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## THE HELENSBURGH PARTNERSHIP EXPANDS ITS ACTIVITIES

At its meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> June, the Board of the Helensburgh Partnership agreed to expand and accelerate its programme of regeneration work for the town.

Studies into Shopping and Office supply are already in progress or completed. A Traffic Management Study is also progressing which is looking at car parking in the town and pedestrianisation of main streets in the town centre. A study is about to be commissioned into the demand for Hotels and Leisure uses. These reports will all be available towards the end of July and details of their findings will be made available to the Helensburgh Public.

The Partnership is aware that a number of well known food retailers are currently looking at Helensburgh and will use these reports to assist in assessing the potential for new shopping, leisure and hotel facilities in Helensburgh.

The Board also approved the preparation of Development Briefs for two key areas of Helensburgh – the Town Centre including Waterfront and the Town Centre East. These should be ready and available by the beginning of next year.

The flagship project agreed at the Board Meeting is the Pier Head Development Framework. This will comprise a detailed assessment of the range of uses that could be developed on the 7 acre site, taking account of market demand and the costs incurred in developing the site. This will be carried out by a firm of masterplanners who will be appointed over the summer. The successful consultant will be required to engage extensively with the Helensburgh public.

Should there be any matters that readers would like to raise with the Partnership, please contact Derek or Louise on 01436 679495 or by email to [info@helensburghpartnership.co.uk](mailto:info@helensburghpartnership.co.uk)

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