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An artist's impression of the proposed Cheltenham redevelopment.



# Cheltenham in 2031

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## Council issues blueprint for future

CHEL TENHAM'S business district would be transformed into a hub for jobs and apartment living under an ambitious 20-year plan by Kingston Council.

A new forecourt outside Cheltenham station is at the centre of the council's vision, which has been released for comment.

Two shops would be razed to make way for the terrace-style meeting space, while Cheltenham Plaza, between Railway and Station roads, would be expanded and landscaped.

Kingston Mayor Steve Staikos said sites for residential and busi-

ness development had been earmarked, including the Railway Rd undercover carpark site, frontages along Nepean Highway, and The Point between the highway and Charman Rd.

"Cheltenham is a vibrant community and this draft plan aims to enhance future employment growth through increased commercial activities," Cr Staikos said.

Traffic changes would see the Cheltenham Plaza access lane made one-way eastbound.

Railway Rd would become one-way north and extend to Station Rd, cutting congestion.

Commuter parking would increase by up to 150 spaces with a multi-deck carpark east of the rail line, and more cycling paths would be built.

Malcolms Real Estate chief executive Frank Hellier said plans to cater for the business district's population, to rise by 930 by 2031, would give businesses and developers certainty.

"It is well overdue," he said.

Kingston's strategic planning and building manager Jonathan Guttman said the vision aimed to showcase existing assets while making Cheltenham a contemporary employment centre.

It is hoped the State Government will pay for some of the development.

A public information session on the plan will be held on April 14 at 6.30pm at the council's Cheltenham office. Feedback closes May 7.

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Mayor STEVE STAIKOS