

The Waterfront Quarter, Huddersfield



Client: Strategic Sites Ltd
Contractor: N/A
Project Manager: N/A
Structural Engineer: Arup
Quantity Surveyor: - RBA
Contract Value: £200 million

Project Completed: target 2010

The masterplan provides a complete transformation for this significant 12 acre site, returning the semi-industrial location back to the community. A new public square and walks along the waterway compliment the 500 apartments, offices, restaurants, cafes and other leisure uses proposed. Two striking bridges across the river are also proposed to improve access.

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The Masterplan proposals developed for this important town centre transformation project form an important part of the wider regeneration proposals being developed by Kirklees Council. The proposals will bring back into the public domain, this semi-industrial location and greatly improve permeability southwards from Huddersfield town centre.

A key driver of the design has been opening up the pedestrian access along the riverside walkway and canal. This will create a unique waterfront setting with further proposals to open up the historic canal basin and provide a new public square.

The project provides approximately 800,000 sq ft of mixed use development integrating residential (circa 500 units), commercial office space (250,000 sq ft) and further leisure uses including a hotel, restaurants, café bars and a fitness club.

The topography of the site produces some unique challenges with an escarpment of approx 10 m forming the North perimeter to the site. However this has been used to good advantage creating a south facing bowl effect in the overall massing, allowing spectacular views across the valley to the South.
