

Masterplan is drawn up for derelict site at Dornoch

A MASTERPLAN for the development of the derelict Dornoch abattoir site is to be unveiled later this month.

Owners Aberdeen and Northern Marts Group (ANM) commissioned architects and planning consultants Halliday Fraser Munro to come up with ideas for the 1.06 hectare site at Shore Road.

The firm's "Dornoch South Masterplan" is to be put on display at a public exhibition on Tuesday, 29th July.

Dornoch abattoir closed in January 2010 with the loss of 29

jobs and an estimated £500,000 in wages to the area.

The substantial site has since fallen into a state of disrepair and has been described as an "eyesore" by local people.

ANM lodged plans in 2012 for a 2500 square metre supermarket at the site but said at the time it was not working with any food retailer and the redevelopment was a speculative move.

But the supermarket plan was given a lukewarm response with 24 representations against it. Objectors maintained it would be overkill in a town where there

are already three grocery stores.

ANM submitted a revised planning application in March 2013, with the area earmarked for food retail much reduced in size.

The fresh application was still for a 2500 square metre retail space but with no more than 750 square metres for use as a food/convenience store.

However, that application was refused in May of that year.

The latest plans will be on display in Dornoch Social Club's main hall between noon and 7pm.

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