



CARDIFF MARINE VILLAGE



Cardiff Marine Village – August 2008

An introduction to Cardiff Marine Village

Cardiff Marine Village is a marine business park that is the new home for Cardiff's premiere marine businesses. It brings together 10 specialist companies with complementary skills and expertise and secures more than 40 jobs. To its customers it offers 'a complete boat storage, service and supply centre' from over 13,000 sq ft of retail, office and workshop space. It is a one stop shop for all of their boating needs.

Cardiff Marine Village brings together the following businesses to create a community of real strength: a boat repairs and servicing business, an outboard engine dealer, a specialist composites engineer, a chandlery, a sail maker, a marine insurance agency, a yacht charters business, a specialist training centre and a canoe and kayak retailer.

The £3 million Cardiff Marine Village is being developed by the Cardiff Marine Group and is expected to open in October of this year. It will be the new home for their boat yard and servicing business, Cardiff Marine Services. The development replaces and expands the facilities of their former boatyard on the International Sports Village site on Ferry Road, where a hotel led mixed use development overlooking Cardiff Marina will be developed next year.

Cardiff Marine Group completed a comprehensive bathymetric survey of the River Ely ahead of the purchase of the site. The report confirmed that the water depths allowed boats to move freely back and forth from the Bay. Cardiff Marine Group has also undertaken a full ecological assessment of Council-owned riverbank parkland next to the site where it is now investing in environmental improvements including the creation of a wildflower meadow and native hedgerows. Besides protecting and providing natural habitats for native creatures such as toads and otters, landscaping plans include seating and lawned areas where visitors will be able to walk and watch the boating activity.

Key Details

- A specialist marine business park opening in October 2008
- £3 million development
- Home to 10 specialist and complementary marine businesses
- Securing more than 40 jobs
- 1.2 acre site with 13,000 sq ft of workshop, office and retail space

Quotes

"The investment in the new facilities proposed at the Marina in Cardiff Bay and the Marine Village at Penarth Road is a significant boost to the local and regional economy, safeguarding and creating further skilled jobs in marine engineering. The proposals will also significantly assist economic regeneration in the Penarth Road area which the council is keen to safeguard for employment opportunities."

Councillor Mark Stephens

"Our Ferry Road site lacked the space and facilities to meet demand and, with the fantastic International Sports Village development, was out-of-step with its surroundings. We felt there was a real opportunity, not just to replace the boatyard, but also to dramatically improve the city's marine services. The concentration of skilled labour and specialist expertise means that businesses can collaborate to deliver marine contracts and projects and should help position Cardiff as a major centre of marine excellence."

Robert Freemantle – Operations Director

More information is available at www.cardiffmarinevillage.com

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