Progress on the horizon for Hornsey

A stretch of land which has laid derelict for 15 years could finally be in line for regeneration.

aringey Council has agreed to sell land behind Hornsey High Street to Sainsbury's, which owns the adjoining site, subject to the supermarket securing planning permission for development.

The supermarket company is now exploring ways to redevelop the entire area - delivering a new store alongside much-needed homes and environmental improvements.

It is hoped that the plans,

if approved, could breathe life into the High Street and transform an area which is earmarked in the council's Local Development Framework as a key site for development to promote economic, social and physical regeneration.

The development could include a new supermarket and more than 200 new homes, including affordable homes, as well as bringing improvements to the High Street.

Local residents will be fully consulted once more detailed plans have been drawn up.

Cllr Joe Goldberg, Cabinet Member for Finance and Sustainability, said: "We know that this site is key to securing a successful and sustainable long-term future for this part of Hornsey – and to delivering quality affordable housing.

"Selling the land to Sainsbury's will mean that the entire area can be improved and developed as one, enabling us to meet our ambitious regeneration and housing aims which we're hopeful will bring significant benefits for local residents and businesses.

"Residents will be fully consulted over the plans."

Any developer brought in to work on the site will be asked to carry out retail and traffic impact assessments to gauge the effect on surrounding businesses and congestion. They will also be asked to

ensure that they offer:

- A residential mix, with 50 per cent affordable housing
- Cycle parking spaces
- A conservation strategy to stay in keeping with the local conservation area
- High sustainability standards
- Detailed pre-planning engagement with residents, businesses and interested parties.

Haringey and Sainsbury's will work together to find a suitable developer for the site, with a view to submitting a planning application early next year.

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