

## We are consulting with the local community over the future of Grays Shopping Centre, and the wider town.

In 2020, NewRiver (the owner of Grays Shopping Centre) held a Community Planning Weekend to kick-start a programme of community engagement. We had to pause during the pandemic but came back to the community in January 2022 with an update event in the centre.

Over the past few months, we have been speaking and listening to individuals, community groups, residents, businesses and charities in Grays to understand their views on the future opportunities for the town centre.

Feedback gained to date has helped to inform these initial proposals.

Now we are back to ask for your comments, to help inform our plans as they are developed in more detail.

### Our ambition is to put the shopping centre at the heart of the town centre regeneration:

- Enhance and revitalise the town centre
- Re-invigorate and support the local retail and leisure offer
- Boost the night-time and leisure economy within the town
- Create space for community use and independent-focused retail
- Introduce new public open spaces and increased biodiversity in the heart of town
- Bring forward circa 800 new homes in an accessible and sustainable central location
- Improve pedestrian connectivity across the town
- Open up stronger links to the riverside
- Support the creation of new jobs and opportunities

**We would love to hear from you.**

