

# News

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## Muse look ahead to further phases at Doncaster CCQ

Development of the first phase of Doncaster Council and Muse Developments £300 million Civic and Cultural Quarter (CCQ) is nearing completion.

The latest piece in the Civic jigsaw — ‘Cast’ the £22 million new performance venue — opened its doors last month. It’s provided a cultural aspect to the quarter adding to the already completed:

Sir Nigel Gresley Square – the new civic square is becoming a popular meeting place in the heart of the new quarter. It has already held a number of well attended events including the ‘Cast of Thousands’ which celebrated the opening of the new venue.

Civic offices – the council completed its move into the building in January this year. The move has enabled the council to efficiently merge many of its town centre services and teams under one roof and realise significant annual savings due to the sustainability features of the new offices.

Civic Quarter Car Park – Muse has invested heavily in the former Southern Multi-Storey Car Park providing a safe parking solution for the entire scheme; during the day for people working close by and visitors and during the evening for visitors to Cast. It provides convenient and well lit parking facilities and late opening hours at highly competitive prices.

The last part of this important first phase — ‘The Gables’ launched to the public this month. Muse is delivering 54 new ecologically designed homes, the first in the town for some years. Interest has been high, with reservations already taken.

Dan Needham, regional director at Muse commented: “The initial Civic facilities have acted as a catalyst for the development of the first new homes in the CCQ and we hope for this to continue, enabling Muse to actively bring forward further phases of development.

“We are now in discussions with restaurant and leisure operators, in order to provide a family focused offering within the town centre, which will complement Cast adding to the developing evening economy.”

Mayor of Doncaster, Ros Jones, said: “The transformation of Waterdale has been remarkable over the last couple of years. We have a range of new facilities and attractions and new homes are going up. These exceptional developments are helping to breathe new life into Waterdale. Doncaster has a clear plan for economic growth and this major regeneration project is a key piece in the jigsaw.”

Work on the CCQ project began in December 2010. The Civic Quarter MSCP was completed in October 2011, the public square opened in June 2012 and the Civic offices opened its doors in January 2013. The first new homes at The Gables will be ready by December this year.