

# News

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## Jobs boost for Larkhall

Employment opportunities are to be significantly boosted in Larkhall following the decision by South Lanarkshire Council to grant planning consent in principle to Muse Developments for the delivery of a £55 million mixed-use development in the town.

More than 250 jobs could be created as Muse develops a 55-acre site which will incorporate an ASDA supermarket and additional new facilities.

Alongside the 31,500 sq ft supermarket, it is envisaged that around 300 modern homes, a care home, children's nursery, restaurant and medical centre will be delivered. The move signifies the culmination of a comprehensive programme of community engagement which raised awareness of the company's proposals for the site.

Up to 160 full and part-time employment opportunities will be available through ASDA with a further 100 in the course of the wider development.

Bruce Lindsay, senior development surveyor at Muse Developments who is responsible for overseeing the delivery of the 'Cherryhill' project, said: "We are delighted that South Lanarkshire Council has recognised the real benefits that will be brought to Larkhall and its community through our scheme.

"Throughout the planning process, Muse and ASDA worked hard to engage with residents, the community council, local businesses and South Lanarkshire Council and we are now looking forward to progressing to the next phase in the delivery of our programme to provide the new supermarket, houses and supporting facilities."

Philip Bartram, property communications manager for ASDA said: "We are delighted with the decision which gives the green light to a significant investment in Larkhall. ASDA is looking forward to bringing more choice and competition to the local area as well as creating significant employment opportunities for local people."

It is intended that work will commence on site in autumn 2011.

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