

## Tallaght Town Centre - The Beginning (1985 – 1995)

By the mid 1980's the majority of the New Town was built, apart from the Town Centre. The development brief (1979) for the Town Centre advanced a framework which would facilitate a wide range of development decisions. It recognised that a low-density form of development was likely until the demand for land in the centre reached a certain level. While the brief contains guidelines on the various Town Centre components and uses, circulation and access, public transport, pedestrian routes, squares and spaces, building form and materials, a notable aspect in the brief is the absence of the word "street".



However, it required the first Urban Renewal Tax Incentive Scheme to kick start the development. The Square Retail Shopping Centre, at the time one of the largest in the State, opened in 1990.



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## A New County

Following Local Government re-organisation in 1994, South Dublin County was created with Tallaght designated as the County Town. The development of the Council Headquarters along with the 3rd Level Tallaght Regional College (now the Tallaght Institute of Technology), followed by Tallaght Hospital completed the first major phase of the Town Centre development.