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Renaissance Southend Ltd

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First signs of regeneration to appear in Southend

Signs outlining the start of vital new regeneration schemes are now appearing at key locations around Southend-on-Sea town centre. The signs or site boards, are intended to let local residents and visitors know that work has started or is about to begin on a wide range of projects designed to help transform the town over the next 12 years.

The first appeared at the former college in London Road, where work has begun on new accommodation for students at the University of Essex with replacement parking below for Southend-on-Sea Borough residents. The second has been placed at the new E15 Clifftown Studios for the University of Essex where construction work to convert the former Church is now well underway.

The site boards, coordinated by regeneration company Renaissance Southend, carry the logos of all the individual partners involved in helping to change the face of the town and demonstrate to local people that plans made several years ago are now nearing fruition.

“Most regeneration schemes take several years to plan and deliver,” said Mike Lambert, chief executive for Renaissance Southend, “and it’s understandable that local people may wonder if projects will ever go ahead.

“The site boards are visible evidence that work has started or is about to begin soon and lets people know that things are happening that will benefit the town in terms of new facilities, new jobs and new opportunities.”

The site boards will be a regular feature of the local landscape for many years to come as more schemes currently scheduled for some 20 different projects across the town reach delivery.

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Other projects which are now imminent include St John's Churchyard, Warrior Square Gardens as well as other public realm schemes at The Victorias, the Seafront and Progress Road.

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Renaissance Southend was incorporated as a not for profit, private limited company on the 18th March 2005.

The Company is run by private and public sector Board of Directors who's Founder Members are Southend-on-Sea Borough Council (SSBC), East of England Development Agency (EEDA), Homes and Communities Agency (HCA), University of Essex (UoE) and South East Essex College (SEEC), supported by Government Office for the East of England and the Thames Gateway South Essex Partnership.

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