

Queen Street

Proposals are being drawn up for development on The Brook at the Queen Street/Slicketts Hill car parks. An outline planning application is being prepared for a mixed-use scheme. The proposals will include both retail and residential uses, which draws on the aspiration from the Chatham Centre and Waterfront Development Brief 2008.

There are plans to carry out a pre-planning application consultation soon – so please look out for dates and locations on the Chatham Future website or in the local media.



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These projects are being paid for with the money Medway receives from the Homes and Communities Agency as a key region of the Thames Gateway.

The main ambition for Chatham

is to use this money to prepare the ground to encourage private sector investment in the years to come.

Overall, Chatham's regeneration schemes are complex and some

of the work will cause a certain amount of disruption.

However, steps are being taken to keep these disruptions to a minimum wherever possible.

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Competition winner names new route



Congratulations to Michael Sparkes, from Gillingham, whose submission *Waterfront Way* was picked from more than 300 entries to find a name for the new bus, taxi and cycle route in Chatham.

Michael's prize is £100 of shopping vouchers kindly donated by the Pentagon Centre.

The selection was made by Leader of Medway Council Cllr Rodney Chambers, from a shortlist drawn up by Medway's Regeneration Ambassadors.

The ambassadors are a team of 38 people, aged 18 to 80, who take a strong interest in the regeneration plans for Chatham and Medway as a whole. They have volunteered to spread the word about the achievements and ambitions of Medway's regeneration programme.



Winner - Michael Sparkes

Customer First

Chatham's regeneration has a dedicated hotline for all inquiries. Please phone Customer First on **01634 334567** or email to: **customer.first@medway.gov.uk**. Alternatively you can keep up-to-date with our programme, review the planning documents and read previous newsletters by logging on to www.medway.gov.uk/chathamfuture. Further information on the Medway Renaissance Regeneration Programme can be found at www.medwayrenaissance.com.

Waterfront Way



Work has already begun to clear the rubble of the flyover. Construction of the new bus, taxi and cycle route at ground level is well under way.

There will be major improvements to the pedestrian environment where the High Street crosses the new route. This will improve the connection between the two areas of High Street either side of Waterfront Way. High quality surfacing materials such as granite will be used to significantly improve the appearance of the streets and spaces. New street furniture and trees will also help raise quality and any unnecessary obstructions to pedestrian movement will be removed. The programme of work is running to schedule and Waterfront Way will be completed by the end of this year. Once the temporary bus route is de-commissioned, the re-instatement of the pedestrianised High Street from Manor Road to Medway Street will be completed in the new year.

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NEW DATES

Drivers will be able to park for free in car parks across Medway during the Christmas period.

Dates for free parking are:

Saturday 12 December 2009

Thursday 17 December 2009 (from 4pm)

Saturday 19 December 2009

Christmas Eve 2009

Further details can be found in the next edition of *Medway Matters*, or visit: www.medway.gov.uk/chathamfuture

Union Street

The proposed work comprises the realignment and improvement of Union Street and its junctions with A2 New Road, Best Street, High Street and The Brook, Chatham.

The scheme comprises part of a wider regeneration programme for Chatham town centre. These proposals are set out in the Chatham Centre and Waterfront Development Brief, adopted in August 2008.

The Union Street scheme will provide improved pedestrian crossing facilities and an inviting, attractive space for

pedestrians at this important entrance to Chatham town centre. The existing left-turn slip between The Brook and Upper High Street will be removed to provide more space for pedestrians.

Straightening and widening of Union Street will provide three traffic lanes in each direction, increasing traffic capacity. The works will affect the

Union Place car park and land adjoining Gala Bingo. A new access is proposed to serve the retained car park. The Upper High Street approach to Union Street will be restricted to buses, taxis and cycles only. Land occupied by Best Street and Union Street on the west side of the new road will be landscaped.

A planning application for the scheme was approved by the council's development control committee on 1 July, 2009.

It is proposed to start construction early in 2010.

