

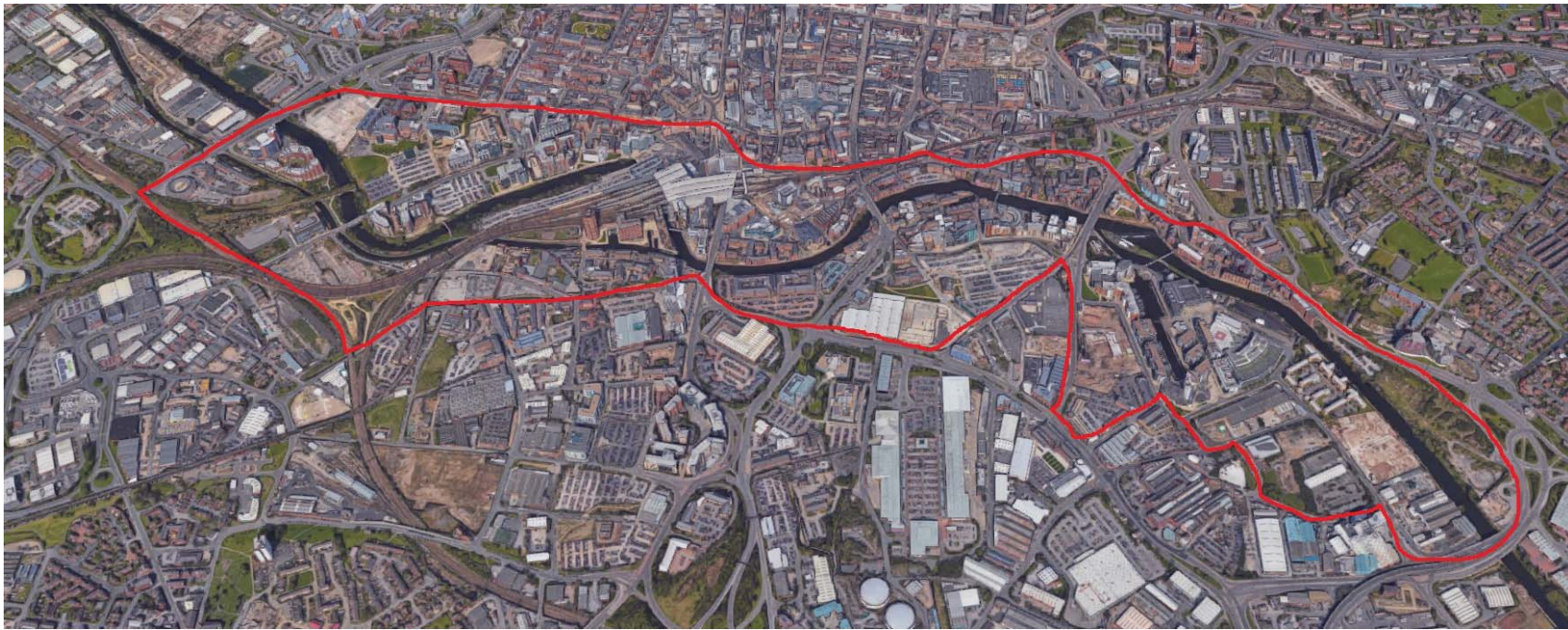
## **Leeds Waterfront Charter** –Putting the Waterfront at the heart of the city

The aim of the Leeds Waterfront Charter is to set out the city's commitment and intent to create a world class waterfront for Leeds. The charter sets out roles and responsibilities and aims to encourage partners (the Council, Chamber, Civic Trust, BID & stakeholders) to work together to find solutions to challenges in an open and collaborative way.

The Waterfront, one of the city's primary natural assets, must recapture its role as a focus of activity, with quality public space and new attractions.

For the Leeds Waterfront to reach its full potential there should be focus on three key attributes:

- Accessibility, improving movement across, around and along the Waterfront.
- Attraction, addressing and improving environmental, public safety and cleanliness issues.
- Activity which animates both the waterfront and waterway, and makes it a place where people want to be.



We (Council, Chamber, Civic Trust, BID & stakeholders) are committed to supporting and promoting development proposals and activities which have at their core the following principles:

- Achieve the policies and principles contained in the Leeds City Council planning documents - South Bank SPD, Aire Valley Area Action Plan, Site Allocation Plan and Core Strategy
- Create exemplary places for sustainable living, working and leisure
- Create destinations that provide clean, welcoming, accessible and well maintained public spaces
- Connect the waterside environment to the rest of the city allowing good public access along, across or around the waterfront
- Create inviting and attractive places and spaces for everyone
- Create a safe and secure environment at all times of the day and night
- Mitigate for future flood events through sustainable urban drainage

We will encourage land owners, property owners, occupiers and stakeholders to:

- Take responsibility for, and invest in, the quality and maintenance of the immediate environment in which they are based
- Provide safe and appropriate public access within their sites to, and along, the waterfront
- Acknowledge their riparian responsibility and contribute to the creation of a river stewardship programme
- Initiate and support activities which animate the Waterfront
- Actively engage in the creation of an owner / occupier residents' group
- Take bold, innovative approaches to design and animation of the public realm
- Make use of sites for meanwhile/temporary activities which align with the spirit of this Waterfront Charter and bring activity, attraction and animation to the Waterfront.