

Quedam Centre plans 'could put buoyancy and buzz back into Yeovil'

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PLANS that could pave the way for a national fashion retailer to open in Yeovil have been welcomed with open arms.

Benson Elliot, the owner of the Quedam Centre, has submitted plans to South Somerset District Council to combine two unused retail units on Vicarage Walk to create one store.

It is hoped that the vacant Mothercare and former Internationale shops will be redesigned to attract a national retailer which can occupy the larger space.

Ric Pallister, leader of the district council, welcomed the application.

He said: "Clearly this planning application must be properly considered and I cannot and will not second guess or pre-judge the outcome. The application must correctly follow the legal process.

"That said, we are all delighted that the Quedam owners have embarked on improvements to this shopping precinct.

"This is the news we have been waiting for in kick starting the resurgence of Yeovil's town centre from the effects of the recession and we believe it signals the start of a sustained recovery.

"We have been working closely with Benson Elliot since they first considered acquiring the Quedam and, between us, we are convinced this is only the first step in really putting the confidence back into the town.

"Up and down the country we have seen town centres struggling to compete with the internet and out of town stores, but we have faith that the Quedam owners can begin to put the buoyancy and buzz back into Yeovil."

Cllr Jo Roundell Greene added: "This is most exciting news for the town and I am delighted that at long last we have the prospects of a real boost to the Yeovil economy."

The application will now be subject to a planning consultation ahead of a final decision, which could be made next month.

Read more: <http://www.westerngazette.co.uk/Quedam-Centre-plans-buoyancy-buzz-Yeovil/story-21133203-detail/story.html#ixzz32XRNOJM4>