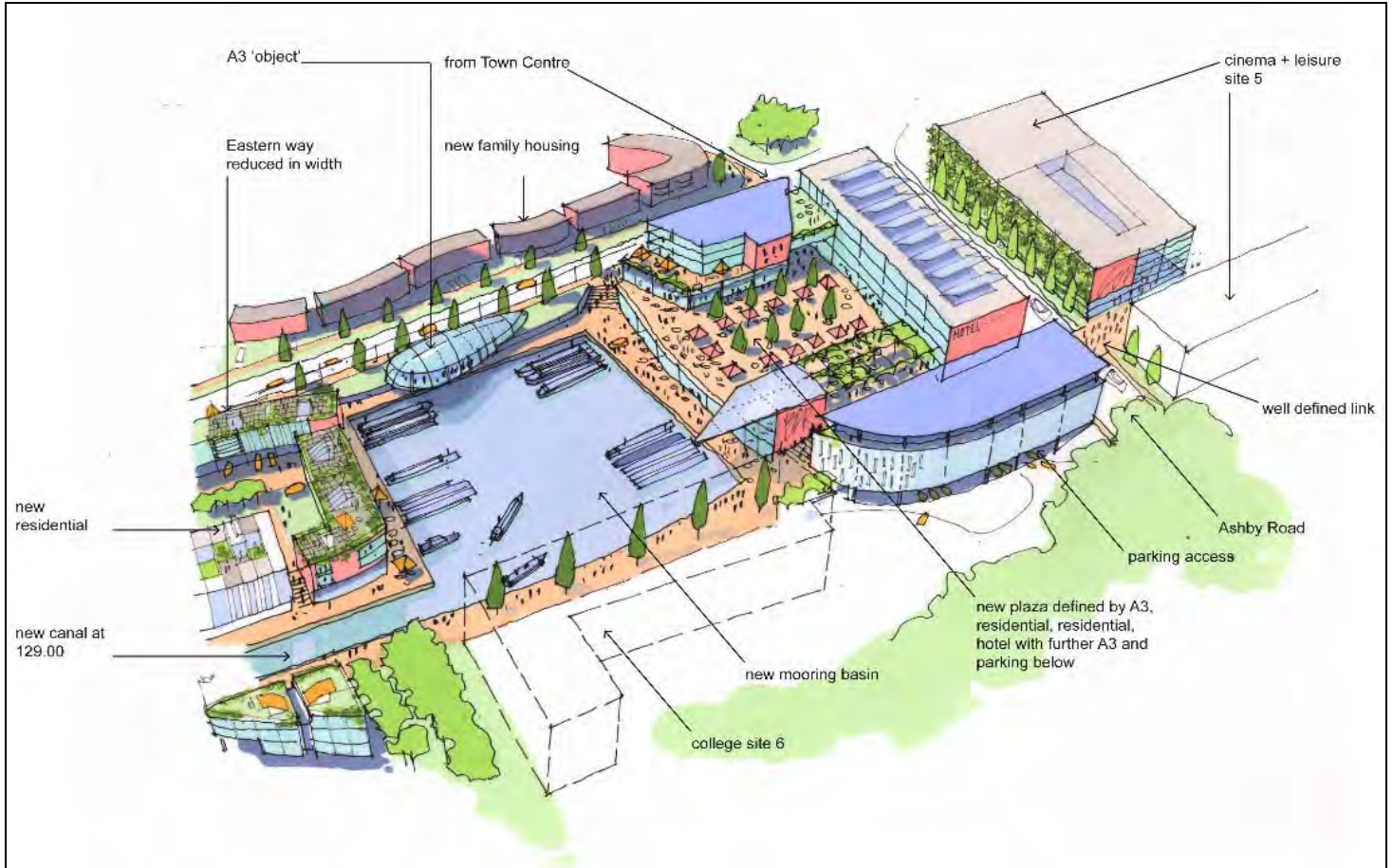


# WaterSpace Consultation



Impression of Western Basin



Proposed WaterSpace Masterplan



Typical Water Way Scene



# Introduction

**Daventry District Council** (DDC) is proposing to build a new canal link from the existing Grand Union Canal to the town centre, terminating in a series of mooring basins within a high quality mixed-use development. The route will be approximately 3.2 km long and emulates one that was proposed in 1793 by an Act of Parliament for the Grand Junction Canal, as it was then known.

The **WaterSpace**, as the project is known, is a cornerstone of a programme of measures designed to help Daventry respond to the challenges and opportunities for growth.

Through the Milton Keynes and South Midlands Sub-Regional Strategy, Daventry now has to accommodate a population increase from 23,000 to 40,000 by 2021, and continued growth at a similar rate through to 2026.

This project is one of a number of development opportunities identified within the Daventry Town Centre Vision 2021 (TCV) and the Daventry Masterplan Interim Draft 2006. From an initial concept, started in 2002, to



produce a Vision that would revitalise Daventry Town Centre, DDC has overseen a process that has drawn ideas from the local population and stakeholders on how its town should develop and improve and turned these into a workable plan that it is now beginning to be implemented.

The **WaterSpace** will contribute to the delivery of important infrastructure to support sustainable development and will encourage economic growth and investment as well as adding value to the existing canal experience.

Daventry's WaterSpace will become a focus for recreational uses and will create a local and regional tourist attraction, especially if a boatlift can be incorporated. It will provide a vibrant extension of the town centre with facilities such as hotels and restaurants and well designed commercial (e.g. proposed Innovation Centre for Construction –ICON), educational (e.g. proposed £30 million College) and residential uses all benefiting from a high quality waterside environment.



# Proposed Key Objectives

1. Deliver a major piece of ‘green’ infrastructure to support the sustainable development of Daventry, that will enhance Daventry’s identity and assist in the regeneration of its town centre
2. Provide a vibrant and integrated extension to the town centre with a range of land uses benefiting from a high quality waterside environment, where people will want to work and live and to enjoy
3. Create a local and regional attraction, that will encourage visitors to return, especially if a boatlift can be incorporated
4. Provide a high quality public realm overlooking the WaterSpace that is level and large enough for public events such as markets and fairs
5. The canal corridor to offer opportunities for informal recreation including walking and cycling, which will be accessible by all
6. Enhance and strengthen existing pedestrian and cycle links between the existing town centre, Daventry Country Park and neighbouring residential areas
7. Provide opportunities to develop enhanced biodiversity and waterside features and habitats



# The Proposals

## Town Centre Development

(8.2 ha or 20.3 acres approximately)

- Residential properties – approximately 250 units, mostly houses
- Commercial uses including:-
  - Hotel
  - Family pub
  - Employment uses – 6,650 sq m (71,500 sq ft) of office accommodation

Associated developments being progressed by others:-

- **ICON** – centre for sustainable building and 300-seat conference facility for business and community uses.
- **College** - £30m college scheme providing post 16-year-old education and shared community uses.



# Canal Arm

- 3.2 km canal arm linking the Grand Union to an expanded town centre
- Level change of 20.5m
- 7 locks (27m long x 2.3m wide)
- Canal width generally 10m
- Towpath along length of arm
- 3 Canal mooring basins:
  - Western and middle for visitors
  - Eastern for long term / residential
- Green link from town centre to Daventry Country Park
- Ecological and environmental benefits
- Possibility of a boatlift replacing 4 locks



# What's Happening?

## Draft Masterplan

Development proposals for sites adjoining WaterSpace being progressed, including Centre for Sustainable Construction (ICON), which has now received planning consent and new college.

## Public Consultation

Liaison with adjoining community users

## Canal Design

Technical Studies including:-

- Topographic survey
- Ground Investigations
- Flood Risk Assessment
- Water Resources
- Environmental Impact Assessment



## **Our Partners:-**

West Northamptonshire Development Corporation

East Midlands Development Agency

Northamptonshire Enterprise Ltd

Northamptonshire County Council

ICON (EM)

Daventry Learning Partnership

Henry Boot

British Waterways

Daventry Town Council

## **Consultants:-**

Hyder Consulting (UK) Ltd

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BDP

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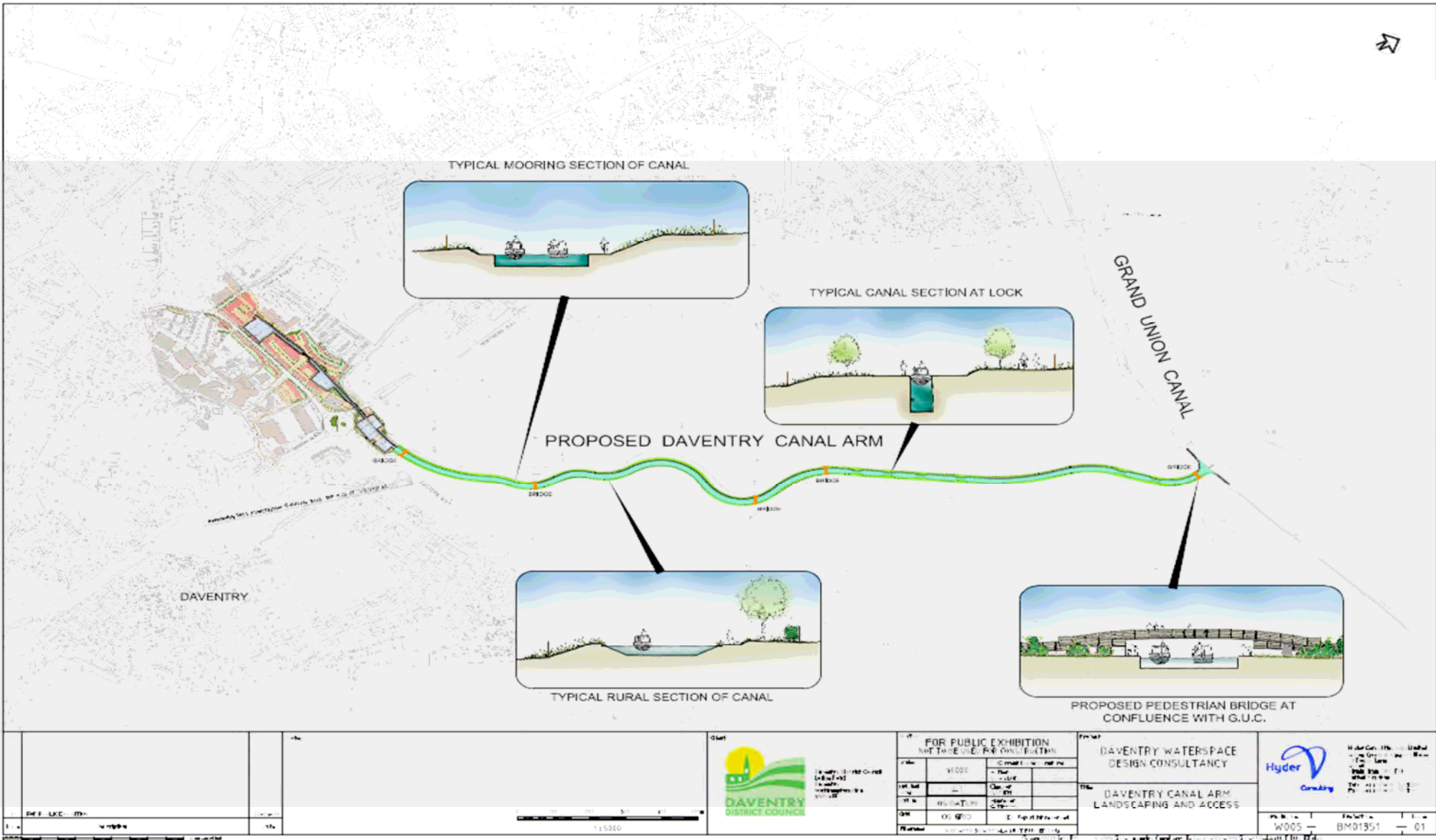
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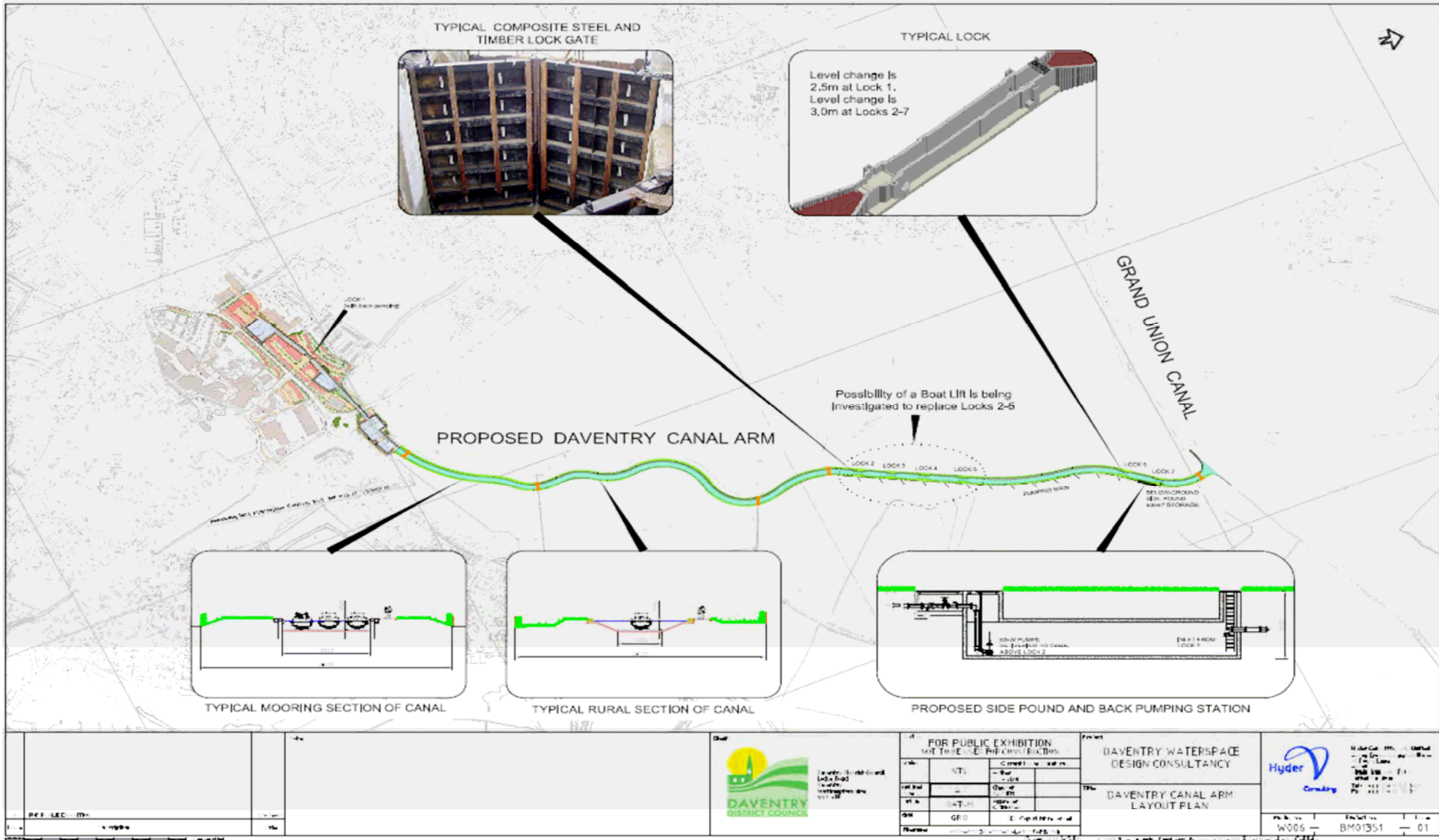
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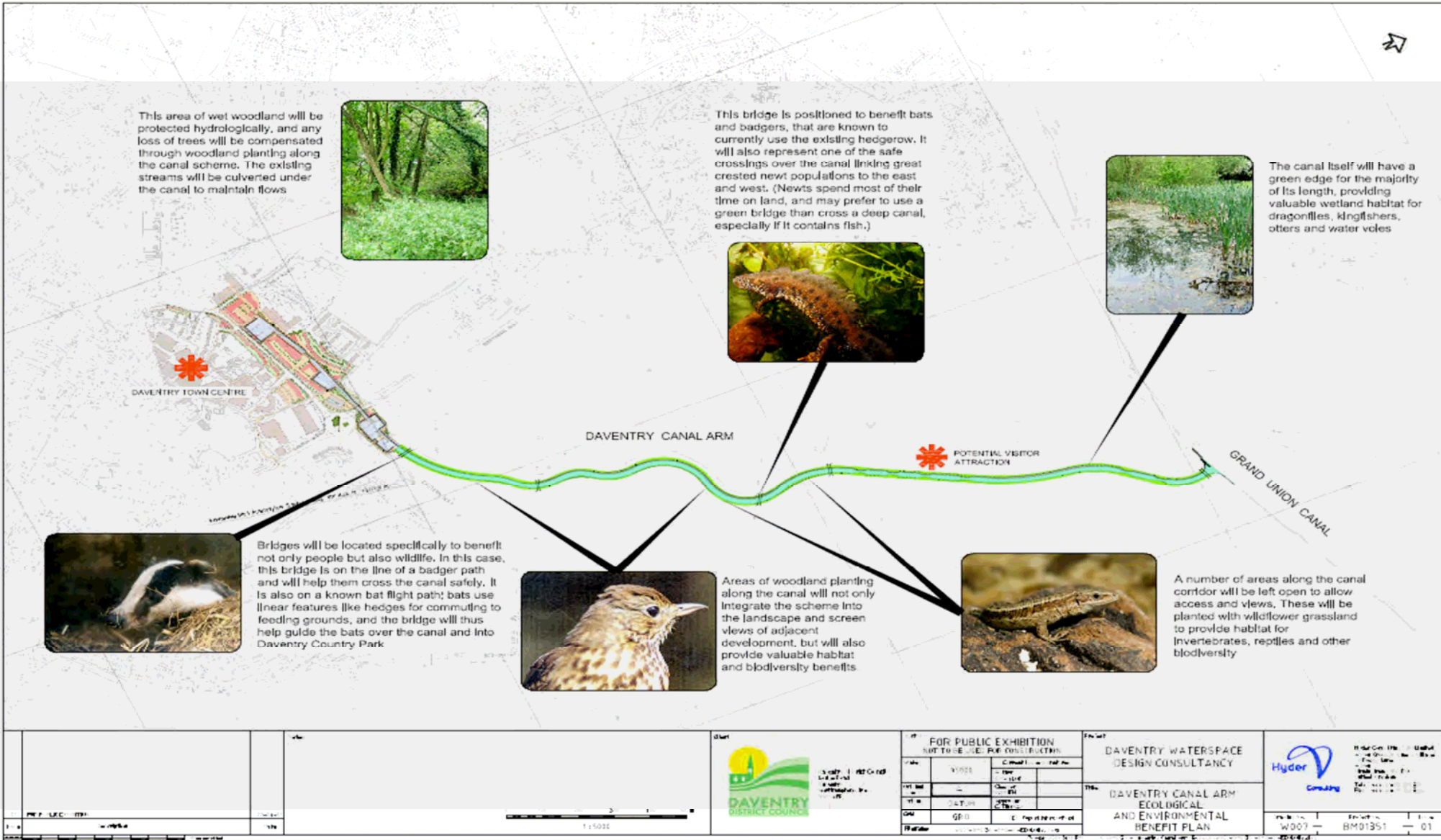
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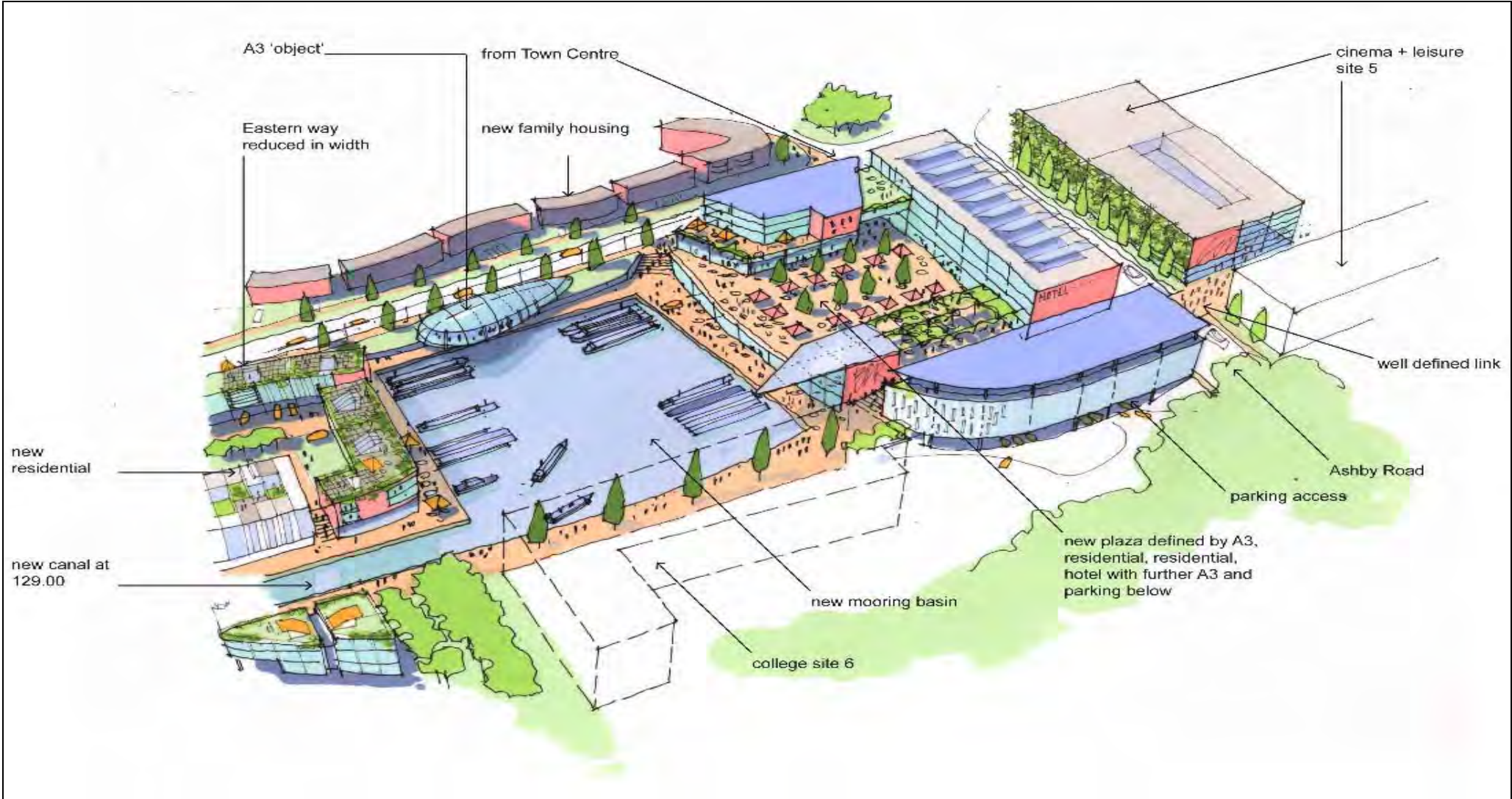




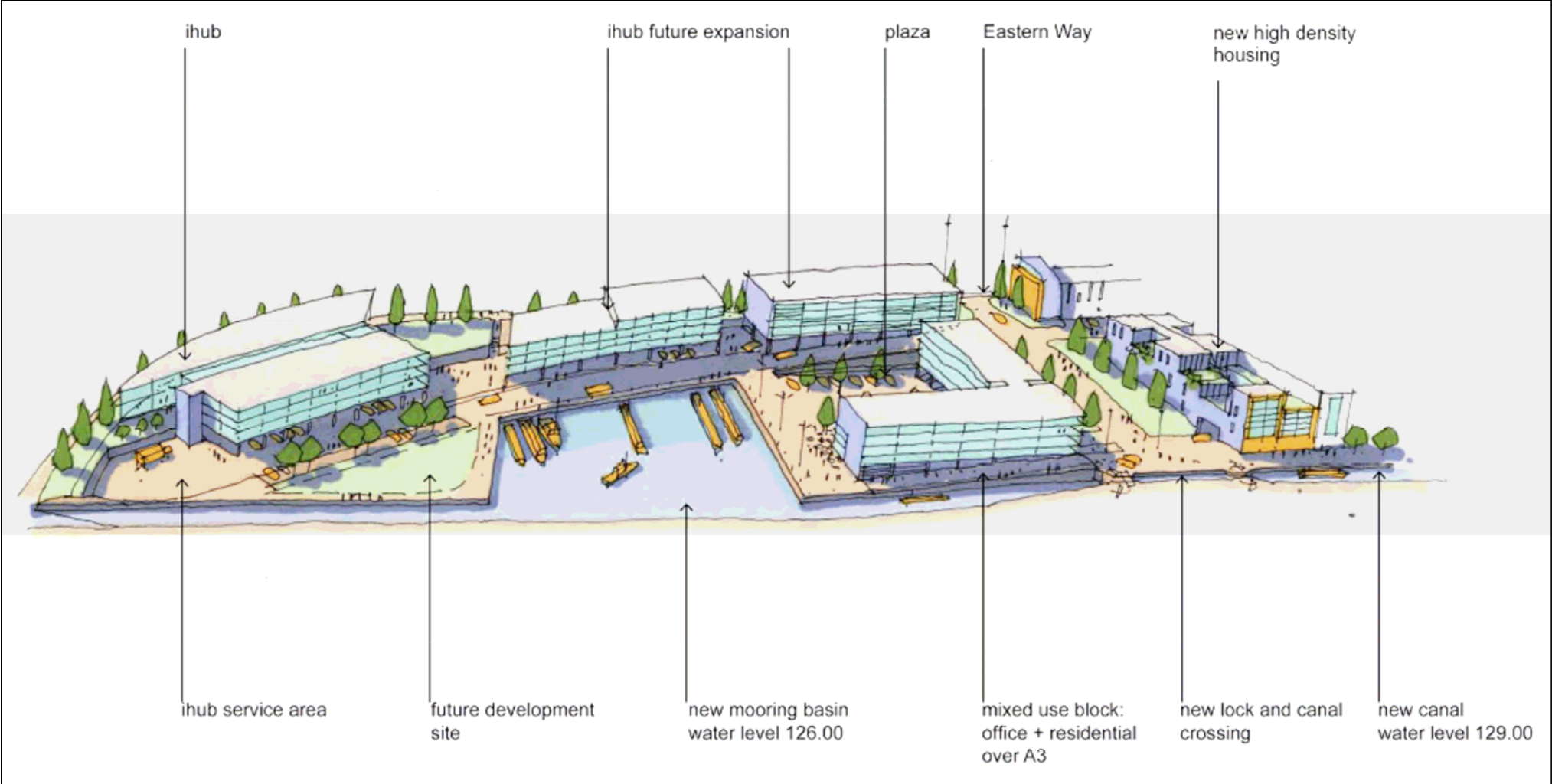
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# Indicative Plan by BDP





Impression of Development Around Western Basin by BDP



Impression of Development Around Middle Basin by BDP