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## Ravenscraig, Scotland



The former Ravenscraig Steelworks closed in 1992, creating one of the largest brownfield sites in Europe, measuring over 450 hectares (1,125 acres). The process of establishing how the site could contribute to the lasting prosperity and well being of the people of Lanarkshire and Scotland started almost immediately. A Development Strategy for Ravenscraig was produced in 1994 which established the principle of a mixed use development of the site. This was followed by the launch of a Masterplan in 1997 which attempted to further articulate the vision for the site.

The essence of the new Ravenscraig is the creating of a sustainable, integrated urban community, complete with jobs, housing, schools, leisure and community facilities, parks and wildlife corridors, all linked by an integrated transport system that anticipates the diverse and changing commercial and social needs of the new community. The development of the new Ravenscraig will serve as a catalyst for the continuing growth of the Lanarkshire economy and offer unique opportunities for investment as well as an exciting new way of life for its people and those in the surrounding communities.

A unique public/private joint venture company, "Ravenscraig Limited" was established to deliver the principles of the project. Ravenscraig Limited comprises of Barratt Developments, Scottish Enterprise Lanarkshire and Corus plc (formerly British Steel). All partners are working together to drive the implementation of the development proposals to deliver a bold new Ravenscraig. Outline Planning Consent for the project was issued in May 2005, and the first phase of infrastructure began in October 2006. The initial development components consist of some 850 houses, a new Regional Sports Facility and a new £70 m campus for Motherwell College.

***"After considering numerous potential Joint Venture partners for the redevelopment of Ravenscraig, only Wilson Bowden was considered to have the right mix of commercial, industrial and residential experience and expertise. Corus are very happy to be associated with Wilson Bowden Developments and are looking forward to working with them on this nationally important, landmark development project."***

***Neil Chatterton, Manager Project Valuation, Corus Group plc***

### THE SCHEDULE

- 1994:** The Development Strategy for Ravenscraig was produced;
- 1997:** The Masterplan was launched;
- 2005:** Outline Planning Consent for the project was issued;.
- 2006:** Phase 1 infrastructure works contract begins.
- 2008** Construction commenced on Motherwell Town Centre College

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