

# Bedford Wharf, Guildford



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## Overview

Bedford Wharf, located in the heart of Guildford town centre comprises courts, a police station, surface car parks and a multiplex cinema. There is an opportunity to consolidate the area as a civic hub and also introduce new uses.

Following the publication of the Town Centre Masterplan (prepared by Allies and Morrison), the council has adopted a proactive approach and commissioned a development brief for the Bedford Wharf area, aiming to gain a better understanding of the site's constraints and opportunities. The proposed brief will aim to comply with planning criteria while promoting a financially viable scheme. The site is divided into two areas: leisure and entertainment to the south and civic to the north.

Existing town centre office provision is inadequate and does not meet demand. The introduction of new stock would enhance Guildford's economy and create investment opportunities.



Artist impression of civic hub at Bedford Wharf.  
Image courtesy: Gardner Stewart Architects

## Key Features

- Regeneration of key town centre site.
- Development of 19,000 sqm of commercial/civic space and 10,000 sqm of residential space.
- Provision of new modern office accommodation in the town centre.
- Opening up the River Wey and creation of quality public realm.

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## Location

The site is situated by the River Wey, with the railway station to the west and a shopping centre to the east. It is currently underused and has tremendous potential to connect the transport hub with the town centre, a link that is currently missing.



## Specification

The plan allows for a Civic Hub by Mary Road for office/civic and residential use, with the southern part of the site dedicated to leisure and entertainment: night time economy, a gym, a boutique cinema and a hotel.

The development brief proposes to:

- Consolidate the court buildings into one complex within the existing Magistrates Court area
- Develop the police station into a modern Grade A office space
- Erect an office block on Mary Road Car Park
- Replace the Crown Court with residential space or an office block, depending on flood risk.

## Terms

Please contact the Planning and Regeneration Director for more details.

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