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plan for the Western Docks, due for completion in 2013 and already home to Dover's two cruise terminals.

Dover Town Investment zone in the St James' area is a major urban renewal programme, led by Dover District Council, to turn a run down town centre site into a large, retail led, mixed use development comprising food and non-food retail, residential, hotel and restaurant uses. It is hoped that this complex site will be developed by 2010.

Buckland Mill, led by SEEDA, will include conversion of the existing mill buildings and listed house alongside an extensive residential development of Eco Homes, excellent houses and apartments, community facilities and employment provision. The River Dour runs through the centre of this site and has been opened up to provide a riverside walk both for residents and those passing through the area. This development should be completed by 2012.

White Cliffs Business Park is currently undergoing construction to provide 130,000 sq m of new commercial space. The business park will provide a prime business location with the advantage of excellent links to the continent.

South Kent College, Dover's further education college, the Police and PCT are all located in Mid Town. Close to the main shopping area and with the River Dour running through the heart of the site, Mid Town has potential to become a vibrant riverside mixed-use location.

Led by Kent County Council on behalf of the Dover Pride partnership, the Public Realm Strategy has identified nine key sites around the town that could be enhanced to provide better quality

public spaces and improve orientation around the town. This strategy provides the physical linkage between all the major projects and will be transformational for the town. The first of these projects to start is Dover Priory Station. The station interior has already been modernised to provide improved facilities in readiness for the High Speed Link coming to Dover in 2009, and the work around the station is being planned. The station approach will become a high quality, pedestrian orientated environment, fitting for an international gateway.

Dover Sea Sports Centre will be a centre of national significance for a range of sea sports, delivering training and development opportunities. This landmark building in its superb seafront location was completed in Spring 2008.

Connaught Barracks will be a mixed used development of the highest quality design and environmental standards. This environmentally sustainable residential-led redevelopment scheme is located to the north of Dover town centre and adjacent to Dover Castle. Connaught Barracks covers an area of 56 hectares, of which 12.5 ha is suitable for the development of up to 500 new homes. The remaining land includes large areas of open space and an English Heritage Scheduled Ancient Monument, Fort Burgoyne.

These projects will help ensure that by 2035 Dover will be one of the most prosperous towns on the south coast, characterised by a highly skilled and enterprising community that is proud of its town, its port and its heritage.

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