

HARLOW DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Opening of the Harlow Industrial Estate by The Rt. Hon. Hugh Dalton,  
M.P., Minister of Local Government and Planning - 24th September 1951

PROGRAMME

1. The Minister accompanied by the Parliamentary Secretary will arrive at the junction of the Netteswell Road with the approach to the industrial estate (plan attached) at 3.30 p.m. where he will be received by the Chairman and Members of the Harlow Development Corporation.
2. The Chairman will introduce to the Minister representatives of the Development Corporation, the Local Authorities concerned with the development of the New Town, the Contractors engaged in the building of the industrial estate and of the workers employed on these contracts.
3. The Chairman, supported by the above and other representatives and officers of the Local Authorities, Industrialists, members of the Public and Press will then invite the Minister formally to open the Industrial Estate by turning an electric switch and so starting up the plant and machinery in the factories which have been completed and are in occupation on the estate. It is hoped that before this formal act the Minister will address the assembled gathering, referring in particular to industrial development in the Town, the benefits which the Town will bring and the part which everyone, including in particular the Corporation, its officers, industrialists and their employees and the contractors and their employees can do to achieve this.
4. The Chairman will then invite the Minister to pay a short visit to each factory and with his approval introduce him to the representatives of the industrialists concerned. The individuals and factories in question are as follows:-

<u>Factory</u>	<u>Names of Representatives</u>
British Hydromechanics Research Association	G.A. Wauchope, M.I.Mech.E.
Dairy Pipelines, Ltd.	A.H. Smith Mrs. A. Sutton
Airmed, Ltd.	C.E.J. Dickinson H.C. Binstead
O.C. Products, Ltd.	F.A. Moseley
Vernon Tools, Ltd.	Henry G. Vernon
Revertex, Ltd.	D.H. Scott A.F. Baillie H.K. Marsh S. Austen

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Kores Manufacturing Co, Ltd.	E. Lefebure W. J. Tournalmain
Admiralty	D. Lewis
V.M.E. Engineering	J.W. Trumble N. Scott
Dorstel Press, Ltd.	R.S. Hartnell G.H. Flower
Sunvic Controls, Ltd.	N. Ryland Davis R. Lloyd
Sheardown	J.W. Sheardown J.M. Sheardown

5. After inspecting the factories the Minister will be invited, before leaving the estate, to plant a tree in commemoration of his visit and be invited to accept as a memento of the occasion, the spade with which he accomplishes this act.
6. At the conclusion of the ceremony the Minister, Chairman, Members of the Board and the guests invited to the ceremony will proceed to Harlow Mill Restaurant where tea will be served at 4.45 p.m.
7. In the event of inclement weather the formal opening ceremony will be held in the Standard Factory occupied by Sunvic Controls, Ltd.



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### GENERAL INFORMATION WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

#### INTRODUCTION

On May 9th the Minister visited Harlow to open First Avenue, the first main new town highway, and an exhibition of housing and industrial development in Harlow. It was recently announced that up to August 23rd over 10,000 people had visited this exhibition.

#### PROGRESS

Since the Minister's last visit, rapid progress has been made. The Corporation have in course of construction nearly 2,000 houses ranging from new designs of lower area housing to dwellings for middle-income groups costing something in the region of £2,800. 380 dwellings have already been occupied; by far the great majority of the tenants being those drawn from London and being either building trade operatives or having settled with industry. In addition to the housing programme the Corporation has started to build a temporary health centre due for completion at the end of the year, has let a contract for the first public house in the New Town, and hopes to complete its first 25 shops by the early spring of next year. In step with this development playing fields are being provided, the first primary school is now in course of erection and a secondary school is to start next year. Accordingly in the earliest stages the Corporation is achieving balanced building development which has enabled it to reach its current house building programme of 1,000 dwellings a year. This it is hoped to "step up" in the not far distant future to 1,500 dwellings a year.

#### INDUSTRIAL POLICY

In establishing industry in the New Town the Corporation is proceeding on three bases:-

- (a) by the erection of a sectional factory which is a unit of about 2,000 sq. ft. and which is capable of being multiplied say up to 6,000, 8,000 or 10,000 sq. ft. to meet the needs of the "smaller man";
- (b) by the erection of a standard factory of 20,000 sq. ft. which is capable of being multiplied into units of up to as much as 100,000 sq. ft.; and
- (c) by the leasing of sites at a ground rent for the industrialist to develop himself.

In certain cases the factory may combine both standard accommodation (let at a rack rent) and "special purpose" space, built to the industrialist's own specification, the capital cost of it being borne by him.

## CURRENT INDUSTRIAL PROGRAMME

- Built and let
1. The Corporation has already built and let 8 sectional units, 2 standard units and one standard, plus special purpose unit.
- In course of development
2. The Corporation is building a further four standard units (~~2~~ of them with additional "special purpose" space) and 5 sectional units. All of these are reserved for the firms who are to occupy them.
  3. Sites let for development by the industrialists include one of 6 acres, one of 3 acres and one of 1 acre.
- Projected
4. Work is to begin shortly on three more standard and 4 sectional factories, for firms who are to receive the necessary permits to transfer.

In some cases the development described represents the first instalment of the industrialist's phased programme of development, in which case the sites let include reserve areas for later expansion.

## EMPLOYMENT FIGURES

The projects described are expected to provide industrial employment for 1,100 people during the next two years. Over this period the Corporation will also continue to introduce the families of building trade operatives into the new town until the total head of building labour housed reaches the maximum of 1,600. After that the numbers of factory workers moving annually into the town will correspondingly increase.

APPENDIX I. Gives full details of current industrial programme

APPENDIX II. Gives details of main contractors and sub-contractors

September 20th, 1951



INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENTFACTORIES BUILT AND LET

<u>Name of Firm</u>	<u>Type of Industry</u>	<u>Type of Building</u>	<u>Area</u>
British Hydromechanics Research Association	Hydromechanical research	Office and Laboratories	Factory 12,600 sq.ft. Site .95 acres
Dairy Pipelines Ltd.	Light engineering, pipes and fittings used in food processing.	Sectional - three bays	Factory 6,300 sq.ft. Site 9,000 sq.ft.
O.C. Products, Ltd.	General Woodworkers	Sectional - one bay	Factory 2,100 sq.ft. Site 3,000 sq.ft.
Vernon Tools, Ltd.	Press tools, jigs and general light engineering	Sectional - one bay	Factory 2,100 sq.ft. Site 3,000 sq.ft.
Airmed, Ltd.	Light engineering, medical appliances	Sectional - three bays	Factory 6,300 sq.ft. Site 9,000 sq.ft.
Sunvic Controls, Ltd.	Scientific instrument makers	Standard	20,000 sq.ft.
Admiralty		Standard Additional space	20,000 sq.ft. 10,000 sq.ft. Site 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ acres

FACTORIES IN COURSE OF DEVELOPMENT

Revertex, Ltd. In course of construction	Rubber latex and synthetic resins	Standard Special	36,000 sq.ft. 6,000 sq.ft. Site 1.59 acres Option on additional 1.541 acres
V.M.E. Engineering. In course of construction	Manufacturers of elevators, conveyors & material handling equipment	Sectional - one bay	Factory 2,100 sq.ft. Site 3,000 sq. ft.
Dorstel Press, Ltd. In course of construction	Printers & book-binders	Standard	Factory 20,000 sq.ft. Site .85 acres
Sheardown In course of construction	Non-ferrous foundries	Sectional - one bay	Factory 2,100 sq.ft. Site 3,000 sq.ft.
Kores Manufacturing Co.Ltd. Site levelling completed	Carbon papers, stencils, type-writer ribbons	Standard Special	10,800 sq.ft. 4,200 sq.ft. Site 3.39 acres Second stage 35,000 sq.ft. factory space

City Glass Bottle Co. Site levelling in progress	Glass containers for foodstuffs	Site to be developed by Company	6 - 12 acre site
Standard Telephones & Cables, Ltd. (Contract let)	Telephones and component parts	Standard	20,000 sq. ft.
<u>PROJECTED</u>			
Standard Telephones & Cables, Ltd.	Telephones, cables, radio transmitters, etc.	Standard	Further 20,000 sq.ft.
Edison Swan Electric Co. Ltd.	Machine tools	Standard	20,000 sq. ft.
Greenpar Motor & Mechanical Engineers Ltd. (Licence promised)	Toolmakers and engineers	Sectional - 3 bays	Factory 6,300 sq.ft. Site 9,000 sq. ft.
Havelock Engineering Co. Ltd. (Licence promised)	Machine makers, specialists in making machines for manufacturing welding electrodes	Sectional - 2 bays	Factory 4,200 sq.ft. Site 6,000 sq. ft.
Simson Shand (Licence promised)	Printers	Site to be developed by Company	15,000 sq.ft. 1 acre
Dawson Constructional Engineers(London) Ltd. (Licence promised)	Light steel fabricators	Sectional - one bay	2,100 sq.ft.
Electrical Remote Control Co. Ltd. (Licence promised)	Controls & switches	Sectional - one bay	2,100 sq.ft.
Gubitt Town Timber Co. Ltd.	Timber conversion and kiln drying	Site to be developed by Company	3 acre site



LIST OF MAIN CONTRACTORS AND SUB-CONTRACTORS

Factory	For British Hydro-mechanics Research Association	For Revertex Limited	For Sunvic Controls Limited	For Admiralty	Sectional Factories
<u>Main Contractor</u>	A.G. Boyd Gibbins	Kent & Sussex Contractors, Limited	Geo. Wimpey & Co. Limited.	Geo. Wimpey & Co. Limited	Geo. Wimpey & Co. Limited
<u>Sub-Contractors</u>					
STEELWORK	Matthew T. Shaw, Ltd.	Dawnays, Ltd.	Boulton & Paul, Ltd.	Boulton & Paul, Ltd.	Edward J. Wood & Co. Ltd.
PRECAST FLOORS & ROOFS	Concrete, Ltd.	Concrete, Ltd.	Fabricrete Products Ltd.	Fabricrete Products, Ltd.	-
PATENT GLAZING	Aygee, Ltd.	County Glazing Co. Ltd.	Williams & Williams, Ltd.	Williams & Williams, Ltd.	Williams & Williams, Ltd.
WINDOWS	Aygee, Ltd.	Williams & Williams Ltd.	Williams & Williams, Ltd.	Williams & Williams, Ltd.	Williams & Williams, Ltd.
PATENT GATES	Bolton Gate Co. Ltd.	Bolton Gate Co. Ltd.	Bolton Gate Co. Ltd.	Bolton Gate Co. Ltd.	
ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION	Eastern Electricity Board	Eastern Electricity Board	Matthew Hall & Co. Ltd.	Matthew Hall & Co. Ltd.	Eastern Electricity Board
PAVINGS	Marley Tile Co.	-	-	-	-
SANITARY FITTINGS	Stitsons Sanitary Fittings, Ltd.	B. Finch & Co. Ltd.	-	-	-
IRON-MONGERY	A. J. Binns Ltd. & Lockerbie & Wilkinson	Lockerbie & Wilkinson	Comyn Ching & Co. Ltd.	Comyn Ching & Co. Ltd.	G. & S. Allgood, Ltd.
GLASS DOME	I. & W. Ide, Ltd.	-	-	-	-

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GAS INSTALLATION	Eastern Gas Board	Eastern Gas Board	Matthew Hall & Co. Ltd.	Matthew Hall & Co. Ltd.	-
HAND-RAILING & BALUSTRADING	General Construction Co. Ltd. J. & W. Shale, Ltd.	General Construction Co. Ltd.	Clarke Hunt	Clarke Hunt	-
FACING BRICKS	Eastwood Sales, Ltd.	Eastwood Sales, Ltd.	Uxbridge Flint Brick Co. Ltd.	Uxbridge Flint Brick Co. Ltd.	Uxbridge Flint Brick Co. Ltd.
HEATING	Earley & Noon, Ltd.	W. Richardson & Co. Ltd.	Matthew Hall & Co. Ltd.	Matthew Hall & Co. Ltd.	-
PLASTERING	-	Pain Owen, Ltd.	-	-	-
PLUMBING	-	J. Martin (Brookley) Ltd.	Matthew Hall & Co. Ltd.	Matthew Hall & Co. Ltd.	-
PAINTING	-	Geo. Jones & Son, Ltd.	C. Hastings, Ltd.	C. Hastings, Ltd.	C. & T. Painters Ltd.
ROOFING	Permanite, Ltd.	General Asphalte Co. Ltd.	Permanite, Ltd.	Permanite, Ltd.	-
JOINERY	-	H. Watts & Son (Elstree)	-	-	-
THERMACOUST SLABS	-	Thermacoust, Ltd.	-	-	-
TERAZZO	-	-	Jaconello, Ltd.	Jaconello, Ltd.	-



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PROGRESS MADE IN BUILDING FACTORIES IN HARLOW NEW TOWN

MR. DALTON TO OPEN INDUSTRIAL ESTATE

Mr. Hugh Dalton, Minister of Local Government and Planning, will formally open the industrial estate at Harlow New Town on Monday, 24th September, by turning an electric switch. This will start up plant and machinery in the various factories which have been completed and are in occupation on the estate.

8 units of sectional factories, 2 standard factories, and 1 special purpose factory have now been built in Harlow New Town. Industrial undertakings which are already producing in these factories include light engineering, medical appliance and scientific instrument works. 4 other standard factories and 5 units of sectional factories are at present under construction. A 6-acre site is being levelled for a glass-bottle manufacturer who will build his own factory, and work will begin shortly on 2 standard factories, 4 units of sectional factories and two other factories to be built by their owners.

All the firms which have taken, or are taking, sites in Harlow come from London in accordance with the plan for the decentralisation of industry, and population. The various undertakings are expected to provide industrial employment for 1,100 people in the course of the next two years.

Housing progress in Harlow is keeping pace with factory construction. Nearly 1,000 homes are now being built, and contracts have been let for a further 1,000. 400 homes are already occupied. The current house-building programme is for some 1,000 homes a year, and it is hoped to increase this figure before long to 1,500 a year.

The first 25 shops in the New Town are expected to be completed early in the spring. A temporary health centre and a primary school have been begun, and a contract has been let for the first public house.

After the opening of the estate on 24th September, Mr. Dalton, who will be accompanied by the Parliamentary Secretary, Mr. G.S. Lindgren, will inspect the factories.

Note to Editors. A list of industrial firms already installed, those for whom factories are in course of development, and those with whom the Development Corporation is in an advanced stage of negotiations is attached.

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MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PLANNING

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If it would be of any assistance to you to send someone  
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happy to meet your convenience in the matter.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) W.E. Adams, O.B.E.

General Manager.

Mr. Graber  
Mr. Nealey

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Letter received from Harlow Development Corporation,  
Terlings, Gilston, Harlow, Essex, dated 17th September, 1951.

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Dear Mrs. Shearer,

I have pleasure in enclosing a formal invitation to you to the opening of the Harlow New Town Eastern Industrial Estate by the Rt. Hon. Hugh Dalton, M.P., Minister of Local Government and Planning on September 24th at 3.15 p.m. The brochure which is enclosed gives details of Industrial Development at Harlow.

The Minister will declare the Estate open by turning on a master switch which will set in motion the machinery of those factories already in occupation. He will then make a short tour of the estate and will plant a tree commemorating the ceremony. This is the first new town Industrial Estate to be formally opened in this kind of way and I am hoping to secure as wide a publicity as possible on this occasion. I write to ask, therefore, whether it would be possible for you to arrange - as I understand it is within your power to do - for the ceremony to be covered by an operator on behalf of the Newsreel Association of Gt. Britain and Ireland.

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