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PRESS RELEASE

### Oxford 2015 - Dreams Plans & Visions

Excitement has been mounting as the launch date for the Oxford 2015 programme of events finally arrives. The programme, starting on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June, involves ten days of exhibitions, displays, talks, workshops and art events in Modern Art Oxford and across the City. On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June, The Westgate Partnership and Modern Art Oxford are jointly hosting a special launch event for Year 10 students from Cheney School, giving them a chance to talk to some of The Westgate Partnership team and discuss the ideas they have developed.

Oxford's young people are just one of a number of target groups, and Year 10 students from Cheney School have been working on The Driftwood Arts Project for the Modern Art Oxford Exhibition. Based on the 1950's Parisian-based group of artists known as Situationists, this project has encouraged students to consider art within the urban context. They have adopted a 'drifting' approach to Oxford, travelling in no particular direction but being conscious of everything around them. They have collected 'driftwood' - bus tickets, a twig - things that relate to their 'journey'. Their findings have been the basis for maps, drawings and models about Oxford now and in the future. The project was led by celebrated local artist Katy Beinart, who helped the students prepare the final models, each of which represent "The Evolving City of Tomorrow".

Graham Williams of Allies and Morrison, one of the architects for the new Westgate scheme, will be attending the launch and looking forward to discussing the children's ideas.

Jane McFarland, Group Development Manager for the Westgate Partnership comments, "We have been delighted to work with Modern Art Oxford as sponsors of Oxford 2015 and have been impressed with the thought and imagination that has been shown by the talented young students from Cheney School."

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## THE WESTGATE PARTNERSHIP

The re-development and extension of the Westgate Centre is being carried out by The Westgate Partnership, a joint venture between Capital Shopping Centres and La Salle Investment Management.

Capital Shopping Centres PLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Liberty International PLC, is the leading company in the UK specialising in the ownership, management and development of regional shopping centres. It specialises in retail-led town centre regeneration, providing mixed-use schemes which respond to the needs of particular locations. Schemes it has developed and still owns and manages include The Glades (Bromley), The Harlequin (Watford) and The Chimes (Uxbridge)

LaSalle Investment Management, one of the UK's largest investment fund managers, is responsible for the British Coal Industry Pension Funds' property portfolio, which includes The Westgate Centre.

### **The Westgate Masterplan**

The Westgate Partnership's Masterplan for the re-development of the Westgate area of Oxford received support from Oxford City Council's Strategic Development Control Committee in October 2004. Since then, The Partnership has been working on reviewing and responding to issues raised during the consultation process with a view to publishing a response to consultation document which will sit alongside the existing masterplan. Work will then start on the detailed design process with a view to submitting a planning application at the end of 2005. Further consultation is planned to take place during this process, with an exhibition and stakeholder consultation presentations planned for later this year.

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