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Major Sovereign Hills development announced

Hastings Co-op joined Lewis Land Group (LLG) today in unveiling the blueprint for stage one of the Sovereign Hills town centre, which will feature a full Hastings Co-op IGA supermarket with a hardware and liquor offering.

The highly-anticipated development at the junction of Main Street and John Oxley Drive will eventually provide more than 25,000 square metres of amenity to the growing Sovereign Hills community and beyond.

Chief executive officer Allan Gordon said Hastings Co-op was proud to be part of such an exciting development.

"The store will become an integral part of the Hastings Co-op family of businesses and provide a much-needed facility for residents of Sovereign Hills and the wider Hastings," he said.

"When complete, we expect to create around 100 new jobs from management to entry level positions right throughout the store.

"Uniquely, our store will incorporate a full-service hardware store where customers will be able to buy everything from a hammer to landscaping supplies.

"Covering more than 600 square metres, the hardware component will add a great dimension to our offering."

Stage 1 of the Sovereign Hills town centre will comprise 4,500 square metres of retail space surrounded by landscaped areas, growing in stages to more than 25,000 square metres.

Stage 1 is proposed to be open for business in late 2019 and construction is expected to start in early 2018.

LLG chief executive officer Chris Calvert said "the town centre development will be the thriving heart of the Sovereign Hills community, providing practical amenity and an environment for people to relax and connect, as well as community facilities and entertainment."

"We promised the residents of Sovereign Hills the convenience of their very own town centre and we're delighted to take the next step in delivering this critical piece of infrastructure," Mr Calvert said.

"We are equally as excited about the local employment opportunities this development will generate both during and post the construction phase."

Upon completion, the Sovereign Hills master planned community will be home to 2,000-plus new residences, onsite schools, childcare, recreation facilities and the new town centre.