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Moon clock on Mersey shores

Aluna to be powered by the river's tidal power and will be a landmark for tourists with mass appeal

Work is continuing on finding money for a feasibility study into Aluna, a tidal powered moon clock intended to grace the shores of the River Mersey.

The glass work of art has three concentric rings measuring 50 metres wide and rises to six storeys high.

Different parts of the structure are illuminated at night depending on the various phases of the moon.

The initial proposed location is close to the Space Port centre that is currently being created at Seacombe ferry terminal.

Aluna would be powered by some of the highest tides in the UK as well as being a major landmark and tourist attraction. It has been designed by artist Laura Williams and is being promoted by a not-for-profit consortium.

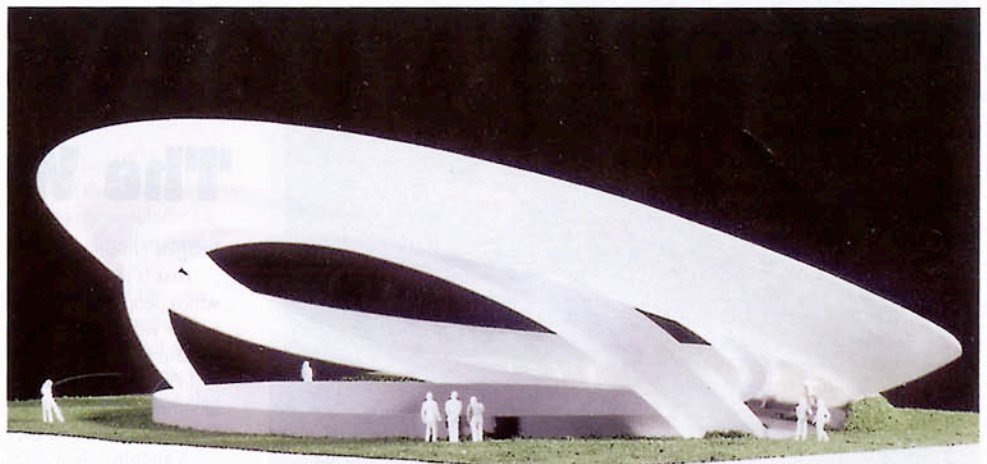
Wirral's cabinet member for economic regeneration, Cllr Pat Hackett, said: "This could be a landmark project with enormous potential and mass market appeal. It is an exciting concept which will complement Wirral's tourism strategy."

Science supported by chamber

Science has huge investment potential, encouraging some of the best talent to come to an area, but also developing a flow of ideas into business which gives them competitive advantage. For this reason, Liverpool Chamber campaigned to support the developments at Daresbury and is continuing to lobby for the necessary investment in the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine.

With two excellent research universities, the Chamber is supporting the companies coming out of the incubators. Ideas flow from research to incubators and out into the wider community. The key is to develop close channels of communication so that opportunities can be maximised.

Liverpool Chamber works closely with the universities in Liverpool to help businesses and researchers to talk to each other. Through the Compete programme, there are regular events when business development managers from the universities help steer businesses to the right people to help their businesses innovate and develop. **To get on the Compete mailing list contact Mark Edlin at Liverpool Chamber (227 1234) or log on to www.chamberonmerseyside.com**



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