery, a bakery, beers, wines, frozen food, some non-food like washing powders etc. GM: Stationery, cards etc. Will include a deli.

Will not be big enough for electricals etc.

Will include biomass boiler. Sustainability items to be included: use of north light, rainwater harvesting pos. A generally env. Friendly building.

He showed photos of how Sainsburys promote their own-brand products.

Expect to provide 180 local jobs. Will encourage workers to walk, cycle or use public transport.

Site does not lend itself to further expansion. Sainsburys does not do mezzanine floors.

Concern was expressed about the entrance/exit question onto Castle Street. We were told that Highways and consultants had sorted this out and it wouldn't be a problem.

Zebra crossing to be moved to opposite Barclays entrance. Bus stop (off the highway) to near Methodist church.

Carpark would be on a time management or refund system. Either 2 – 4 hours or refund when spend money in Sainsburys. They would have to keep the car park free flowing because of the constraints of the site. Aim to get 14,000 – 18,000 customers per week in the store.

Opening hours 8til8 MTW 8til10 Th & F 8til 9 Sat & Sunday 10til4 or 11til 5

Whole of Site which will include whole of Rack Field carpark will be surrounded by large fence from start of works in March 09 (like Rednock site) and this will probably continue until store completed. Those present expressed concerns about loss of car parking for workers in the town. Sainsburys representatives said this was nothing to do with them

we would have to push SDC to provide this. Could do this through Vale Vision Forum.

Will be carrying out a Marketing Survey & holding Customer Listening Groups from October.