

REGENERATION THROUGH RETAIL

BCSC is set to launch a groundbreaking report into the hugely positive social impact that retail-led regeneration can have on local communities.

Retail-led Regeneration: Why it Matters to Our Communities will be published, in association with BITC and DTZ Consulting, in January 2009.

Over the past ten years, retailing has emerged as a key employment creator, offering opportunities to a wide range of different socio-economic groups, providing jobs, promoting economic growth and engaging people. Retail-led regeneration revitalises communities and is

an essential element in urban regeneration.

Retail schemes, through mixed use developments, have encouraged additional and improved housing, allowing previously deserted areas to experience inward migration of families. Where successful schemes have been built, people are moving back into neighbourhoods, town and city centres to live.

The report has identified the key community benefits of retail developments within different local contexts. BCSC aims to ensure that lessons for the future are drawn from identifying what matters in succeeding, making a

difference, and transforming our town centres through retail development.

On 14 January 2009 BCSC will host a breakfast seminar on retail-led regeneration to launch and discuss the findings of *Retail-led Regeneration: Why it Matters to Our Communities*. The event will be chaired by Paul Hudson, Director of Delivery, Thames Gateway Executive. For more information about this event please visit the BCSC MP portal: www.bcsc.org.uk/mpportal

If you would like to receive a hard copy of the report please contact Davinder Jhamat on davinder.jhamat@bcsc.org.uk



CABOT CIRCUS LEADS REGENERATION

The exclusive BCSC Gold Awards are well-recognised within the retail property and retail industries. They reward excellence in retail-led developments and recognise projects that regenerate the local environment, create new jobs, and provide a sustainable future for local communities.

Cabot Circus - Hammerson and Land Securities' retail centre in Bristol - won the BCSC Supreme Gold Award for 2008.

Gold Award winners
Supreme Gold Winner
Cabot Circus, Bristol

In-Town Retail Scheme
(300,000 sq ft or less)
St Pancras International, London

In-Town Retail Scheme
(more than 300,000 sq ft)

- Cabot Circus, Bristol
- Highcross Leicester
- Victoria Square, Belfast

Out-of-Town Retail Scheme
Silverburn, Glasgow

For more information:
bcsc.org.uk/goldawards

BCSC CONFERENCE AND SHOWCASE 2008

2,800 delegates from across the retail property and retail industries attended the BCSC 'Create' Conference and Showcase 2008 (10-12 November at the ACC in Liverpool), which also celebrated BCSC's 25th year.

For the first time BCSC introduced a Public Sector Hub, comprising local authorities, the National Retail Planning Forum and public agencies, alongside the 100 organisations exhibiting new developments, designs and opportunities. The Hub provided a unique opportunity for local authorities to interact with key figures in the retail property industry and discuss opportunities for redevelopment and regeneration in towns and cities across the UK.



BCSC President Martyn Chase and Conference Chairman Sir Stuart Hampson introduced a distinguished line-up of speakers including Rt Hon. the Lord Heseltine CH and Chief Executive of Tesco, Sir Terry Leahy. Former Deputy Prime Minister Lord Heseltine called for a 'bonfire of controls' on local authorities and the restoration of decision-making powers to them as part

of a major overhaul of the way in which local government is organised and funded in order to reinvigorate provincial Britain.

Sir Terry outlined the significant contribution that retail plays in the lives of people across the country in terms of investing in jobs and training. He emphasised the responsibility that retailers have towards fighting the impact of climate change and engaging with their local communities.

In order to promote further community involvement, 65 schoolchildren from across Merseyside were invited to attend the conference, giving them a first-hand look at the future of retailing and shopping centres.

BCSC in Westminster

BCSC is the organisation representing retailers, developers, landlords, architects, agents and local authorities - all sections of the industry with an interest in the managed retail environment. BCSC activity includes reviewing legislation, disseminating information and developing policy appropriate for this industry.

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To make contact with the retail property industry in your locality, to discuss the impact of legislation on shopping centres large or small in your area, or to understand the retail economy and the people it serves in your constituency, please contact BCSC on 020 7222 1122.

GOING GREEN AND SAVING SPACE: THE FUTURE OF FREIGHT CONSOLIDATION

BCSC has published a report on *Freight Consolidation and Remote Storage*, highlighting the potential benefits and challenges of implementing freight consolidation centre (FCC) schemes, including both commercial and environmental advantages.

FCC schemes provide shopping centres with a convenient local storage location which - although remote from the shopping centre - is closer than national or regional individual store warehouses. This kind of storage facility reduces congestion in large cities and town centres, as delivery trucks can be smaller and more environmentally friendly due to their relatively local location. Shopping centres already operating the FCC scheme have

reported that there have been savings of up to 25,000km driven by delivery trucks, subsequently reducing carbon emissions.

The scheme is currently in operation in Sheffield's Meadowhall, where participating large retailers have found they can operate with an on-site stock room of 1-2% of their total floor area, in comparison to the traditional 30% found in many retail units.

The report reinforces BCSC's position as a thought leader in promoting economic and environmental solutions to support sustainable communities.

To download a copy of the report, visit www.bcsc.org.uk/publications



SCOTLAND NETWORKING

On 12 February 2009 BCSC will host its annual Scottish Annual Dinner with guests from the retail property, retail and business sectors. The event will be attended by around 500 senior level decision makers and a range of service providers - an excellent opportunity to meet potential partners, advocates and supporters in retail and retail property.

To join us at the event, please contact the BCSC events team on 020 7227 1122 or events@bcsc.org.uk.



QUICK LINKS

BCSC MP Portal: www.bcsc.org.uk/mpportal for research, statistics, industry news, pipeline developments in your constituency

BCSC Sustainability Portal: www.bcsc.org.uk/sustainability for updates on sustainability, community engagement and corporate social responsibility in the retail property sector

BCSC Charter: www.bcsc.org.uk/charter offering sustainability guidelines and good practice for the industry

BCSC website: www.bcsc.org.uk the voice of retail property, with 2800+ members: a forum for debate, networking and idea exchange

RAISING THE GAME FOR MEDIUM-SIZED AND SMALLER TOWNS

The last 20 years have seen a major decline in the retail offer in medium-sized and smaller towns. Many have been overtaken by changing consumer demand and shopping habits. Consumers have rising expectations seeking more choice, greater security and easier access, which are not met in many of these smaller locations. Shoppers are prepared to travel longer distances to meet these needs in larger towns and out-of-town locations, which are attracting increasing proportions of retail spend. This has led to erosion in the retail offer and the overall economic base of smaller town centres.

The BCSC's 2004 *Smaller Towns* report highlighted the improvements in some major cities with the massive retail developments, raising concerns that there is a need to rebalance the retail hierarchy to achieve social inclusion, regeneration and sustainability objectives elsewhere. The challenge is to understand how this retail-led approach to urban renaissance can be delivered down the retail hierarchy. The 2009 update will look at how the challenges are being addressed and efforts are being made to halt decline.

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