

# Now the Waterfront looks even better!

## New plans for £175m scheme

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### REVISED proposals for a major development in Huddersfield have been unveiled.

Developers of the £175m Waterfront Quarter scheme said the plans had been improved following public consultation.

The Waterfront Quarter will occupy a triangle of land bordered by Chapel Hill, Manchester Road and the River Colne.

The proposal includes 817,000sq ft of offices, shops and flats, with the potential to create up to 2,000 jobs in the town.

The site also takes in a mile-long stretch of the Huddersfield Narrow Canal.

The revised scheme has been submitted to Kirklees Council by developers Ramsden and Colne Developments.

It is expected to come before a meeting of the council's planning committee for Huddersfield on September 21.

The project has been revised following a two-day public presentation at Huddersfield Town Hall and further talks with British Waterways, English Heritage and Huddersfield Civic Society.

Paul Sheen, of Ramsden and Colne Developments, said: "The original scheme was warmly welcomed and 98% of the comments at the public presentation were hugely supportive."

"However, a few issues arose which we have addressed in the revised planning application."

Changes to the scheme include opening up the canal, which now runs in a tunnel through the site.

The height of some buildings has been reduced to lessen the impact on properties on Manchester Road.

And the public square at the heart of the development has been moved.

Mr Sheen said: "These suggestions all made perfect sense. There is no doubt that their incorporation into the overall development will enhance it."

"This is one of the most important developments in the recent history of Huddersfield and it is crucial that we get it absolutely right."

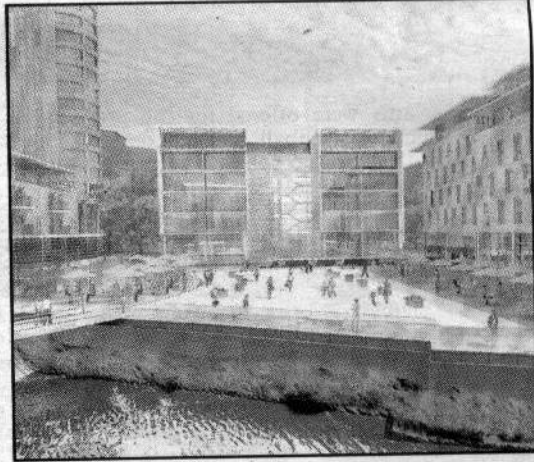
The revised planning application features nearly 300,000sq ft of modern offices and 460,000sq ft of residential flats.



■ **NEW LOOK:** An architect's drawing of the latest ideas for Huddersfield's Waterfront Quarter



■ **REVAMP:** The Waterfront Quarter will look like this when it is complete; and David Armitage (inset)



"This is an extremely exciting development that should play a major role in the regeneration of Huddersfield town centre."

"Crucially, the Waterfront Quarter will be a development by Huddersfield developers with Huddersfield's interests at heart."

The Ramsden and Colne team, which includes property consultant Knight Frank and Leeds-based DLG

resources and experience to such an exceptional project."

Mr Gardner said the development would act as a spur for wider regeneration of the south-west sector of the town centre.

If the plans are approved work will begin on site next spring.

The scheme is expected to take three to four years.

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