

## First aerial glimpse of Waterfront Quarter

# £200m NEW LOOK

## Now for the planners to decide!

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### PLANS for a £200m development in Huddersfield have been submitted for approval.

Final proposals for the ambitious Waterfront Quarter have been handed to Kirklees Council officials.

Work on the scheme — billed as one of the UK's biggest urban renewal projects — could begin early next year if councillors give their backing.

The Waterfront Quarter will include 750,000sq ft of offices, flats, restaurants, cafes, a hotel, a gym and a creche.

Developers believe the scheme will generate up to 2,000 jobs when completed.

The Waterfront Quarter will cover a triangle of industrial land now occupied by Sellers Engineers. The company plans to move to a smaller site.

The site is bounded by Chapel Hill, Manchester Road and the River Colne. It includes a mile-long stretch running alongside the river and the Huddersfield Narrow Canal.

The scheme also includes a canal basin and a canal boat passing point.

The scheme, designed by DLG Architects, has taken more than 18 months to draw up.

Developer Ramsden and Colne Developments has consulted local people, council members, highways officials and others groups.

These groups have included British Waterways, English Heritage and Huddersfield Civic Society over the proposals.

Ramsden and Colne spokesman Paul Sheen said: "Due to its unusually

close proximity to the town centre, the process has involved more detailed consultation, with a number of expert groups and more than 18 months of detailed planning.

"We feel confident these final proposals will deliver the most viable, effective and beneficial environment for the community."

Mike Dove, a partner at property agents Knight Frank, which will market the development, said: "This showpiece project is of regional and national significance.

"The Waterfront Quarter will provide a destination comparable to the very best regeneration schemes already undertaken at Clarence Dock in Leeds and Sheffield's Heart of the City.

"We know there is massive pent-up demand for better quality employment, residential and leisure accommodation close to the facilities of central Huddersfield.

"The Waterfront Quarter will address this from local investors and others outside the town."