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CASTLEBAWN EXHIBITION DRAWS HUNDREDS OF VISITORS

More than 400 people who visited the Castlebawn development public exhibition in Newtownards Town Hall last week have said they fully support it and look forward to its completion.

The exhibition, which ran for only nine hours over two days, outlined details of proposals for a shopping centre, business offices and retail park in the Castlebawn district which stretches from Court Street in the town centre to the northern edges of the airport.

Castlebawn director Fearghal Eastwood says he is delighted with the response. "We had very strong feedback from the visitors, the overwhelming majority of whom are keen for the developments to start," says Mr Eastwood.

"I am very grateful to Ards Borough Council who offered to host this exhibition in the town hall. It provided us with a very useful platform to make our proposals more accessible to the people of Newtownards," he says.

Mr Eastwood indicated that such was its success that the exhibition will be back on display in the next few months so that as many people can see for themselves what is being proposed.

Castlebawn is a £250 million development scheme which will provide 2,000 full time jobs when complete.

CAPTION: Ards Borough Council Mayor Councillor Terry Williams chats with Fearghal Eastwood at the Castlebawn exhibition held last week in Newtownards Town Hall.