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DOCKLANDS NEWSLETTER LAUNCHED

A newsletter aimed at informing Docklands residents of progress on the Docklands light railway has been launched by the Greater London Council and the London Docklands Development Corporation.

The first issue of Docklands Light Railway News, out now asks its readers for suggestions on station locations and whether the north-south route should connect with Stratford or Mile End.

Dave Wetzel, Chair of the GLC Transport Committee said today: This newsletter is the first of a series designed to involve residents of Docklands as much as possible in decisions on the railway's plans.

"There is no use providing a brand new transport service if it's not designed to meet the needs of its prospective users.

"We would like to see the public adopt this railway as its own and we hope to be introducing school projects and a competition to name the stations."

Reg Ward, the Chief Executive of the LDDC, added: "Like the GLC, the Corporation is concerned that the people of Docklands should know as much as possible about this crucial development opportunity.

"The newsletter will help us in our consultation with all the people who will be affected by the development of the railway."

The £77 million Docklands light railway is a joint project between the GLC and LDDC with London Transport to pave the way for new life and economic prosperity in a run down part of London. It is on target to carry its first passengers in mid 1987.

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