

## News

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### Planning secured to transform Old Library Site in Slough



Slough Urban Renewal (SUR) has secured planning permission for a major development on the former Library site in the Heart of Slough for two new Marriott International brand hotels, new apartments and retail.

The site, which is owned by Slough Borough Council (SBC), enjoys a landmark position in the town centre next to The Curve. With planning consent secured, SUR will press ahead with the delivery of the two new Marriott International hotels, the lifestyle-driven Moxy and extended stay focused Residence Inn, which will be developed and owned by SBC, in addition to 64 apartments and 4,000 sq. ft of restaurant / retail space.

Works are due to commence on site early in 2019, with completion anticipated for the end of 2020.

The two new Marriott International hotels, Moxy and Residence Inn, will occupy the corner building facing William Street and Wellington Street. In total the dual-branded property will provide 244 new guest bedrooms, helping to meet the demand from both leisure and business travellers. The vibrant Moxy hotel will also boast a contemporary bar, dining space and lounge that will be open to locals as well as hotel guests.

The residential building on the High Street will provide 64, one and two-bedroom apartments, along with restaurant and retail space, complementing the two hotels and adding new life to this end of the town centre.

Andy Howell, General Manager at Slough Urban Renewal, commented: "This is an important milestone in achieving the Council's vision for the Heart of Slough. We are really excited to secure planning consent for this fantastic new scheme and to work closely with the Council to deliver this exciting project. The two new hotels will make a real difference to visitors to the town, meeting the demand for services for business and leisure travellers. Close to the railway station it will take full advantage of the Elizabeth Line for guests who wish to capitalise on Slough's excellent connections. The apartments will offer an opportunity to secure a new home, right in the heart of the town."

John Wagner, co-founder of Cycas Hospitality, who will be managing both hotels, said: "From Crossrail to regeneration schemes, there's no doubt that Slough's ongoing transformation is putting the town on the map for business travellers. Having successfully combined the Moxy and Residence Inn brands in Amsterdam earlier this year to bridge the gap between hotels and home, we know how this 'two-in-one' approach helps widen the choice of accommodation styles available. We're therefore delighted to be bringing this innovative concept to Slough and are confident the brand combination will appeal to those visiting this high-profile location."

Slough Urban Renewal (SUR) is a proud partnership between Slough Borough Council and Morgan Sindall Investments Limited. It aims to create iconic buildings, high quality new homes, leading commercial and leisure facilities, as well as new open spaces, better connectivity and enhanced local schools.