



**GREAT YARMOUTH**  
BOROUGH COUNCIL

# **MONTHLY ECONOMIC REVIEW**

**October 2008**

## **Introduction**

Each month, the Economic Development Unit compiles a short review giving a snapshot of the economic activity that has occurred during that month.

Articles are saved from a variety of sources including local newspapers and trade publications.

These articles have been categorised with the following keywords:

- Business
- Employment
- Leisure
- Harbour / Port
- Shipping
- Offshore
- Energy
- Regeneration / Development
- Transport / Infrastructure
- Training / Funding
- Great Yarmouth Borough Council

During October 2008, there were approximately 130 articles relating to economic development in Great Yarmouth and the surrounding area.

## **Business**

Camplings have opened a new £600,000 laundry facility at their premise in Southtown Road. The new facility, which has the capacity to process 100,000 towels a week, was opened by Richard Ellis, the chairman of the East of England Development Agency (EEDA)

GY Mercury 03.10.2008 & EDP 28.10.2008

Dabbrook Services, an electrical and engineering company, have moved to a new premise after £100,000 investment. The move to Morton Peto Road has allowed the firm to double the size of its premise.

EDP 01.10.2008

The new section of Market Gates Shopping Centre has opened to include Debenhams and a larger New Look store. Further shops including Starbucks and Poundland are soon to open.

GY Mercury 31.10.2008

Reports from local small businesses suggest that the recent roadworks in Great Yarmouth caused a fall in business of approximately 50 – 75%.

EDP 17/10/2008

## **Leisure**

The casino advisory group have met to decide on the casino criteria. Plan for the 'Edge' casino have been submitted and the Council was recommended to support the application. However, English Heritage has raised concerns over the plans due to the closeness to Nelson's Monument.

Various publications and dates including EDP 28.10.2008 & GY Mercury 31.10.2008

The Pleasure Beach is the third most visited paid tourist attraction in the UK behind the Tower of London and St Pauls Cathedral. However, numbers are down on the previous year due to the poor weather at Easter.

GY Mercury 10.10.2008

The Andover Hotel in Camperdown has been awarded five stars by the AA to reflect the quality of accommodation at the hotel. It also received a rosette for its standard of food and service in the restaurant.

GY Mercury 10.10.2008

## **Offshore**

Sterling plan to test the Breagh East appraisal (42/13-4) after gas was detected. Initial analysis of the area indicates two gas-bearing intervals are present.

Platts Issue 1687 08.10.2008

Aberdeen based EnerMech has acquired A1 Safety Training consultants and renamed the Great Yarmouth company EnerMech-A1.

Platts Issue 1687 & EDP 08.10.2008

RWE Dea has achieved higher than expected flow rates in the Topaz appraisal well 49/2a-6z. The company hope to bring the field into production in 2009.

Platts Issue 1688 15.10.2008

## **Energy**

The Crown Estate is inviting developers to bid to develop wind farms in the recently announced zones off the UK coast. One of the zones is situated off the Norfolk coast.

Energy Engineering October 2008

## **Transport/Infrastructure**

Details of a new traffic light system at the Gapton Hall roundabout have been revealed. It is hoped that the introduction of £600,000 intelligent traffic lights will ease congestion when they will hopefully be installed in 2009.

EDP 10.10.2008

## **Regeneration / Development**

Views of residents were sought on the regeneration of St Georges Theatre and the King Street area. A recent visit from CABA is hoped to have boosted the chances of clinching the £4m funding required for the work.

EDP 09.10.2008 & 29.10.2008

## **Training / Funding**

Over 100 students have graduated from University Campus Suffolk (UCS) as part of the partnership with Great Yarmouth College. The College, in conjunction with the university, have offered degrees, Higher National Diplomas, Diplomas, Higher National Certificates and professional qualifications.

EDP 17.10.2008

OpportunitiesGY, a careers event for Year 11 pupils, attracted 700 local pupils to its event held at the Kings Centre, Queen Anne's Road. The fair was funded by the Working Neighbourhood Fund of the Yarmouth Local Strategic Partnership.

GY Mercury 24.10.2008

## **Great Yarmouth Borough Council**

enterpriseGY and its partners are organising the Big Ideas Conference which aims to teach young people to be enterprising and entrepreneurial in their approach to a career.

GY Mercury 03.10.2008

## **Regional Newspapers**

### Eastern Daily Press

Published daily to Norfolk, north Suffolk and east Cambridgeshire, it has more than 200,000 readers.

EDP articles can be searched for at [www.edp24.co.uk](http://www.edp24.co.uk)

### Great Yarmouth Mercury

Founded in 1880, the Great Yarmouth Mercury is published once a week and circulated in the local area

Great Yarmouth Mercury articles can be searched for at

[www.greatyarmouthmercury.co.uk](http://www.greatyarmouthmercury.co.uk)

### Great Yarmouth Advertiser

Published weekly, the Great Yarmouth Advertiser contains local news as well as classified and display advertisements.

Great Yarmouth Advertiser articles can be searched for at

[www.advertiser24.co.uk](http://www.advertiser24.co.uk)

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