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LDDC COMPLETES REGENERATION REMIT IN BECKTON

The successful completion of the London Docklands Development Corporation's (LDDC) work in Beckton has allowed an order to be laid in Parliament releasing the area from the Urban Development Area (UDA).

Regeneration Minister, David Curry, today (7 December 1995) announced that an order transferring the LDDC's planning and development control responsibilities in Beckton to the London Borough of Newham will come into effect from 31 December 1995.

Mr Curry also confirmed that from March 1998, when the LDDC completes its task, English Partnerships will be given lead responsibility, working closely with the London Borough of Newham, for ensuring the successful completion of significant projects in the Royal Docks. A detailed strategy for the Royal Docks is being developed by the LDDC, English Partnerships and the London Borough of Newham.

Commenting on the announcements, LDDC Chief Executive, Eric Sorensen, said: "The transformation of Beckton from an area of marshland to a residential community with 4,000 homes, five primary schools, two health centres, shops and a range of excellent facilities, has been a major achievement, building on the work of Newham Council prior to the setting up of the LDDC. We have developed a good working relationship with the Council and look forward to continuing that in taking forward major schemes in the Royal Docks. We particularly welcome the new role for English Partnerships in completing these schemes and are confident that the further regeneration of Newham Docklands is assured."

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The London Borough of Newham's acting Leader, Cllr. Robin Wales commented: "Newham Council started the development of Beckton in the early 1980s (setting out the area plan and putting into place initial infrastructure, roads, drainage and housing). I am pleased that Beckton is returning to the full, accountable responsibility of Newham Council, which welcomes this responsibility. We are also looking forward to working with the LDDC and English Partnerships to ensure that the regeneration momentum of the Royal Docks continues."

LDDC and Newham have agreed the transfer of more than 40 acres of LDDC owned open spaces and other responsibilities to the Council in return for LDDC grants and support for projects to complete the area's community facilities. This includes a £3.98 million¹ contribution by the LDDC to the £5 million East Beckton District Centre and a £1.2 million endowment to a trust which will secure continuation of the voluntary sector grants programme in Beckton, run jointly with Newham.

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Notes to Editors

1. The LDDC has contributed £2.8 million to the East Beckton District Centre under the dedesignation package agreed with Newham in September 1995 and the balance of the funds under the LDDC/Newham Memorandum of Agreement.
2. The order dedesignating Beckton from the Docklands Urban Regeneration Area is made under Section 134 (3A) and (5) of the Local Government and Land Act 1980 (as amended by Section 179 of the Leasehold Reform Housing and Urban Development Act 1993).
3. The indicative timetable for dedesignation of the London Docklands Urban Development Area is:

Bermondsey Riverside	Completed 31 October 1994
Beckton	Completed 31 December 1995
Wapping	1996
Surrey Docks	1996
Limehouse	1996
Isle of Dogs, Poplar and West Leamouth	1997
Royal Docks	31 March 1998