

# Land project may be boost to town jobs

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A MULTI-million pound scheme to develop large chunks of derelict land near a local town has been unveiled.

London Brick Company has put forward major plans to develop 55 acres of land to the west of fast-growing Whittlesey.

The project — based on mainly disused land owned by the company — includes a new supermarket, restaurant and petrol filling station.

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And developers say more businesses could come in to snap up the proposed retail warehouses and space on business and industrial parks — creating new jobs for the area.

For local residents the plans could also mean the solution to a long running

traffic problem in the town.

Included in the scheme is a proposal for a bridge over the railway at King's Dyke to ease traffic congestion on the A605 which runs through the proposed development.

The plans include a scheme to alter the A605 slightly to lead vehicles gently into the bridge.

A roundabout further along the road would ease any problems for traffic turning into the business and industrial sites.

The plan incorporates a 17,000 foot square petrol filling station and a 40,000 foot square food-store.

Dickens Watts and Dade, agents for London Brick, say the massive scheme could provide a major facelift for the town.

Associate partner Paul Farrow said: "We're sure it would be a good thing all round for the town. Travelling to Whittlesey from the west is a bit dreary and this development would change that."

"Businesses which perhaps find Peterborough too expensive it would be ideal because there is easy access to the A1."

Fenland District Council are set to consider the planning application and if permission is given the scheme would be completed in a few years.