

# £15m Lanes project gets green light

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A £15 million plan to transform a forgotten corner of a historic part of Brighton has been given unanimous backing.

Brighton-based developer Centurion Group and West Register, part of the Royal Bank of Scotland Group, have spent the past 18 months drawing up plans for a scheme in the heart of The Lanes.

The centrepiece will be the creation of the area's first new lane for more than 30 years and the "liberation" of a "lost" 17th Century building.

Despite a last-minute listing of two properties, the revised plans received unanimous backing from [Brighton and Hove City Council](#)'s planning committee yesterday.

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Ed Allison-Wright, of Centurion Group, said: "I'm delighted that we not only had a successful result but a unanimous vote of approval.

"I'm pleased both as a stakeholder in the scheme and as a Brighton and Hove resident that we can now look forward to a much-needed major regeneration of the heart of Brighton's Lanes."

The scheme, which had to be dealt with in six separate planning applications, focuses on Brighton Square and a yard behind the former Hannington's department store in North Street.

It includes the revamp of the square as well as the creation of shops, offices, town houses and a 26-room boutique hotel leading to 115 new jobs.

A new lane will also link Meeting House Lane with Brighton Place, behind North Street.

But after a late 17th Century building known as Puget's Cottage received Grade II listed status earlier this year, developers had to scrap demolition plans.

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