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An artist's impression of the proposed harbour area.

## Plans for major Scottish regeneration project unveiled

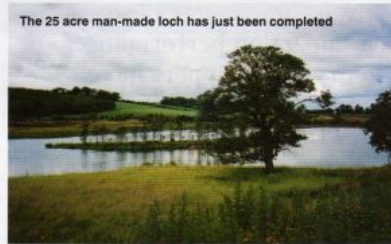
£100m landmark development could bring more than 400 jobs and thousands of tourists to Irvine Valley area

PLANS FOR A NEW 'destination resort' complex in the west of Scotland have been unveiled. Local landowners Andrew and Jennifer Malcolm are pushing ahead with the ambitious five-year project that will see completion of Phase 1 of the Allseasons at the Meadows development by 2009. The completion date is timed to coincide with the 250th anniversary of the birth of poet Robert Burns and the British Open Championships being held at nearby Turnberry.

Allseasons at the Meadows will be an environmentally-led hotel, holiday and visitor resort built around a man-made 25-acre loch. Phase 1 of the project will see the loch completed to incorporate beautiful islands, wetlands and grasslands and preserve the natural habitat beauty and wildlife of the local area. A luxury 20- to 40-bedroom waterfront hotel with health facilities and a restaurant is also included along with 100 New England-style lakeside holiday lodges. Phase 2 will include a picturesque modern harbour with moorings and boardwalk alongside bistro/coffee shop units to link with a garden centre and wildlife watching areas.

The project is the brainchild of the Malcolms, who are about to present final plans for the latest stage of the development to East Ayrshire Council. They hope

The 25 acre man-made loch has just been completed



to create a superb inland tourist destination that perfectly balances the natural beauty and ecological benefits of the area with a luxurious and exclusive resort that will provide a restful and tranquil place for local, national and international visitors.

Commenting on his plans, Andrew Malcolm said: "This development will be a first for Scotland in terms of providing an environmentally-led tourist destination. It has its roots in green tourism – the loch will have islands and roosting sites for the hundreds of birds that already visit the site and all the lakeside lodges will have nesting boxes incorporated into their design. The hotel we are planning will be powered by solar panels and wind turbines to make it environmentally friendly and sustainable and wildlife viewing areas will allow all visitors to see Scottish wildlife in their natural habitats including fox, roe deer, and otter.

With its central southwest location, Allseasons at the Meadows is just five minutes off the M77 and within easy reach of Glasgow, Prestwick and Edinburgh airports. ■

