



**Regeneration of Airdrie Town Centre takes a further step forward as
planning consent is granted**

**AWG Property / WG Mitchell & NHS Lanarkshire join forces to deliver new health centre
for people of Airdrie**

A detailed planning application to develop a state of the art health centre, offices and retail properties in Airdrie's town centre has been approved today by North Lanarkshire Council.

AWG Property and WG Mitchell are the Joint Venture (JV) owners of a substantial retail and office property holding on Graham street and Gartlea road, Airdrie. The JV are contracted with NHS Lanarkshire to redevelop a significant proportion of the site on the corner of Graham Street and Gartlea Road, Airdrie currently comprising a former supermarket and office building.

The redevelopment will result in a new mixed use scheme with approx 27,000 sq ft of new retail properties on Graham Street, a pharmacy, new office accommodation for North Lanarkshire Council on the ground floor and approximately 80,000 sq ft over the three upper floors of health care facilities to create one of the largest health centre's in Scotland. The resource centre will bring together a number of GP practices who currently operate from disparate locations within the town, in turn providing better access for patients and will also offer the opportunity to deliver an enhanced range of services to patients.

It is estimated that in total the project is likely to create over 100 jobs during the redevelopment phase and will relocate approximately 300 jobs into the town centre plus in excess of 1500 patients per day will visit the centre which will in turn boost the town centre economy.

John Dunn, Director of AWG Property said: "There are two clear benefits relative to the development of this site: Firstly, the ability to transform a landmark site within the town centre that is currently in need of rejuvenation into a state of the art medical centre and modern retail space for the people of Airdrie and secondly the hope that this will provide a platform for further investment to the town centre of Airdrie from key retailers."

Ian Ross, Director of Strategic Implementation Performance & Planning for NHS

Lanarkshire said: "This marks a significant step forward in the development of the new health centre which will provide access to a wider range of health services in a modern, purpose-built

facility, for the people of Airdrie. This demonstrates the ongoing investment by NHS Lanarkshire in local health care services”.

Work on site is due to start November 2009 with an estimated completion time of Autumn 2011.

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