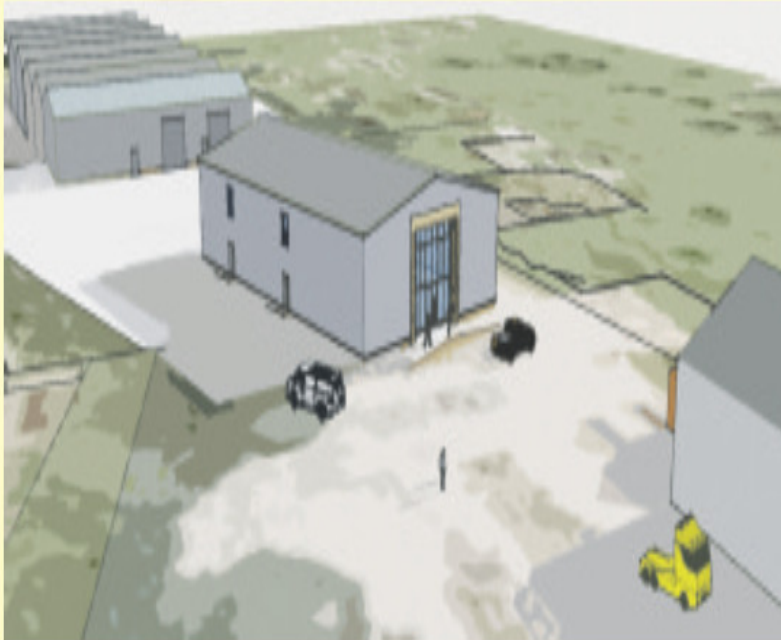


New Heating, Plumbing, Kitchen and Bathroom Centre approved at Forest Builders Merchant

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After their devastating fire last June the Forest & Wye Valley's leading Independent Timber & Builder's Merchant, Hale & Co of Drybrook received some welcome news last week from their Local Council. Their plans for a dedicated Heating, Plumbing, Kitchen and Bathroom Centre were approved.

This Centre will complete the final stage of a rebuilding project started just weeks after the fire.

There will be a spacious self selection area in the Heating and Plumbing Trade Counter area with large back up stocks situated in adjoining Stores and Warehouses

As a Main Rayburn Studio and Multi fuel Stove Centre a display area will be installed featuring a working Rayburn unit and wood burning stoves by Aga, Stovax and Broseley, amongst others.

This department is led by Dave Holloway and Trevor Price and ably assisted by Pauline Pritchard.

It is planned to relocate the highly successful Kitchen & Bathroom Studio to the top floor of the new centre where customers will find a large display area and a full estimating and planning service provided by Kevin Steer and Darren Gwilliam.

An Insulation and Drainage Warehouse has already been built in the lower yard which provides improved storage facilities for quality building materials supplied by the likes of Polypipe, Clarksteel, Superglass, Kingspan and Cellotex.

A major benefit to their customers in Gloucestershire, Monmouthshire and Herefordshire will be the development of new Goods Inwards and outwards departments and associated Warehousing operations. This will further improve the effectiveness of the speedy and efficient delivery service already provided by the Hales fleet of eleven variously sized vehicles.

The artist's impression illustrates how the development will look on completion which is scheduled to be this summer.