

Superstore plan No 4 goes on display at Hayle

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THE latest proposals to build a supermarket at Hayle are to go on display next week – the fourth such scheme in six months.

Residents will be able to view details of a proposed Morrisons store, with a formal application expected to follow within weeks.

Developers Actoris have announced a public exhibition for the supermarket, with a 36,000 sq ft sales area and 250-space car park, on the three-acre Jewson site at Carnsew Quay.

A spokesman for Actoris said the scheme would "complement town centre retail" without "compromising the town's heritage or blighting views of South Quay".

Spokesman Matt Bryant said: "We are committed to enhancing, rather than detracting from, the town centre.

"Our proposal respects the sensitivities of developing within a major historic conservation area and answers the needs of the local community."

Mr Bryant added that if plans were successful, Jewson would remain in the town but relocate to a nearby site, probably at Marsh Lane Industrial Estate.

Residents will soon have seen both projects planned for the town centre and the two proposed near West Cornwall Retail Park, Asda and Sainsbury's.

The Morrisons plans will pass the government's sequential test, a policy designed to reduce car journeys and revitalise town centres which obliges planners to favour the centre over outskirts when deciding superstore applications.

Harbour owner ING's scheme for a larger store on the adjoining South Quay is similarly favourable, though town councillors unanimously recommended refusal when the planning application was submitted last month.

Both planning applications are expected to be decided by the planning committee in March.

A survey of 271 local people conducted by the town's residents' association showed that 70% favoured a store in an out-of-town location.

An ING poll in August revealed that 47% believed a supermarket on South Quay would revitalise the centre and 54% thought it would encourage shoppers to the town.

A poll on our website at www.thisiscornwall.co.uk showed that 59% favoured the out-of-town Asda scheme, at Hayle's rugby club, leaving the ING proposals trailing in fourth with 4%.

John Jago, chairman of Hayle RFC, which would relocate to a new home with millions of pounds in the bank if Asda was given the green light, says the plans would be "the saviour of the club".

"The prospect is that of capital appreciation for life," he said.

"We are committed to tying in the capital so securely that future generations may enjoy rugby in the long term, living off the interest."

A spokesman for Morrisons said a decision on what, if any, further benefits the company might include would be taken after the desires of local people had been heard.

The Morrisons exhibition takes place at the Passmore Edwards Institute on Friday and Saturday, February 19 and 20, from 10am until 7pm and 10am until 2pm

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