

About Kier

As a member of the Considerate Constructors Scheme, Kier aim to undertake all building works with the minimum of disruption to local communities and with sensitivity to the requirements of the local community who live and work around our developments.

If you wish to discuss the ongoing operations on-site in more detail, you can speak to Niall Doran who has over 40 years experience in managing construction and engineering works. Niall can often be found overseeing all operations on site.

Alternatively, you can contact Sainsbury's community information line on 0845 604 8853 or email bicester@gka.co.uk should you require any further information or have any queries on the town centre redevelopment.



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Senior site agent



David Brazil
Project surveyor



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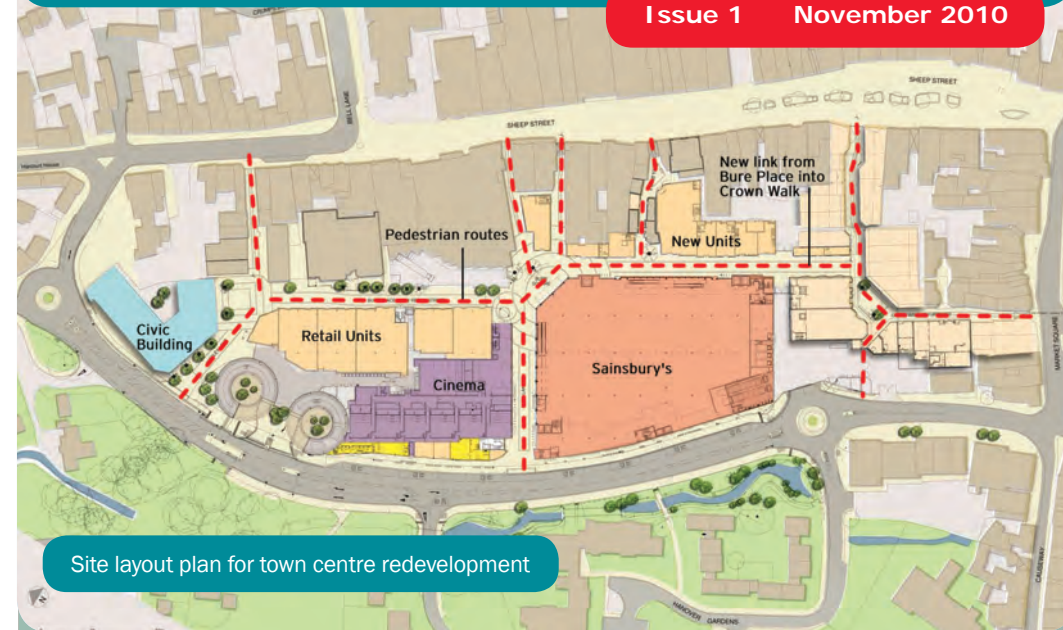
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Site layout plan for town centre redevelopment

Kier Moss has been commissioned by Sainsbury's to undertake the first stage of construction works for the Bicester Town Centre redevelopment.

The redevelopment once complete will include a seven screen digital cinema, a Sainsbury's supermarket, a range of new retail and restaurant units, a new bus interchange, improved town centre car parking and make provision for a landmark civic building.

The first stage of the redevelopment involves a number of enabling works.



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Current works

The first phase of the project involves diverting the River Bure (more commonly known as the Town Brook) to provide land for the town centre redevelopment and diverting underground utility services. These works started in August with earth works to create the new river channel on the western side of Manorsfield Road.



Perspective drawing of completed river diversion with town centre redevelopment in the background

The new river layout will create an attractive landscaped feature alongside the town centre redevelopment and is expected to be completed in December (subject to weather). River water will then be allowed to flow into the new channel before the existing concrete river channel on the eastern side of Manorsfield Road is infilled. New landscaping will also be planted alongside the new river route.

All underground gas, electricity, water and telecommunication services along the river route were successfully diverted last month.

Next steps

Later this month, we are planning to start works to provide a new roundabout on the Manorsfield Road junction with Hanover Gardens. This roundabout will provide a new pedestrian crossing over Manorsfield Road and provide access for delivery vehicles to Crown Walk and the Sainsbury's store.

We will also be installing new street lighting columns on the western side of Manorsfield Road from the end of November. Prior to these being installed, it will be necessary to remove a number of the existing street lamps to allow the new lamps to be erected. The existing street lights on the eastern side of Manorsfield Road will not be affected by these works which will ensure there is continued street lighting throughout the installation of the new lights.

In December we will start works to infill the existing town brook on the eastern side of Manorsfield Road. In preparation for this it will be necessary to remove the vegetation adjacent to Crown car park later this month. We will also start works to form the new bus lay-bys on Manorsfield Road as part of the new bus interchange. During these works, bus services will continue to stop at the existing bus stops in the Crown car park.

Highway management

Throughout these operations, we will continue to use temporary traffic lights to manage traffic whilst works are being undertaken on Manorsfield Road. Our site engineers monitor the operation of these lights throughout the day to minimise delays.

We have set up a number of temporary crossing points for pedestrians to cross Manorsfield Road and programmed the temporary traffic lights to create pauses specifically to allow people to cross. We have also employed an engineer to assist anyone with mobility problems to cross safely.

Should you need any help crossing Manorsfield Road during the construction, please do not hesitate to ask any of our engineers (wearing high visibility jackets) who would be willing to assist you.



To help with road crossing:
Sergei Tanailov

Car parking and public transport

As the redevelopment works progress, it will be necessary to close the Crown Walk and Crown car parks and the existing bus station to allow the town centre redevelopment to be built. This will not take place until the New Year and until then these will remain open. This will therefore not affect the Christmas trading period.

During construction work in Crown car park, all existing bus services will continue to serve the town centre with temporary bus stops to be provided in Market Square during the redevelopment. Details of these temporary arrangements and a plan showing the location of the temporary bus stops for each service will be provided closer to the time.

Alternative parking arrangements during the main redevelopment phases will also be put in place and advertised closer to the time to ensure that there continues to be ample parking available in the town centre throughout the redevelopment.

These arrangements will be put in place and managed by Oxfordshire County Council and Cherwell District Council.