

What happens to the site in the meantime?

SEEDA and the development partners are keen to make Woolston Riverside a vibrant and exciting area, which complements and contributes to the existing community of Woolston. In order to achieve this, it will take time as there are various regulations to adhere to and approvals to be obtained. We also want to ensure that there is time allowed to listen to your views and ideas and incorporate these into the scheme.

Although it looks like there is no activity currently on site, on-going testing and monitoring for contaminated materials is being undertaken. A programme to clear up the site is being planned in order to prepare the site for development. As soon as all the necessary approvals are obtained and the site is cleared, building will commence.

Exhibition

If you would like to meet the development partners and look at their proposals, we encourage you to attend the exhibition at St Marks Institute, 37 Victoria Road, Woolston on the following dates:

Thursday, 1st March: 4pm-8pm

Friday, 2nd March: 9.30am-8pm

Saturday, 3rd March: 10am-5pm

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Update on Woolston Riverside - Newsletter 5

Since the previous Woolston Riverside newsletter in spring 2006, the South East England Development Agency's (SEEDA's) appointed development partners (Crest Nicholson and Dean & Dyball) have been working up detailed plans for the comprehensive redevelopment of the former Vosper Thornycroft site in Woolston. This newsletter provides an update on progress to date.

Planning Approval

In August 2006, Southampton City Council (SCC) resolved to grant planning permission for the exciting Woolston Riverside mixed-use scheme (ref 05/00816/OUT). This includes:

- a marine employment quarter providing new jobs;
- an extension to the existing residential community with approximately 1,500 new homes;
- community facilities, which include a new library and health facilities;
- public and open space;
- food, drink and retail outlets;
- new transport connections;
- improvements to the river walls and associated flood defences; and
- access to the water.

The planning brief and approval provides the framework for detailed proposals to be drawn up and presented to SCC for full planning consent.

Community facilities will play an important part in the scheme and the development partners are currently in discussions with SCC and Southampton City Primary Care Trust about what type of buildings and facilities might be built.

In the meantime, SEEDA has also been in detailed discussions with Southern Water to ensure that essential improvements are made to the existing sewage works located to the south of the site, in order to improve the operation of the facility and to mitigate the current odour issues.



Development Partners

Crest Nicholson and Dean & Dyball were selected by SEEDA because of their commitment to high quality design and their desire to combine the new development with the existing Woolston community.

Crest Nicholson is a residential and mixed-use developer whose emphasis is on creating vibrant and sustainable communities. Crest is committed to working in partnership with SEEDA and the community to deliver this inspiring and exciting project. They will be focusing on the residential communities and leisure facilities that the site has to offer.



Dean & Dyball is a multi-disciplinary construction and property development group, based in Ringwood, Hampshire. It has developed a range of marine facilities in the area over many years and will be focusing on the marine employment quarter of the site. This will provide a range of boat production and refit facilities, plus new offices, leisure and retail premises.

SEEDA will continue to be actively involved throughout all stages of the development, working closely with the development partners, SCC and the local community.

What Happens Next?



Crest Nicholson and Dean & Dyball are working up a detailed scheme. The intention is to submit a planning application to SCC in summer 2007.

In order to help them draw up their detailed proposals, they will be consulting fully with the local community and interest groups and will hold an exhibition at St Marks Institute, 37 Victoria Road, Woolston on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd of March 2007. Any feedback and comments regarding the scheme, as well as any concerns you may have, are all welcomed.

Future newsletters will come from the development partners as this will be the last one prepared by SEEDA. They will also be setting up a new website where you can view current information and submit any comments or queries you may have.