

Wrenbridge in 'doorstep deal' for Barclays branch

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Wrenbridge has bought the former Barclays Bank building in the city centre for an undisclosed price.

Ben Coles, chief executive of Shelford-based Wrenbridge, said: "We love doing deals on our doorstep and this is a great example. What we have bought into here is fantastic.

"Our plans are flexible but revolve around a good quality restaurant on the lower levels which will complement the local uses in the area and on the upper floors some of the best residential or

student accommodation in the city." Barclays will be moving out of the Bene't Street building this summer.

A planning application will then be made, meanwhile, Wrenbridge has said they would like to hear from anyone with ideas for the site.

This may include Raymond Blanc, who, as the *News* reported last week, is looking in Cambridge for a site to open a restaurant. The agents are Savills for the residential element, and Smith Price for the restaurant/retailer.

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