

Sainsbury 's Dorridge – update for Dorridge and District Residents Association

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- Meetings are ongoing with the existing retailers in Forest Court about relocation, for those who want to stay.
- Doctors – meetings are being held with the doctors, architects and care trust to ensure that the proposal meets their requirements. A questionnaire is to be sent out to a cross section of patients as well as being available in the surgery reception, to gain important patient feedback.
- Sainsbury 's have met with individual members of the Dorridge community as and when requested to brief them on the plans, including the Junior School Head and Vicar at St Philip 's.
- On site investigation works will be carried out at Forest Court in the near future. This involves testing the ground and checking the condition of the soil. The testing is done with small boring rigs and will not cause disruption, however all retailers in Forest Court and nearby residents will be informed of the testing once dates have been confirmed.
- Traffic surveys have now been completed and are currently being analysed before the report is drawn up.
- Tests will be carried out in the near future to determine background noise levels around the site.
- The old shoe shop at 11 Station Approach has now been cleared, with over 1,200 pairs of shoes donated to Acorns Hospice shops. The building will undergo essential repairs before it is re-let.
- As requested at the last meeting a graph has been provided showing the comparison sizes for Sainsbury 's stores in the area.
- Sainsbury 's landscape consultants will be submitting a landscape scheme as part of the overall planning application. They are currently looking at the existing landscaping, what can be incorporated and what additions will be made.
- Further meetings have been had with the local authority.
- The architects are still fine tuning the plans ahead of submitting the application.
- Provision for cycle parking will be included in the plans, although the exact location is under discussion.
- Sainsbury 's is now aiming to submit the planning application at the end of May.