

David Lock secures Northampton work

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David Lock Associates (DLA) has won a design contest run by the West Northamptonshire Development Corporation to draft a masterplan for Northampton's waterside.

The planning and urban design consultancy has been appointed to develop a range of ideas for the regeneration of the area, including the creation of a riverside park. It will also seek to strengthen the connections to the town centre and identify development opportunities.

Corporation head of regeneration Chris Garden said: "This is an important and challenging gateway site and the DLA submission stood out as an outstanding response to the brief. We have worked very closely with CABE on the procurement process and the upfront investment on this has paid real dividends.

"We are really looking forward to working with DLA and our partners to deliver a



Nene: waterfront expansion framework funds allocated

first-class masterplan for the area that will be the starting point to create homes, jobs and investment on this gateway site."

Last July, £55 million was allocated in the development framework for the central area to kick-start expansion on the River Nene waterfront. The programme is set to deliver 2,000 homes and

8,000m² of industrial floor space as well as transport improvements and flood alleviation work.

DLA's project will start early this year, with stakeholder meetings to build consensus around the proposals. A public consultation event will follow to attract contributions from the town's residents.