

# NEWS RELEASE

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## **WATERFRONT'S MAJOR MILESTONE**

PEDESTRIANS and drivers will have their first taste of the future later this week as the road and pavement network at Dundee Waterfront opens.

After two years of work, on time and on budget, the grid pattern of streets and accompanying pavements will become operational for the first time on Friday (February 26).

Ken Guild leader of Dundee City Council said: "This part of the development will have a massive impact on the city because now people will be able to drive and walk on the new streets connecting the centre to the riverfront.

"I called for patience at the start of this contract and I am delighted to say that in the main drivers using the area have been understanding and welcomed the phasing of the construction, which meant we were able to keep traffic flowing through what was at times a complex operation.

"A considerable amount of effort is now being focussed on generating and capitalising on developer interest in the plots that the new street pattern has created as well as those in other parts of the central waterfront area.

"The two recent announcements by developers of investment totalling £60m is just the start."

Contractors, Sir Robert McAlpine were responsible for the £11m creation of Thomson Avenue, Riverside Esplanade, Earl Grey Place (East and West), Patent Slip Way, Whalers Way, Black Watch Parade, Waterfront Place, Discovery Plaza and Slessor Gardens.

The gardens, behind Caird Hall, will be fenced off for the rest of the winter to allow grass and trees to continue to become established. Other "soft landscaping" work is also going on at other parts of the site.

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#### Editors Notes

Dundee Waterfront is a £1 billion award-winning regeneration project that is transforming 240 acres of land along 8km of the River Tay. Dundee Waterfront is split into 5 distinct zones and is now well past the halfway mark, with over £500m of committed investment. Most of the major infrastructure works – roads, utilities, demolition, landscaping – have been completed and the ‘build’ phase is well underway with a growing community of businesses and residents moving into the Waterfront area. Investors, developers, entrepreneurs and financiers are responding to calls for businesses to invest in the city and capitalise on £1 billion of tourism spending forecast during the next ten years. The Waterfront skyline will change with the construction of a new railway station, V&A Museum of Design Dundee, a new marina, port developments, offices, hotels, bars, shops, cafes and residential accommodation. Around 7000 new jobs will be created, providing a wide range of new opportunities for young people seeking training and employment. Dundee Waterfront is a partnership between Dundee City Council and Scottish Enterprise. [www.dundeewaterfront.com](http://www.dundeewaterfront.com) @ddwaterfront

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