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Deal signed to transform old market

A city centre £100 million eco-development is one step closer.

Partners working to regenerate the old municipal fruit and veg market in Circus Street, Brighton, have signed a development agreement. The carbon neutral scheme, dubbed Grow Brighton, will bring together 180 "car-free" homes with offices, a Brighton University library, a home for South East Dance, a public events square, shops, restaurants, cafés and a creative industries market.

It is claimed the regeneration of a run-down part of the city will create up to 1,400 jobs and bring in half a billion pounds in the next ten years.

A community wind turbine, roofs covered in plants, rain water collection and irrigation and a solar power plant will form a major part of the scheme.

The partners are Brighton and Hove City Council, developers Cathedral Group, Downland Housing Association, part of Affinity Sutton, and the University of Brighton.

The architects are McAslan and Partners, responsible for the renovation of De La Warr Pavilion in Bexhill.