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How Submits Plans For Major Regeneration Scheme For Chesterfield

Acting on behalf of Chesterfield Waterside Ltd, a Joint venture between Bolsterstone plc, Arnold Laver and Chesterfield Borough Council, Manchester based HOW Planning has submitted an outline planning application for a £300 million pound mixed use regeneration scheme in Chesterfield, Derbyshire.



The site, known as Chesterfield Waterside, is made up of land within the A61 and Chesterfield Canal Corridor. The former industrial area

has been specifically allocated as an Area of Major Change by the Council. An employment and residential led mixed-use regeneration scheme is proposed for the 25ha site which is expected to create approximately 2000 jobs.

Says Jon Suckley, Principal Planner at HOW Planning: "This is a hugely exciting prospect for Chesterfield, especially at a time when so much development seems to be slowing. It opens up a huge area of redundant land which will be transformed into a thriving new district, helping to create new jobs, providing new housing as well as services that will help support these homes."

The new waterside development stretches along the A61 corridor on the edge of Chesterfield town centre and already benefits from its proximity to the train station and major road networks. Much of the old industrial site has already been cleared paving the way for the new scheme.

In addition to new residential, retail and office accommodation (see notes) the development will include a doctor's surgery, crèche, two hotels, a health & fitness facility, a nursing home and two 6 storey multi-storey car parks as well as financial/professional services, restaurants, drinking and hot food establishments. All will be incorporated within seven distinct character areas, which will help to create a vibrant new community.



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A new canal link into the Chesterfield Canal will enhance the waterside environment and will be complemented by open space including a linear park and eco-park as well as high quality new public realm space.

The project will be delivered by Chesterfield Waterside Ltd, a partnership between Chesterfield Borough Council, and Urbo, the specialist regeneration company owned by local Developer Bolsterstone PLC, and Arnold Laver Group.

Peter Swallow, Chairman of Chesterfield Waterside commented 'This is a large and complex application, involving an extensive professional team, which has been very effectively managed by HOW' 'The application is due to be determined early in 2010, and assuming Outline consent is in place, we look forward to working with HOW and the rest of the team in the delivery phase, which is likely to be a period of 10-15 years.

HOW Planning prepared an extensive Environmental Impact Assessment Statement for the scheme, particularly taking into account water resources in relation to the new canal and flooding issues. All environmental work has been fed into the schemes masterplan, produced by EDAW, and has formed a fundamental aspect of how the plan has been put together.

HOW also carried out all planning and retail work for the application which has been submitted in outline with all matters reserved except for means of access.

NOTES:

The application includes plans for:

- 1550 residential houses/apartments
- 2200 sq m retail space
- 30,350 sq m of office accommodation