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## Dundee Waterfront Street Names

HISTORIC links with Dundee's seafaring past and a visionary city planner are to be commemorated in the proposed names for streets at the city's waterfront.

And the council has also thrown open the field to Dundonians to suggest names for two of the major open spaces in the £1 billion re-development – the new central square and the new public space outside the railway station.

Thomson Avenue will mark the contribution to Dundee of James Thomson who was city architect between 1906 and 1924. During his tenure the Kingsway, one of the UK's first city by passes, was built and he also proposed a visionary master plan for the waterfront.

Earl Grey Place (East and West) have been named to keep alive the link between the area and the former dock built in 1834 and closed 129 years later before being filled in to make way for the Tay Road Bridge landfall.

Patent Slip Way, which runs beneath the Tay Road Bridge ramps, recognises the track and cradle used to transfer a vessel from the river to the dock for repairs.

The Harbour Workshops and its steam-hauled patent slip, built in 1837, were on reclaimed ground between Victoria Dock and the Estuary. The upper part of the 166 metre ramp is still visible and gives a good indication of the size of ships hauled out of the Tide Harbour.

Lord Provost Bob Duncan said: "There is a long established and legal process for naming new streets and we are launching that process today.

"Local councillors, the convener of the city development committee and any community representative bodies have four weeks to respond to our proposals for the street names before they are finally decided by the City Development Committee.

"I think that the proposed names strike a balance between logic and creativity while also paying homage to a visionary city planner from the 20th century in a scheme designed for the 21st and beyond."

The competition for the other names will allow anyone to submit a suggestion for the names of the two new civic spaces, as well as the riverside walkway and cycle path in the Central Waterfront.

Ideas could include famous names/events associated with Dundee (although names of living people will not be considered); historical references to the area or names reflecting the redevelopment of the Waterfront.

The most appropriate and interesting names will be chosen by Lord Provost Bob Duncan, Mike Galloway Director of City Development, Iain Flett City Archivist and Jon Walton chair of city centre group DD One.

Suggestions can be made at [www.dundee.gov.uk/streetnaming](http://www.dundee.gov.uk/streetnaming) by February 6.