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## Port and Community Working Together for Dover

Tim Waggott, CEO Dover Harbour Board

Reported by Alan Lee

Tim opened his talk with details of his background. He was the first member of his family to go to university and he had been in Dover for seven years.

He then said that the revival of the Western Docks was unashamedly a commercial decision but plus points would be the creation of sustainable new jobs. It would maintain and improve the port and create a new marina. In his mind we have the best castle and the best port in the world.

We must encourage more people to stay in the area, even if it is only for a short time, instead of just passing through. We must unlock opportunities and create "Destination Dover". One aim is to link all tourist, heritage attractions and real activities together throughout the town.

Giving more details Tim said that at present the port supports 104 jobs with George Hammond. The new development will increase the number of people employed by the company.

After the Strait of Malacca (the main shipping route between the Indian Ocean and the Pacific Ocean), the Strait of Dover is the second busiest shipping lane in the world with 1.2 million vessels in and 1.2 million vessels out.

It is envisaged that there will be 600 new jobs created during the building work with 140 permanent jobs in the new facility.



*Tim Waggott, CEO  
Dover Harbour Board*

Dover is the busiest port in the UK with a shipping movement every 10 minutes. It is also the fourth largest facility for the number of passengers after Gatwick, Heathrow and Manchester airports.

At present the Eastern Docks cargo terminal covers 6 acres. By moving this operation to the Western Docks the terminal can double in size.

£10 million is being spent on the upgrade and refurbishment of existing buildings. It will celebrate our heritage with improvements to the Clock Tower (at present used for art exhibitions) and Lord Warden House, both Grade II listed buildings. Dover Marine Station is being given a facelift and therefore is undergoing restoration work. A further £25,000 has been spent this year on refurbishing the historic Victorian Fairbairn Swan-Neck Tubular Crane. Built in 1868 and sited on Esplanade Quay (formally Ordnance Quay) it stands on the seaward side of Dover Marina at the Wellington Dock.

Tim stated that wherever possible the quality views of Dover Castle and the Western Heights would be maintained. The members of the Harbour Board have pledged to continue their consultations with local people and organisations. The overriding aim being to work together and create increased and wider opportunities within the area.

The Board is also halfway through the £85

million improvement to the Eastern Docks.

The final point that Tim had to make was that initially the Community Fund would receive £250,000, then annually 1% of the profits. (It is thought that it will be £100,000).

The talk finished with a wide ranging and probing question and answer session.



*Artists Impression of New Western Docks*

*Press release from 13th October 2014.*

## **Port celebrates new powers to deliver for Dover**

*Celebrating a landmark achievement in the rich and varied history of the Port of Dover, the Dover Harbour Board is delighted to confirm the Marine Management Organisation has approved the Board's application (through a Harbour Revision Order) for additional powers.*

*Tim Waggott, Chief Executive Port of Dover, said: "This empowering decision arrives just four months after the initial application was made. Such a swift approval, in record time, comes only days after we announced the biggest ever single investment in Dover, the £120 million Phase 1 of Dover Western Docks Revival. This means we now have the necessary powers to develop the project, delivering over 600 new jobs for Dover and transforming the waterfront to be the catalyst for Dover's wider regeneration.*

*We look set to deliver a record traffic*

*performance in 2014. Moving forward with major investments in the Eastern Docks Ferry Terminal whilst providing excellent customer service. It demonstrates how the Port of Dover and its ferry operator partners are maximising our contribution to the local community, East Kent and the nation.*

*I would like to pay tribute to my team for their hard work and also to thank all at the Department for Transport and our local MP, Charlie Elphicke, for their help, support and encouragement. I also salute our customers and community who have supported us greatly in our quest. This is an exciting time to be associated with Dover and its port.*

*These are new and uncharted waters for us all, but I believe we are entering a period that will go down in the history books as the start of a golden age if we all continue to support each other and work together to deliver for Dover"*