

An Exhibition

showing the planned development of
the Western Docks:

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The Harbour Board Hall, 4th March, 1992

The Exhibition was open to the public and was the first opportunity for local residents to see the plans drawn up by the Harbour Board for the future development of the Western Docks. On display were a number of photographs, drawings and paintings, a model of the Wellington Dock in future years and, most relevant to the present, a large detailed plan of the preliminary phase of the development in and around the Wellington Dock.

The preliminary phase, planned to take place over the next four years, was of most interest. There was a steady stream of visitors all afternoon and these had to wait their turn to view the exhibits and the plan, or to talk to the Harbour Board officials in attendance, in particular to Bill Fawcus, the Property Business Manager.

The most exciting aspect for many was the fact that the first stages of the operation are to take place almost immediately: the opening of the transport museum, pedestrian walkway, car parking, workshop, café and store for the Marina are all scheduled to be open by May or June of this year. One Gateway resident was overjoyed to learn that the Marina General Store would be open to the public all the year! For her this meant access to basic shopping without crossing the new A20! In addition, in the first phase, residents of Dover can look forward to the opening of an indoor market and a new restaurant on the site. All this is just the beginning of the project, which is described in more detail elsewhere in this *Newsletter*

THE VICTORIANA COLLECTION

Exhibition at Dover Museum, 29th January – 15th March

The Victorian Collection belongs to Deal. It is the unique private collection of William Williamson, who collected mainly furniture and paintings, and of his wife, who collected dolls and china. From the 1960's they lived in Queen Anne House in Middle Street, Deal and were early members of the Deal Society. As their collection grew, they purchased Blackburn House, in Middle Street, to house all their items of Victorian memorabilia. The collection was donated by Williamson to Dover District Council shortly before his death in 1989.