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## **CRC SELLS CITY CAMPUS FOR AMBITIOUS SINGLE SITE REDEVELOPMENT**

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**Cambridge Regional College (CRC) has sold its prime city centre site to Berkley Homes for a residential development, in order to progress the plans for a single site campus at Kings Hedges Road.**

The College has sold the 4.05 acre Brunswick site on Newmarket Road and will be consolidating all its facilities at the Science Park campus. Work is due to start on this exciting £23million development in March of this year, with a completion date forecasted as May 2009. New facilities will be built for Hairdressing and Beauty Therapy, Catering & Hospitality, Motor Vehicle and Sports & Public Services, as well as providing a new reception area.

Chris Lang, the Director of Finance & Resources and the Vice Principal at CRC said, "This move not only releases a great deal of value for the College, it also gives us the opportunity to build new teaching facilities from scratch, so our students can benefit from modern, purpose-built facilities".

Plans include new classrooms and training facilities, as well as separate professional studios for Hair and Beauty's commercial use. Catering will benefit from a new restaurant and a bistro for use by College staff and the public. A new Motor Vehicle workshop will be built, which will not only provide a dedicated

space for training, but it will also free up space for the Academy of Construction to use. An additional sports hall will be constructed, to accommodate more indoor sports, and a brand new reception and will be built to provide a professional and attractive entrance for visitors.

The College will continue to provide a full range of courses in Hairdressing & Beauty, Catering and Literacy/Numeracy in the existing, high standard facilities at the Newmarket Road campus until June 2009, when they will be transferred to the new facilities.

The city centre site is expected to be a residential development, providing more than 100 homes on the last prime riverside site. Savills Eastern Region Planning and Development Teams advised the College on the deal. Tim Deacon, Head of Savills' Development in Cambridge comments: "This is a unique city centre site, not only because of its size, but also because of the views over the river and Midsummer Common. CRC had, of course, a great deal of interest from national developers but Berkeley Homes was chosen, not only on the basis of the offer made, but because as developers they have the expertise and experience to deliver a high quality development of contemporary homes."

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