

Willow Brook Centre, in the heart of Bradley Stoke, have announced plans extend the offer at the centre by developing areas of the car park to expand the range of retail and catering in the Town.

Following a detailed series of technical surveys that have included traffic, parking and utilities and a positive pre-planning process with South Gloucestershire Council, plans are being finalised to take account of the results of recent environmental surveys before a formal planning application is submitted during March, with a decision due by the end of May.

The planned development will be delivered in phases.

The first phase will see the introduction of an extended food and beverage offer at the centre and is planned to be trading early in 2019. Agents from Willow Brook are in advanced discussions with both McDonalds and Starbucks to trade in the units, offering seating and drive thru services.

The second phase will see an additional 30,000 square foot of retail space extending the retail terrace strip of retail park style tenants, as well as some reconfiguration to the car park.

Andy Wynn, Centre Manager at Willow Brook, said “We have been working on these plans for many months and it is exciting that we can now share them with our customers as we approach our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of opening. Our planning partners wrote to neighbours last week to begin a pre-planning consultation, I would encourage local stakeholders to take part in consultation.”

“We have had so many comments from customers over recent years, asking for more food and beverage offers and we are looking forward to being able to deliver these key amenities for the community. Currently there is insufficient F&B with seating leading to inconvenience and frustration for our customers.”

Comments or input on the proposed development can be raised directly with the Willow Brook planning team before plans are submitted ([planningenquiries@alderking.com](mailto:planningenquiries@alderking.com)).