

The former Power Station site, Hamworthy, Poole, Dorset.

The former Power Station site is located half a mile from Poole Town Centre and occupies an exceptional and highly visible waterside location fronting Holes Bay and the Back Water Channel leading to the renowned Poole Harbour.



The site was a former coal-fired power station that was decommissioned in 1998.

This major brownfield redevelopment site was acquired in December 2002 as a 50/50 Joint Venture between Lands Improvement and JJ Gallagher.

Additional small areas of land were acquired in 2003 and 2004.

The Joint Venture is working in close co-operation with the Borough of Poole Council to bring forward a comprehensive residentially-led mixed use regeneration development scheme.

Milestones achieved to date include:

2006 Transport and Works Act Order granted Planning Permission for the new Twin Sails lifting bridge.

2006 Full Planning Permission granted for a new link road through the site. The road, provided by the Joint Venture partners, will connect the new bridge to Blandford Road.

2008 Council's Core Strategy was adopted.

2009 Borough of Poole Council and the South West Redevelopment Agency agreed to invest £9.6 million towards the construction of the new Twin Sails Bridge. This funding deal is in addition to Central Government's existing commitment of £14.1 million.

2010 Construction Contract let by Borough of Poole Council for construction of bridge.

2010 Preparation of outline planning application by the Joint Venture partners.



Construction of the new 'Twin Sails' lifting bridge is underway and will be completed late 2011, opening to the public in the early part of 2012. The new bridge, designed by Wilkinson Eyre and Gifford and Partners, is a result of more than 20 years campaigning from the people of Poole to help reduce the delays caused by only having one bridge. The new bridge will run in conjunction with the existing bridge and will provide improved traffic flows as well as an attractive and safe access for pedestrians and cyclists.

The Twin Sails Bridge will be the catalyst for a major regeneration area including new homes, employment opportunities and public open space. The bridge will provide access to 26 hectares of brownfield land, the major part of which is the former Power Station site. This will be one of the largest regeneration sites in the South West and it is expected to deliver 2,000 homes and create up to 5,000 jobs in the area.

