



## **Press release**

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### **FIRST PHASE OF £300M REGENERATION PROJECT UNDER WAY**

UCS Civils has started work on the first phase of Chesterfield Waterside, a £300 million project to transform a 40acre (16ha) former industrial site into a mixed-use urban village.

The £750,000 contract for infrastructure work involves creating a new canal basin which will form the centrepiece of the development, the diversion of a sewer and relocation of an existing car park. Work on the preliminary phase is expected to be complete by April 2009.

The development team behind the project is the Chesterfield Waterside Partnership, a collaboration between Chesterfield Borough Council and Urbo, the regeneration developer owned by Bolsterstone and Arnold Laver Group.

East Midlands Development Agency (emda) is supporting the project with grants totalling £850,000, the majority of which will be used to construct the new canal basin.

The scheme will also create a mixed-use waterside neighbourhood consisting of around 1,300 homes, business space, shops, restaurants, a public square, an eco-park and public open spaces. The local canal network will also be restored to create a navigable route.

Managing Director of UCS Civils Mark Murphy joined representatives from developer Urbo, the Leader of Chesterfield Borough Council Ray Russell and local MP Paul Holmes for the official sod-cutting ceremony.

Commenting on UCS Civils' appointment Mr Murphy said: "We are delighted to have been appointed by the Chesterfield Waterside Partnership to complete the first phase of the

development which will completely change the appearance of the area around the station and the A61 corridor in Chesterfield.

“Last year UCS Civils opened an office in the town in the hope of gaining more work along the M1 corridor and this project is one of the largest developments currently under way in the area.

“As well as providing a boost to the local economy which UCS Civils is now a part of, we hope this project will raise our company profile and lead to further contract wins of a similar magnitude.”

### Notes to Editors

- **UCS Civils Limited:** Established in 1973, UCS Civils is the civil engineering contracting arm of Rand Group, a £55 million turnover group of construction companies based at Rand in Lincolnshire.
- **Urbo Regeneration:** Urbo Regeneration is a property development and investment company based in Chesterfield, Derbyshire delivering best practice urban regeneration projects. The company works in partnership with local councils, public agencies, land-owners and other developers and is targeting projects across the Midlands, North East, Yorkshire and the North West. It works with leading designers and other professionals at the cutting edge of regeneration. Its expertise lies in shaping carefully tailored solutions for delivering complex area renewal to create vibrant new places within towns and cities. The company is delivering excellent urban design and architecture, people oriented place-making, sustainable solutions in a fair, partnership framework. For further information visit <http://www.urboregen.com/index.php>
- **Chesterfield Waterside:** Chesterfield Waterside Partnership is an innovative joint venture partnership between Urbo and Chesterfield Borough Council to deliver a new £300m urban village on a 16 hectare (40 acre) former industrial site adjacent to the A61 in the River Rother corridor. The project also involves restoration of the local canal network to create a fully navigable route. The project is based on a masterplan led by EDAW commended by the Planning Inspectorate for its approach. Development will be delivered by Urbo directly and also in partnership with other sub-developers to ensure a mixed approach to design and delivery. The project will

create a stunning and sustainable waterside environment for apartments, houses, bars, restaurants and offices together with high quality waterside public realm features, contemporary landscape and public art. The design team refining the masterplan is being led by EDAW together with Proctor and Matthews as lead architects and the canal basin started on site in summer 2008.

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