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## **Southampton office space expanding**

Southampton City Centre is due to see a huge expansion in new office space in the next 2 years.

A brand new office development occupying a gateway into the city at Charlotte Place will soon to be available providing a total of 7,670 sq m of air-conditioned office space with the benefit of 80 private and 80 public car parking spaces. The office development is situated next to the new Jury's Inn which opened earlier in 2005.

The 0.69 hectare Mayflower Plaza mixed use development adjacent to the Mayflower Theatre is due to start construction in the second quarter of 2006. The scheme will comprise 10,500 sq m of total office space in an 8-storey block fronting Commercial Road with car parking provision for office staff, along with 196 flats in a 15-storey block along West Park Road, 2 restaurants, and car parking provision for office staff and residents. The residential units will include 27% affordable housing.

The development will have strong architectural features being designed in a 'v' shape with 2 blocks stepping from 8 to 15 storeys with the entrance facing Watts Park. An open landscaped courtyard will occupy the central gap between the 2 wings of the building.

The development will enhance the area and help improve views across the city and its skyline. It is consistent with Southampton City Council's Urban Design Strategy with a dynamic design and use of good quality modern materials.

Another prestigious stand-alone new office development in Dorset Street is also proposed. The striking building design has

2,282 sq m office space spread over 4 floors and is in a successful business district in the city. The new offices are expected to be available in autumn 2006.

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