

CHANGING FACE OF YOUR CITY

TWO multi-million pound developments that would see new hotels, homes, offices and shops built within half a mile of each other in Cardiff city centre have been unveiled.

The first scheme centres on land at the junction of Churchill Way and Bridge Street, while the second is planned for nearby Adam Street. Two popular Cardiff pubs, the Traders Tavern and the Vulcan, face demolition to make way for the schemes.

Ivor Holdings has submitted an outline application for the Churchill Way site currently housing offices, shops, a pub and a car park. It wants to build 155 private apartments, a hotel, offices and shops with an atrium entrance.

The developer said: "The site is one of the last remaining undeveloped city centre sites. With the St David's 2 improvements in the area there is a real opportunity to create a high quality development."

Meanwhile Marcol Asset Management, which is based at the same address as Ivor Holdings in Churchill Way, has submitted two applications – one outline and one detailed – for a site in Adam Street bounded by Pellet Street, Dyffryn Street, Garth Street and Morgan Street.

This would be developed in two phases, with new buildings up to 20 storeys high. It would include hundreds of student apartments, shops or bars and restaurants, and a 200-bed hotel with conference facilities and offices.

Cardiff's city centre manager, Paul Williams, said the two new developments would probably sit well with the other big schemes in the city centre.

"A mixed development is probably the right one for this area because of what is going on around it. The David Street car park next door will also be demolished after the St David's 2 development is completed. The regeneration of this area is needed because this area looks rather dated.

"The site at Adam Street is opposite the new University of Glamorgan building and the development of student accommodation would link with an expected increase in the number of students attending it."

The Echo tried several times to contact Derek Rapport of Ivor Holdings but he was said to be away and unavailable for comment.

The applications are expected to be considered by council planners later this year.

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