

Rochester Riverside Newsletter

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NOTE: Please note that Castle View Business Centre & Acorn Shipyard continue to trade as usual during these works

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Engineering works update

Construction activity at Rochester Riverside continues to build momentum. The council's engineering contractors, Edmund Nuttall/Van Oord Joint Venture, have now established their site accommodation and are completing their investigation works and design details.

They are starting the major infrastructure works, which include the construction of a 2.5km new river wall, creating two new creeks to enhance local biodiversity and cleaning and raising the land by an average of one metre to make it ready for redevelopment. After the land has been raised it will need to settle so it is sufficiently compacted to be built on.

To limit road usage into Rochester and to maximise recycling, the 700,000 tonnes of material needed for the land raising is partly crushed concrete from the demolition on site, as well as material dredged from



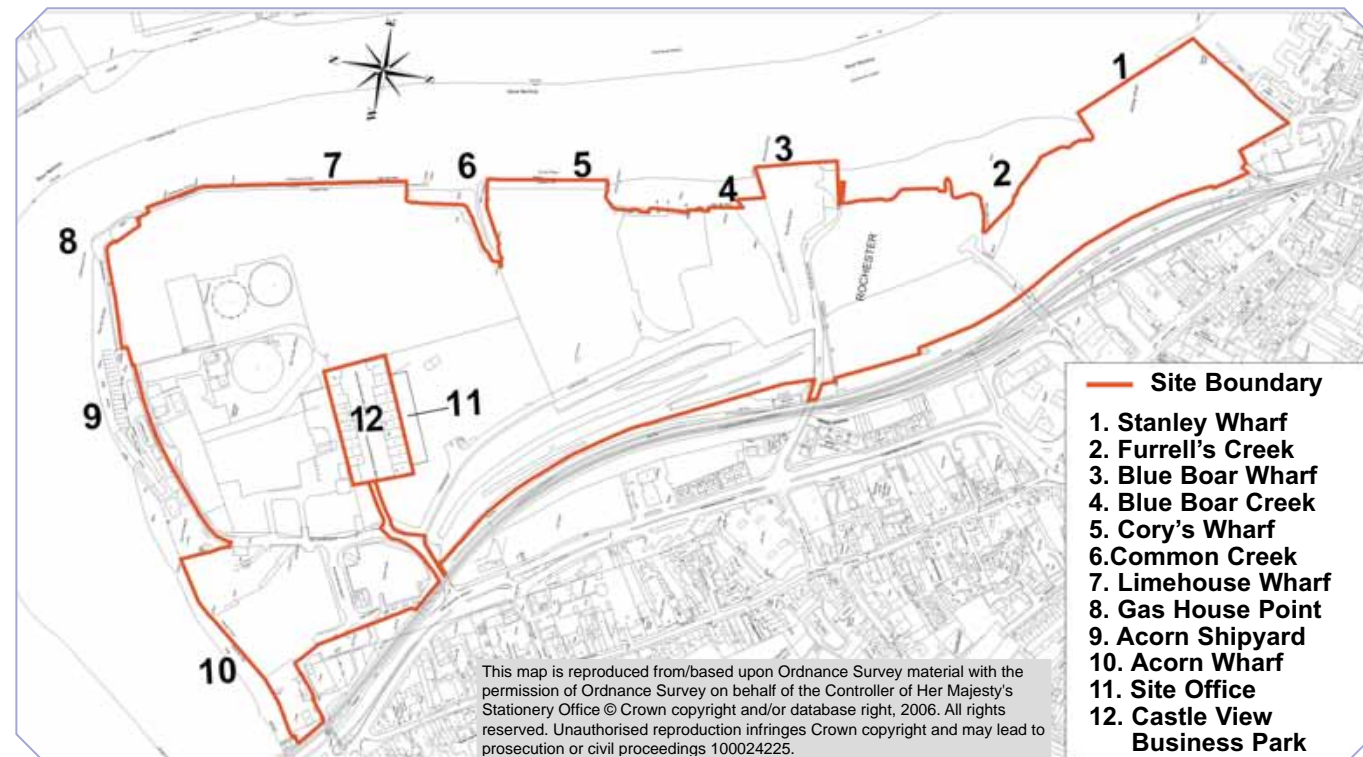
the River Thames, which will be brought onto site by river. Another way the contractor is recycling material and limiting waste removed from the site is to decontaminate land around the gas works using 'biopiles'; these are essentially large soil heaps that use live organisms to cleanse contaminated material so that it can be reused.

The programme

The engineering contractors will be on site for approximately two years, until early 2008. They will be working across the whole site but works will finish in stages starting at the southern end (Doust Way)

and moving progressively northwards (towards Rochester Bridge). Details of the contractor's key activities and estimated dates are shown below.

Activity	Estimated start date	Estimated finish date
Demolition of existing structures & slabs	Current	Autumn 2006
Installing band drains prior to land raising	Current	Winter 2006
Bioremediating land in the north part of the site	Current	Summer 2007
Creating a lagoon at Limehouse Wharf for importing dredged material to raise the land	Current	Summer 2006
River wall construction	Current	Spring 2007
Land raising	Spring 2006	Winter 2007
Demolition of gas holders	Spring 2006	Summer 2006
Creating new creeks: Blue Boar Creek	Autumn 2006	Winter 2006
Creating new creeks: Common Creek	Summer 2007	Summer 2007



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Considerate contractor

Edmund Nuttall/Van Oord will strive to minimise noise, dust and vibration produced by their operations. They will comply with the relevant recommendations set out in current British Standards. Noise monitoring will be undertaken in accordance with a site specific noise monitoring procedure.

The main activities which could cause noise or vibration include:

- Demolition of buildings, concrete hardstandings and existing river wall
- Construction of new river wall, including sheet piling works

Edmund Nuttall/Van Oord will liaise with the council, local residents and businesses to give prior warning of any activities likely to result in vibration and excessive noise.

Edmund Nuttall/Van Oord will take all reasonable measures to avoid creating dust and odours. The site area and roads around the site will be swept to prevent the accumulation of dust and will be dampened in dry weather to minimise dust transfer. Currently, a site speed limit of 10mph is in place.

Complaints procedure

Edmund Nuttall/Van Oord have agreed a complaints procedure with the council. Any complaints received by the contractor or by the council will be logged onto a register which will be monitored to ensure appropriate actions have been taken promptly.

Good working practices

Edmund Nuttall/Van Oord are very experienced engineering contractors and are keen to ensure any disturbance or inconvenience is kept to a minimum. However, engineering works, by their nature, are dirty and can be noisy. Therefore the contractor has agreed with the council how certain issues will be tackled. These are contained in a Code of Construction Practice, which covers environmental and health and safety aspects affecting the interests of local residents, businesses, and the general public. It will apply throughout the whole period of the works and will be supplemented by regular liaison with neighbouring residents and businesses. Copies of the Construction Code of Practice are available on request from Medway Renaissance, contact details are overleaf.

Hours of work

The normal hours of work are:

- Monday to Friday** - 7.30am - 6.30pm
+/-30 minutes for site start up and shut down
- Saturday** - 7.30am - 1.30pm
+/-30 minutes for site start up and shut down
- Sunday** - 10am - 4pm
maintenance works for site plant

The importation of dredged material via the River Medway is a tidal operation and will sometimes require 24 hour working to maximise the use of high tides. The ship movements and pumping ashore have relatively low noise levels.

Out of working hours, the site is secured and all machinery is demobilised.