

# News

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## **Planning application submitted for Colwyn Bay redevelopment**

Muse Developments has submitted a planning application for the first phase of a town centre scheme in Colwyn Bay, North Wales.

The application relates to a new office building for Conwy County Borough Council, plus 354 car parking spaces, and follows a period of public consultation earlier this year. The town centre site on Conway Road is currently occupied by surface car parking and an existing office building.

The proposed new four-storey, BREEAM Excellent, 95,000 sq ft office building could accommodate around 750 staff and replace up to thirteen existing offices.

The project will enable the Council to operate more efficiently, reduce its carbon footprint and improve services for customers, by consolidating staff and services onto fewer sites.

Muse has also submitted an additional planning application for a new 167-space surface car park to provide enhanced facilities at Parc Eirias.

National developer and urban regeneration specialist, Muse, was selected as the Council's preferred development partner in September 2015 following a competitive procurement process.

Wes Erlam, development director at Muse Developments, said: "We're working in partnership with the Council to deliver this forward-thinking project which will help them improve services, operate more efficiently from a significantly reduced number of offices and reduce their carbon footprint. Submitting a planning application is a significant milestone in realising this important project.

"Not only will the scheme provide much-needed new office accommodation for the Council, it will also improve the physical environment and act as a catalyst for the wider regeneration of Colwyn Bay town centre."

Cllr Dilwyn Roberts, Leader, Conwy County Borough Council said: "The project is progressing well and I'm pleased that the planning application has now been submitted. The proposal for the new office building is a key part of our vision to revitalise the town."

The second phase includes plans to redevelop an existing Grade II Listed civic building to the east of the town.