DEVONPORT AREA ACTION PLAN

The vision

‘To re-create Devonport as a distinct place in modern Plymouth, a vibrant self sustaining community; a place of real quality, variety and interest, the pride of residents, attractive to visitors and model of 21st century living working and playing.’

Area Action Plan adopted August 2007
What do you think of the changes happening in Devonport?
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Three years later, what is happening?

1. FORMER MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
   SOUTHYARD ENCLAVE
Outline permission was granted for the whole development in May 2006. Mixed use redevelopment comprising 463 homes, 2,323sqm retail space, 4,680sqm commercial uses, 2,112sqm mixed use (the Market Hall), 400sqm community and public open space, car parking and associated highway infrastructure.

2. REGENERATION OF THE KER STREET AREA
Planning application was approved in December 2009. Construction has started on 92 houses and 37 flats. This is 40% less flats than were there before and more houses with gardens.
The aim is to provide a better tenure mix with less socially-rented and more privately owned homes using sustainable building design. It includes improvements to public spaces making them social, safe and secure, new streets that connect better with neighbouring developments.
The area has been designed to respect the historic environment including the conservation area and the Grade I listed buildings in Ker Street. Greater consideration of the distinctive topography, relationship to the waterfront, orientation, and views aims to create a pedestrian-friendly sociable neighbourhood.

3. DEVONPORT GUILDHALL
The Guildhall has reopened after an extensive £1.75 million renovation. It is back in use as a centre for social enterprise and culture for the local community thanks to a Community Assets Grant from the Office of the Third Sector and a contribution from the Devonport Regeneration Company. It includes office space for local organisations and a hall for events.

4. ST AUBYN’S CHURCH
Planning permission was given and works have started to renovate the Church converting the ground floor to a new library, a smaller church on the first floor and adding a single storey side extension. This will be a great improvement from the previous library that was in the basement of the Guildhall.

5. GRANBY GREEN PUBLIC REALM
Improvements in the public space have included a new well lit footpath taking people where they want to go, there are new spaces to sit and a new play ground. Local people have said that they feel safer, it is nicer to look out over and helps to create a neighbourly feel.

6. CUMBERLAND GARDENS PUBLIC REALM
Improvements including removing the underpass and replacing with a zebra crossing, new footpaths, a carved stone bench and commemorative stone, new trees, plants, seats and lighting to create a new attractive open space for local people to enjoy.

7. DEVONPORT PARK
A wide range of funding has resulted in £5.3 million worth of improvements including building a park pavilion, an adventure play area, restoring the listed Lower Lodge, the Napier and Sicilian Fountains plus the Galatea and Chatham memorials, original railings and Fore Street gates.

8. DENTIST SCHOOL
The Peninsula Dental School opened in April 2009. It is the first purpose-built dental education facility in the UK for 30 years. The new facility has 40 dental chairs, seminar rooms and an IT suite along with a laboratory where students can learn clinical skills for procedures such as casting models, adjusting dentures and making mouth guards. A range of dental care is available free of charge.

9. PRINCESS YACHTS
Princess Yachts have applied for permission to develop a new production facility, offices and test facilities in Southyard. 10/00640/ FUL