

••• Medway Renaissance

This year will see the multi-billion pound regeneration of Medway enter the 'delivery phase'.



Rochester Riverside ready for development



Rochester Riverside Aerial View

For the first time, people will see major physical change as the vision – the creation of a new world-class city – starts to become a tangible reality.

The Leader of Medway Council Cllr Rodney Chambers believes it will also be a year of psychological breakthrough: the year the sceptics see that Medway's ambitions can, and will be, realised.

Developers will be appointed to create phase-one of Rochester Riverside setting the highest of standards on many levels for what follows: 16,000 new homes, 20,000 new jobs, great transport links, a retail revolution, thriving universities, major new arts venues, massive private sector investment all along seven miles of the River Medway.

The 15-year regeneration programme, now valued at £5billion, means Medway has a bright future as well as a rich history. It is firmly on course to become a prosperous

and cohesive new city - a city for the 21st century at the heart of the Thames Gateway, Europe's biggest regeneration zone.

Rochester Riverside

Many images have been used to depict Medway's future, but the most striking came from the four companies competing to develop phase-one of Rochester Riverside: Urban Splash, Crest Nicholson, Bellway Homes and Countryside Properties.

Phase-one involves around 550 homes, a park and possibly a boutique hotel on 17 acres at the southern end of the site. There's also potential for offices, shops, cafes, restaurants, pubs and community facilities.

Later development at the northern section of the site will deliver a further 1,500 homes, a primary school, a second park, a hotel with conference facilities, a riverside walk and links to the historic city centre.



Artist's impression Chatham Waterfront