

# Shopping so much safer now

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A NEW security control room at Edmonton Green shopping centre has been unveiled as part of the £100m regeneration of the area.

The control room has a number of measures to make the shopping centre a safer place. They include:

- Space to monitor the 104 CCTV cameras
- Equipment which allows images to be monitored on a 24-hour basis, over 18 screens, to give comprehensive live footage of activity around the centre
- A police viewing area that will enable police to watch recordings while live

monitoring takes place

● Direct links to the CCTV control centre in Edmonton. This will allow sharing of video images should a suspect need to be pursued outside the centre – helping security further afield in Edmonton Green.

A core objective for developers of Edmonton Green is to improve the commercial and social aspects of the area.

Development manager Rupert Wood, said: "Regenerating Edmonton Green has not just focused on physical buildings and new facilities.

"The community and visitors also need to feel safe."

The police are also sup-



**Andy Love, MP for Edmonton, is pictured visiting the centre recently with PC Damien Braganza**

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porting the developments, and in addition to the control room they are providing two dedicated Police Community Support Officers for the centre, as well as the on-site security team which operates on a 24-hour basis.

Police constable Damien Braganza, from the Safer Neighbourhood Team, said: "Edmonton Green shopping

centre security has been working together with the Edmonton ward Safer Neighbourhood Team for the past two years in a successful effort to reduce crime.

"The investment of the new CCTV control room and additional cameras around the centre will no doubt ensure that crime will continue to drop."