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Recent Developments in Dundee

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Company Developments

Name	Information	Date
GA Engineering	Dundee based precision engineering company, GA Engineering has submitted a planning application for a 15000sq.ft. extension to their premises at West Pitkerro Industrial Estate. This is part of a £1.2M development which will double its factory floorspace and output in the next 2 years and increase employment.	October 05
InPractice Systems	InPractice Systems develop software for the healthcare sector, including the NHS. They are expanding their centre in Dundee to produce the next generation of online patient databases for use in doctors' surgeries. This contract will enable the company to recruit 25 new software developers and safeguards the 21 existing posts.	October 05
DC Thomson	DC Thomson's have purchased the publishing firm Puzzler Media, which currently publishes more than 50 titles in an £86M deal.	Jan '06
Ink Animations	Dundee based animation company, Ink Animations, was nominated for a Scottish Bafta for their animation Greeks. The company are based at the Springfield Incubator run by Duncan of Jordanstone. The company employs 6 local graduates.	12/11/05
CJ Lang	CJ Lang have received planning permission for an extension to its Longtown Road Depot. The 3850 sq.m. warehouse will allow the chilled and frozen food depot at Clepington Road to be incorporated into the company's main site.	06/12/05
DDS Medicines Ltd	Dundee University's first commercial spin-out company (1982), DDS Medicines has been bought by its current management in a deal thought to be worth more than £1M.	Oct 05
Serologicals	Serologicals is to boost its Scottish workforce by more than 30 as part of a restructuring process, following on from the company's £113M acquisition of Dundee based Upstate in 2004. Most of the jobs will be based in the group's newly created drug discovery unit which is headquartered in Dundee.	Oct '05

Leisure Facilities, Restaurants & Pubs

Name	Information	Date
Hilton Hotel	The Hilton Hotel has announced a £1.2M refit which will see the upgrading of the function rooms and decorations.	24/11/05
The Brae - Riding for the Disabled	Work is due to start on the £1M development to create a Riding for the Disabled Centre in Dundee. Work on the building is due to start in the spring and will take approximately 16 weeks. Grants have been received from a number of organisations including the National Lottery, the Robertson Trust, Lloyds TSB Scotland Foundation and the Moncur Trust.	22/11/05
Bannatyne's Health Club	The Bannatyne's Health Club in Dundee has been bought by Energie Fitness Clubs, this is their first venture in Scotland.	Oct '05
Fat Sams Music Venue	<i>Fat Sam's nightclub in Dundee have submitted a planning application for the £1.5M development of a mid-sized live music venue at the nightclub complex on South Ward Road. The company have secured the premises formerly housing O'Neill's Irish Bar and the courtyard to the rear. The music venue would have a capacity of 1000.</i>	06/12/05

Housing

Name	Information	Date
Former Debenhams Store	Work has commenced to turn the upper floors of the former Debenhams store on the Nethergate into 51 flats for rent. The development is being targeted at the student accommodation market.	18/11/05
Riverside Drive	Planning permission has been granted for the development of 202 flats in 9 storey blocks, on the former Homebase site on Riverside Drive.	06/12/05
Bellfield Street	<i>Shakila Properties are seeking planning permission to build 16 houses and 16 apartments on the site of Bellfield House in Bellfield Street.</i>	24/01/06
Hebrides Drive	<i>A Dunfermline based property developer has submitted a planning application to build 10 houses on land north of Hebrides Drive in Mill O Mains.</i>	24/01/06
Craigowal Estate, Strathmartine Road	<i>Bett Homes, is seeking planning permission to build 130 homes on land adjacent to its' existing 90-home Craigowal Estate. The new houses would be detached, on 2 storeys and offer 3 to 4 bedrooms. Safe play areas for children have been included in the design and the area would be surrounded by a landscaped woodland.</i>	24/01/06

Community Regeneration

Name	Information	Date
Mill O Mains	An old bowling pavilion is to be turned into a community centre for young people in Mill O Mains. The Council is putting £100000 to the alterations, from the Community Regeneration Fund and the Council's capital budget.	21/11/05
St Mary's Open Door	A new community flat has opened in St Mary's to provide support services for parents with children aged under 12. It will act as a local access point for a range of services - Community Families Support Project will deliver support services.	09/12/05

Retail/City Centre

Name	Information	Date
Former Arnotts Store	The former Arnotts Store in the City Centre, which was redeveloped by Glasgow based company Dawn Developments has been sold for £22M to a group of private Irish investors. 5 of the 7 new retail units are now occupied by Zara, Ottakers, Slaters Menswear, the Original Shoe Company and Republic.	02/12/05
Overgate	Up to 400 temporary staff are to be recruited by stores in the Overgate Centre in the run-up to Christmas.	22/11/05
Lidl	Lidl have been given permission to develop a store on a site to the north of Dura Street in the City's Stobswell area.	06/12/05
Primark	The recently closed Littlewoods store in the Overgate Centre is to be turned into a Primark. The existing store will remain open until the larger site is complete.	25/10/06

Infrastructure and Property

Name	Information	Date
New Schools	A programme of new build and refurbishment of the City's schools is set to commence in the Spring. This will see the replacement of 6 primary schools and Grove Academy at a total cost of £85M, funded through a PFI agreement.	19/11/05
Dundee MediPark	Alchemy Laboratories have announced plans to move into a new unit at the MediPark next April. Work has begun on a new 6350 sq.ft. unit.	24/11/05
West Park Conference Centre	The West Park Conference centre has reopened after refurbishment work, undertaken as part of the £5M redevelopment of the entire West Park site. The conference centre has a new reception area, 3 new meeting rooms and new toilets.	07/11/05
Seabraes to Riverside Drive Footbridge	Recently approved plans to develop 202 flats on the former Homebase site on Riverside Drive included £250000 to develop a footbridge to provide access between the Digital Media Campus on the former Railyards site and Riverside Drive - finally creating a long-sought after access point across the railway line from the West End.	06/12/05
Coakley Business Park	<i>Planning permission is being sought by Glasgow based Coakley Group to demolish the empty former headquarters of Low and Bonar on Faraday Street and develop 4 buildings totalling 75000 sq.ft. of pavilion style offices at a costs of £17.5M. Fully occupied the 3 and 4 storey buildings could house up to 700 employees.</i>	08/12/05
Digital Media Park	Work is due to start on the first building on the City's £3M Digital Media Park. The 25000 sq.ft. building is expected to take 9 to 12 months to complete.	20/12/06
Nethergate Centre	The Nethergate Centre will be managed by property consultants Ryden, in a discussion with owners (Kenmore Property Group) of the property. The centre is due for a £4M refurbishment.	14/1/06

Tourism

Name	Information	Date
Sensation Science Centre	Sensation Science Centre is undergoing a £3M upgrade, creating a new zone called Secret Sight and Your Brilliant Brain.	18/11/05
Hotel Development Marketgait	A planning application submitted by Camlin Investments (Bruce Linton and David Cameron) for the development of a 114-room hotel (Holiday Inn Express) and over 70000sq.ft. of office space at the vacant site on the corner of Nethergate and Marketgait has been approved. Work on the £23M project could start in the summer.	27/01/06
Frigate Unicorn	Work has started on the erection of a £70000 new all-weather covering for the ship.	20/12/05

Funding

Name	Information	Date
Bharatiya Ashram	Received a grant of £48271 from the Big Lottery Fund to support informal classes for BME clients to access English, yoga, IT etc,	13/01/06
Maxwelltown Information Centre	MIC received a grant of £72794 from the Big Lottery Fund to enable them to increase the uptake of services provided by voluntary and statutory agencies to black and minority ethnic clients in the Hilltown and Stobswell.	13/01/06
Alzheimer Scotland Action on Dementia	Alzheimer Action operates from Whitfield Parish Church and received a grant of £86500 from the Big Lottery Fund to facilitate peer support for people suffering from dementia.	13/01/06
Brae Partnership	The Brae Partnership, who are seeking to develop a £500000 Riding for the Disabled Centre on the outskirts of Dundee have raised the final £35000 required. A grant from the Foundation for Sport and the Arts has allowed them to reach their target.	10/01/06

Further & Higher Education & Research Activity

Name	Information	Date
University of Dundee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A poll of 2600 scientists around the world, in The Scientist magazine to find the best places to "do" science has named the University of Dundee as the best place to work in Europe (and 4th in the world). This is the second year in a row that the University has placed first in Europe. The Wellcome Trust, one of the world's largest charities has awarded a group of 6 scientists in Dundee's new £20M Centre for Interdisciplinary Research, a grant of £8.1M over 5 years to help discover drugs to treat some of the world's most neglected tropical diseases. The grant will increase the number of scientists in the group from 60 to 76. Division of Applied Computing - the new User Centre in the Queen Mother building, which will focus on the division's groundbreaking work looking at how older people interact with new technology has been opened. The International Water Law Research Institute has become the first UNESCO Centre in the UK. The Institute has become the IHP-HELP Centre for Water Law, Policy and Science, The Scottish Executive have made £900000 available to the new centre over the next 5 years to help it become self sustainable. West Park Halls - a £5M redevelopment plan is underway at West Park. The old West Park Hall bedrooms have now been demolished and 140 self-catering en-suite rooms are being built in their place. The work will be completed by September 2006. The University has won a Queen's Anniversary Prize for Higher Education for its work in drug discovery. The award recognises the work of the Division of Signal Transduction Therapy. In November, the University gained £22.7M in research grants, including £8.1M from the Wellcome Trust for research into tropical diseases. 	<p>October 05</p> <p>25/10/05</p> <p>24/10/05</p> <p>20/10/05</p> <p>07/11/05</p> <p>18/11/05</p> <p>Dec 05</p>
Scottish Crop Research Institute	SCRI researchers have secured a grant of £1.25M to help develop new disease resistant plants to reduce the use of pesticides.	Oct' 05

Healthcare

Name	Information	Date
Disability Living Centre	A unit at Claverhouse Industrial Park has been earmarked for a £1.25M plus conversion to turn it into a disability living centre - Joint Equipment Services . The unit will provide a central base for the provision of equipment which assists people with disabilities. It is a joint venture between Dundee City Council and NHS Tayside pulling together a number of fragmented services.	25/11/05

Environmental Improvements

Name	Information	Date
Enforcement Officers	Dundee City Council is employing 2 Environmental Enforcement Officers with the power to give out on the spot fines of up to £50 for those caught littering, fly-tipping and drawing graffiti.	29/11/05
Hilltown Park	A £350000 project aimed at enhancing the park in the Hilltown (£125000 from European Regional Development Fund, £125000 from Dundee City Council and £100000 from the Better Neighbourhood Services Fund). The project includes upgrading paths and lighting, new formal entrances and ornamental trees to be planted.	05/01/06