

# DETAILS EMERGE OF NORTHERN IRELAND'S LARGEST OFFICE BUILDING

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Details and images have emerged of plans to build the largest single office building in Northern Ireland, with the £65m project expected to accommodate up to 3,000 staff.

One Bankmore Square is earmarked for the Movie House cinema site in Belfast city centre.

The Richland Group is behind the scheme, which will comprise 255,000 sq ft of grade A office space and include ground floor cafe, retail and leisure units.

Located on Dublin Road, the 12-storey development would create more than 570 construction jobs and, upon completion, have enough space to accommodate up to 3,000 workers.

The proposal also includes the wider transformation of Bankmore Square into a public open space with the potential for an outdoor cinema and public art exhibitions.



Plans for the project will go to public consultation on the 6 and 7 February 2017.

Gary McCausland, chief executive of Richland Group, said: "We believe that Belfast needs a world-class grade A office development of this scale, a scheme that has the potential to attract and keep the biggest and most successful companies on the planet.

"We have assembled a brilliant home-grown professional team to deliver this exciting project with Farrans joining us as delivery partners.

"One Bankmore Square will inject tens of millions of pounds into the local economy, create thousands of jobs, rejuvenate a very important part of Belfast city centre and add incredible value to people that live and work in Belfast and indeed Northern Ireland.



"It's time to think outside the box, it's time to think big, it's time to really get on the world stage and deliver the solutions and space that blue-chip companies demand and that is exactly what we intend to do."

John Wilson, managing director of Farrans Construction, believes the development will become Belfast's "biggest and best office scheme".