



A Résumé of D.H.B.'s Development Proposals

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First of all I would like to give an interesting statistical backdrop to the port and its activities. I recently had occasion to give a Radio Kent interview about the changes seen in the port over the last thirty years and took the opportunity of checking the traffic volumes that have passed through Dover during that period.

Our members may be somewhat amused by the following:

Passengers – 357 million Cars– 54 million
Freight Lorries – 19 million

If we put the cars and freight vehicles into a straight line it would be
360 miles long, Some queue!!

Development

1. Western Docks

a) Wellington Dock

De Bradelei- Phase 2

The new £1.8 million 2nd phase development constructed by Ballast-Wiltshire will open on programme towards the end of November. The shop will provide extended shopping for clothing goods and in addition will cater for glass, chinaware, kitchen goods and other household items.

b) Marine extension – Tidal Harbour

A project team is busy working up proposals for extending the number of yacht berths in the Tidal Harbour area and it is hoped to make a decision about this early next year. 1997 has been a good year for visiting yachts with numbers up to 875 compared to 595 last year.

c) New Cruise Terminal

Spurred on by our great success with the station conversion and ever-increasing demand from cruise operators the Board is hoping to be able to justify a major investment in a second cruise terminal. If constructed the £20 million terminal will be located at the outer end of the Admiralty Pier inside the harbour. It will certainly need a good strong roof!! Tenders will be invited shortly.

2. Marine Court

Such has been the success of the Churchill Hotel that the company that operates it has asked the Board to join them in a joint venture to develop the Marine Court site into a medium price modern hotel. A planning submission has now been lodged and we await the outcome.

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Work on the sheet-pile perimeter wall to the new £7 million Eastern Docks reclamation located adjacent to Jubilee Way is now well advanced and we hope shortly to be able to fill it with Goodwin Sand. The area will be vital to the port for the storage of unaccompanied freight vehicles.

4. Roundabouts and cycle routes

The Board is working closely with the Dover District Council and others to develop sponsorship of all of the roundabouts and planters on the approach roads to Dover. In addition, it is also developing new safe cycle routes at the Eastern Docks which in the fullness of time will link with the Sustrans national cycle network route to Inverness. This work demands and receives close assistance from our friends at the District Council.

5. Old Park Barracks site

The Board is committed to helping those freight companies who work out of Dover and who provide jobs for local people. One such firm is Murfitts who currently work out of the Old Park site. This large, important site is currently up for sale by the Ministry of Defence and it is hoped that the Board will agree to its purchase to safeguard the Murfitt jobs and to develop new freight and other commercial industries on a limited section of the site.

This site has huge potential for a wide range of activities and if we do purchase it there will be some fine challenges ahead to make the very best use out of it to the benefit of town and port alike.

Newsletter Binders

With the co-operation of Members we will be able to supply "Cordex" Binders for the *Newsletter*. The Burgundy coloured binders have a capacity for 13 copies and are lettered on the spine "The Dover Society Newsletter" in gilt foil.

The minimum order we can place is 100 and a list is being compiled of those who would like to have one. (At the moment we have fifteen names). When the list has, say, eighty names the binders will be placed on order. The cost, (likely to be a few pence more than last time's figure of £3.00) does not include postage for out-of-town members.

To add your name to the list write a note to the Secretary, Leo Wright, at "Beechwood", Green Lane, Dover CT16 3AR.

Society Badges



The wearing of a Society Badge reminds the general public (who really do have eyes to see) that the Society is a viable and energetic non-political voice for Dover. The beautiful little enamelled Lapel or Brooch Badges are to Philomena Kennedy's original design, in black on a white ground, surrounded by a gold line defining the shape of the badge and are available from the Treasurer, in either type, for £2 post free.

Just contact the Treasurer, Jennifer Gerrard, at 77 Castle Avenue, or phone her on 206579 (with a cheque or P.O. if possible) and she will very quickly ensure that a badge is in your hands.