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Plans for new Supermarket, Park & Ride and Major Infrastructure at Armadale Station lodged with West Lothian Council

A planning application has been lodged with West Lothian Council for a new supermarket at Armadale Station. This marks the first phase of a £200 million regeneration plan by developers, SDA Ltd, to bring more than 4,500 permanent jobs to the area, which is situated within the Armadale Core Development Area (CDA).

The 40,000 sq ft supermarket with car parking for 600 cars (400 at the supermarket and 200 for the park 'n' ride) amounts £25 million of investment in Armadale and will deliver 300 jobs. This forms one part of a new community development in South Armadale that will also include a new primary school, multiplex cinema, restaurants, retail, small business and industrial units, public parks and up to 1000 new homes – including up to 25% affordable housing.

Built adjacent to the new railway station and on land specifically designated for retail development, the proposed supermarket will capitalise on the road infrastructure currently under construction to facilitate access to the new station, the proposed park, park and ride scheme and bus-rail interchange. It is proposed that this will be open by December 2010.

The Armadale Station development is committed to delivering the essential infrastructure and amenities necessary to ensure that the vision of Armadale as a thriving growing community in the heart of the central belt of Scotland is delivered.

Local residents will be able to view the complete plans and offer their input at the upcoming Gala Day celebrations. An exhibition will take place between 6pm and 9pm on Friday 19th June in North Street at the street fair and also on Saturday 20th June at Watson Park.

Sandra Carter, of SDA, said:

“Having worked with the development team on this project for several years it is great to finally see things happening both on site and in the form of planning applications. Our vision is to create a sustainable community of shops, a school, parks, businesses and new homes that will stimulate economic growth and benefit this area of West Lothian.

“We believe that the concentration of community, business, employment and retail activity in the new Armadale Station Local Centre will reinforce the long term viability of both the new local centre and existing town centre and will maximise the potential for sustainable economic growth and regeneration for the town as a whole.”

She concluded:

“We believe our vision meets the objectives established by the community, planners and the politicians set out in the Local Plan for the expansion of the town and we hope people will come along to our Gala Day exhibition, view the plans and help us bring this part of South Armadale to life.”

The application is available for viewing at: www.armadalestation.co.uk

Notes to Editors

About Armadale Station

This proposed development of Armadale Station is focused around the new railway station, serving the Bathgate/Airdrie rail link, and due to become operational in December 2010.

The Armadale Core Development Area seeks to create a sustainable community of up to 2,000 houses and 35 hectares of employment land. Alongside the proposed supermarket, it is envisaged that the Armadale Station development will also include a range of other features, all focused around the new major public transport hub at Armadale Station:

- New primary school
- Small shops and offices
- Multiplex cinema with restaurants
- Hotel
- Nursing home
- Extensive public parks
- Business park and industrial estate
- Approximately 1,000 houses and flats, of which up to 250 will be affordable

An outline planning application for Armadale Station was submitted to West Lothian Council in October 2008.

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