Buildozers level way for Verwoerd Square



Model: an architect's impression of Verwoerd Square.

DEMOLITION of buildings

has started to make way for the city council's Verwoerd Square project — the first step in the ambitious city core scheme — on the block bounded by Church, Van der Walt, Vermeulen and Prinsloo streets.

Bulldozers are busy levelling the land between Garlicks and the old Sammy Marks Building, which will be preserved together with adjacent George Kynoch Building.

Space will be set aside in the south-eastern corner of Verwoord Square for the HF Verwoerd Trust, which intends putting up a statue or column in honour of the late

prime minister.

The city council at the end of last year accepted an offer from Murray and Roberts Properties for the terrain's redevelopment.

A city council spokesman said today excavations on the terrain were expected to start in November, with actual building work starting "early next year".

The project should be completed in 1993.