



The Drill Hall Library,
Medway University Campus

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Welbeck Land have been selected as the preferred developer for a 150-200-bed hotel with conference facilities on Rochester Riverside.

There's planning permission to convert the waterfront 'Big Blue' office complex at Chatham Maritime into a four-star hotel with 180 rooms and an 80 room budget hotel is planned on Corporation Street, Rochester. There's also potential for a number of luxury boutique hotels in and around buildings of historical interest.

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Prof Alan Reed, Director of Regional Liaison, said: "There has been a successful launch and first year's operation of the Medway Enterprise Hub, which is working in partnership with SEEDA, Medway Council, the University of Kent, Business Link Kent and the University of Greenwich to support start-up and young businesses, particularly technology and knowledge-based companies."

Private sector partnership

Medway Council is embarking on a ground-breaking partnership with one of Britain's leading property developers that's expected to generate more than £1billion of private sector investment in the regeneration programme.

St Modwen Properties PLC has been chosen as the council's preferred investment partner – the first partnership of its kind in the Thames Gateway.

Leader of Medway Council Cllr Rodney Chambers said: "This is hugely important to Medway's future. More than £120m of public funding has gone into our regeneration programme, with much of it spent on the acquisition and preparation of sites for redevelopment.

The project must now be taken forward with private sector money with a programme of investment for the whole community of Medway. We have selected St Modwen because of the company's strong track record in major regeneration projects and its strong belief in Medway's immense potential."

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