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CASTLEBAWN PLANS TO BE REVEALED AT PUBLIC EXHIBITION

Proposals and plans for the Castlebawn development site behind Court Street in Newtownards town centre are to be made public for the first time next month.

An exhibition on April 6 and 7 in Ards Borough Council offices means the people of Newtownards will be able to see for themselves the planned proposals for the £250million Castlebawn development site.

Castlebawn developer Fearghal Eastwood says the proposals are bringing much-needed investment into the town centre.

“Newtownards is an important and historic town celebrating its 400th anniversary this year,” he says. “To mark that 400th anniversary with a £250 million investment boost and 2,000 new jobs is the best possible news for the town.”

“By investing in Newtownards we are repositioning the town, and in particular the town centre, to win back shoppers who are going to neighbouring towns Bangor and
1. We are also breathing new life into the town’s historic fabric which will be of immense appeal to visitors once it is made accessible,” says Mr Eastwood.

“Now that we have spoken to the elected representatives in Newtownards and to the traders through the town chamber of commerce, we are delighted to be able to now turn to the people of the town to show them what our investment means and what the development will look like.”

The development is due to begin as soon as permission is granted to build the ring road which links the east and west entry and exit points into Newtownards. Castlebawn Ltd has pledged significant funding for the construction of the new road which would link the current Belfast Road to the Bangor Road.

“This road development would put an end to the congestion which is choking Newtownards town centre,” says Mr Eastwood. “But it is also the transport channel which will open up the development of the town centre and neighbouring edge of centre site which constitutes Castlebawn.”

The exhibition will run for two days at Ards Borough Council offices in Frederic Street on April 6 and 7 from 6.00pm until 9.00pm each day.