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News - 13 February 2012

Brighton city centre retail vacancy rate Jan 2012

The first retail vacancy rate survey of 2012 has been completed and there are some surprising results.

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The current rate of retail voids in Brighton city centre stands at 6.03%, that's a drop from the September survey of nearly 1 percentage point.

The shop front vacancy rate survey takes in the entire prime pitch of the city centre and covers business from Montpelier Road in the west through to Trafalgar Street in the east and encompasses the main retail areas down to Kings Road.

Although the overall picture is positive for the city, some roads have fared worse than others, with North Street taking the largest hit with 5 additional units becoming vacant in the last quarter.

The independent retail sector however grew in the BID area (the city's **Business Improvement District; Brilliant Brighton**) by 1 percentage point since the last report whereas the independent sector in the city centre as a whole actually contracted by 3 percentage points of the available units. To download the full report, click on the link below.

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