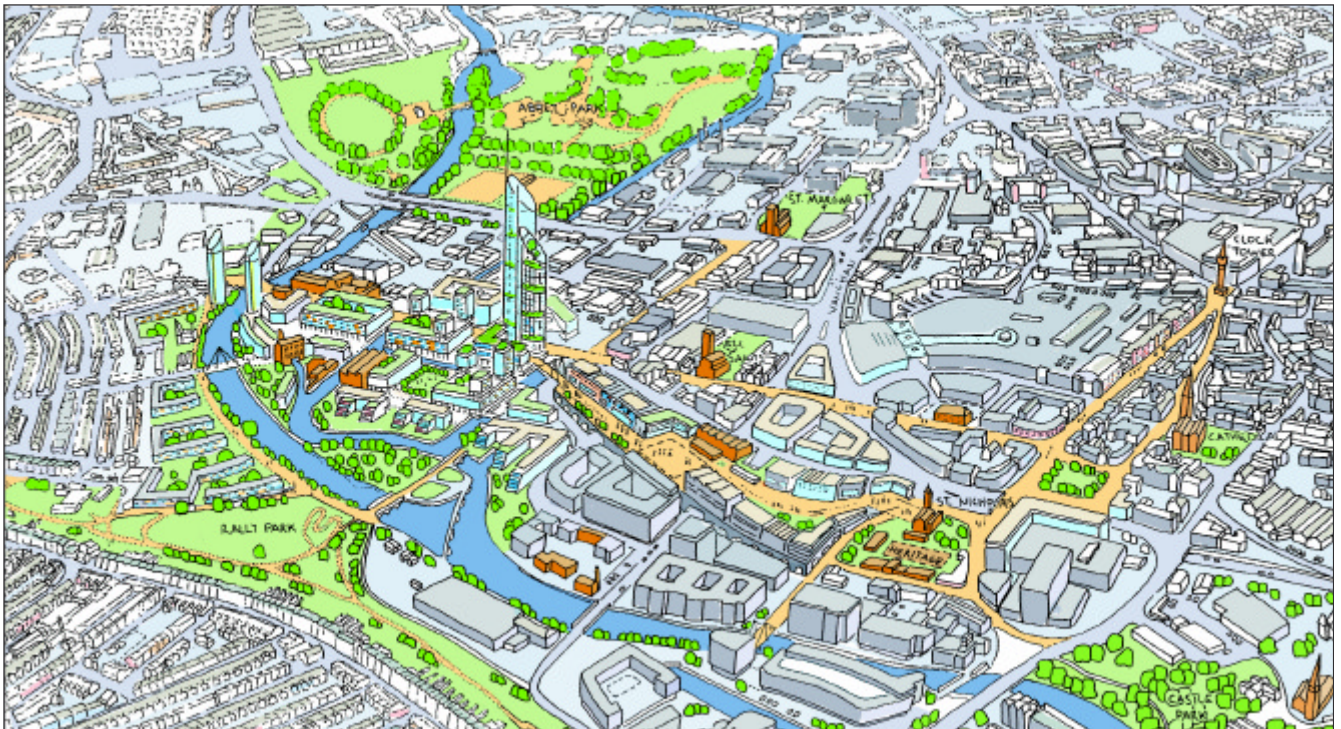


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Consulting Engineers & Landscape Architects



## PROJECT:

Leicester Waterside Development Framework

## CLIENT:

English Partnerships, Leicester Regeneration Company

## ARCHITECTS:

Hopkins Architects

## BM SERVICES:

Structural and MEP Engineering, Landscape Architecture, Environmental and Sustainable Consultancy

## VALUE:

Classified

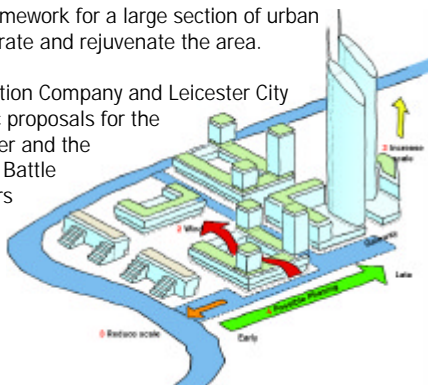
## DATE OF COMPLETION:

10-15 year phased development

## DESIGN BRIEF

To set a Design Framework for a large section of urban Leicester to regenerate and rejuvenate the area.

Leicester Regeneration Company and Leicester City Council made basic proposals for the area around the river and the canal side, to which Battle McCarthy and others further contributed.



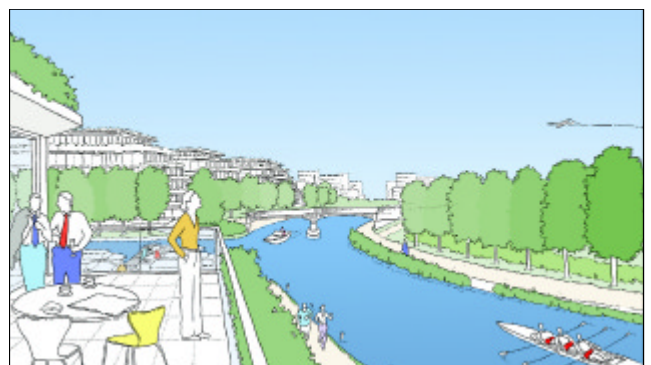
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## DESIGN INITIATIVES/ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN

Other major U.K. cities have achieved huge success by transforming their waterfronts and the Waterside is one of Leicester's hidden treasures. Leicester Regeneration Company and Leicester City Council propose that this site should be redeveloped to form one of the most attractive urban areas in the country.

The development proposals include:

- new, high-quality housing quarter, around a new canal basin.
- shops and restaurants, and facilities to meet the needs of the local community - perhaps a community centre, school and healthcare centre.
- improved access to the river and canal, with waterside walks, more open space, and facilities for boaters.
- better links to the city centre and surrounding housing areas for pedestrians and cyclists.
- a series of changes to Vaughan Way, to reduce its effect as a barrier to the Waterside while keeping the traffic flowing



The masterplan will be delivered over the next ten to fifteen years. It will require substantial financial investment, much of it from the public sector.

There are around 11 miles of waterfront within the development area, the majority of which is close to the city centre and in need of redevelopment. The area offers the opportunity to develop an entirely new, exciting waterside quarter, which will also benefit Leicester city centre.

There are number of barriers to delivering the Waterside development;

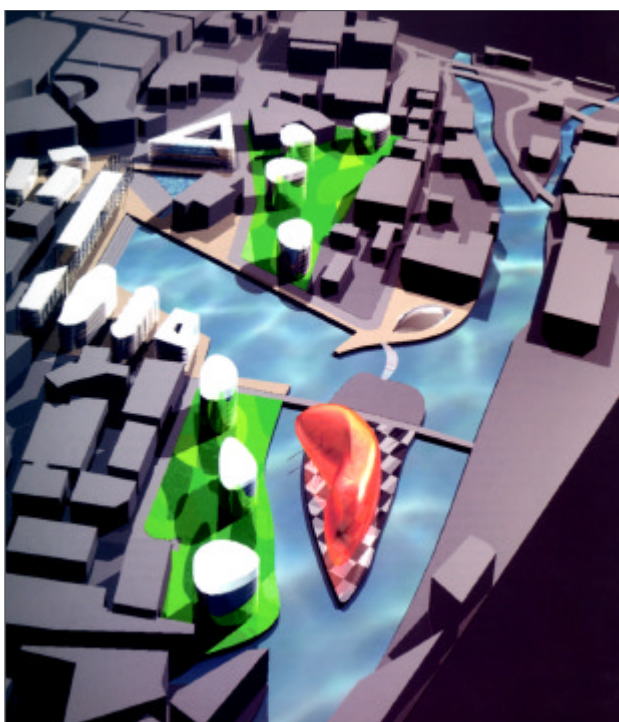
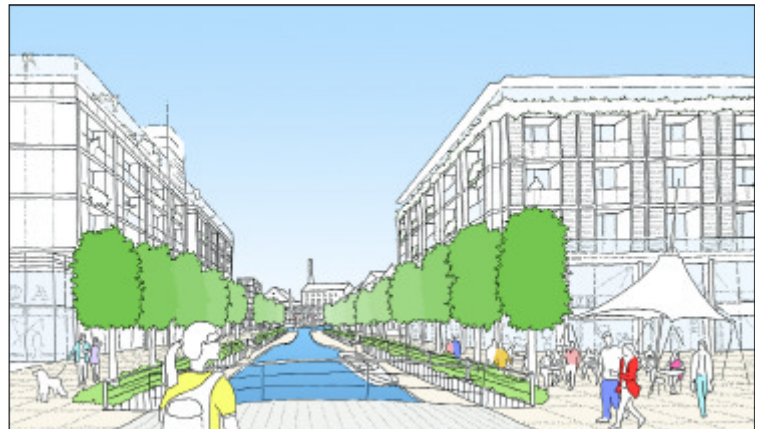
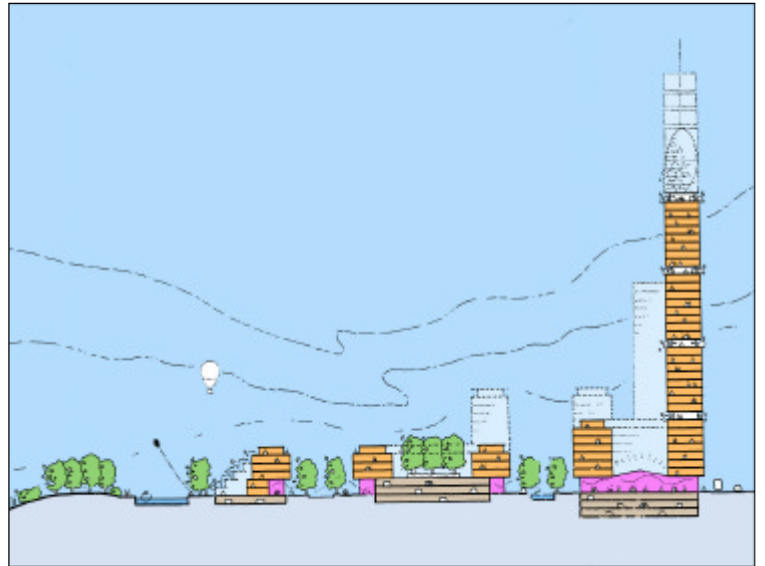
- the inner ring road - severs the Waterside from the city centre
- large former railway viaduct
- fragmented land ownership occupied by many small businesses

The Development Framework for the Waterside was published for public consultation in January 2005. The framework reflects the masterplan ideas;

- emphasis on residential and mixed use development
- phased approach to down-grading ring road
- each proposed phased will be of benefit individually and will add to the overall regeneration in time
- phasing will be structured for implementation as resources permit rather than in a timetabled schedule
- additional waterspace to the north
- increased pedestrian links through the city

The Development Framework is in consultation and a Supplementary Planning Document has been submitted by Leicester City Council. One site has been purchased and a further four are under negotiation. After completion of land acquisition a development partner will be sought, targeted for 2006.

English Partnerships is also negotiating to purchase sites outside the development area to relocate local business premises.



The Roger Tym masterplan for the Waterside.

Artists impression of how some of the Waterside outdoor spaces may look.