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A edway's multi-billion-pound regeneration programme is taking shape with the granting of a planning application for Temple Waterfront and the submission of a planning application at nearby Vantage Point, which adjoins the Medway boundary. Surplus land at both sites is to be used for innovative thinking and the delivery of high quality restoration with new homes, businesses and the creation of new employment opportunities.

Lafarge Tarmac, who jointly own the 21-hectare Temple Waterfront site with Medway Council and Morgan Timber, have gained outline planning permission for up to 600 homes and 15,000 sq metres of employment space, creating up to 250 jobs.

Proposed community services include shops, services and public transport. The site's waterfront will be opened to the public for the first time in over one hundred years. Wildlife habitats will be protected and enhanced.

At nearby Vantage Point in the Borough of Tonbridge & Malling, Lafarge Tarmac's proposals are for high quality light industrial business designs reflecting the gateway status of the 4.11 hectare site, and will do much to enhance the appearance of the area as well as provide much needed employment and increased opportunities for the local community.

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We are determined to put derelict land in the area to good use and both Temple Waterfront and Vantage Point demonstrate a real vision for innovative regeneration.

Temple Waterfront, with its links to the M2 and superb views across the river to Rochester's castle and cathedral has massive potential and Medway Council, Lafarge Tarmac and Morgan Timber are determined to see that potential realised. With Vantage Point, our planning application will enhance the look and profile of the whole area.

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