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## LIMEHOUSE LINK INQUIRY OPENS

Local residents will have a chance to hear the London Docklands Development Corporation's (LDDC) case submitted to the Limehouse Link public inquiry at an evening meeting on Wednesday 26 October 1988.

At a second evening meeting to be held on Tuesday, 8 November 1988, local people will be able to present their views on the LDDC's Limehouse Link Compulsory Purchase Order to the inquiry inspector, Mr M M Cross, ARIBA, MCIP.

Funding for the 1.5 km 'cut and cover' tunnel was approved in principle by the Department of the Environment last week. The public inquiry into the LDDC's Compulsory Purchase Order to acquire land, and to close sections of road, for construction and operation of the Limehouse Link, as well as four applications for conservation area consent, opened this week.

The inquiry which is expected to last four weeks, is being held at Mastmaker Court, Mastmaker Road, E14 on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of each week (except 26 October and 8 November).

The evening meeting on 26 October has been arranged to allow as many people as possible to follow the public inquiry. It will be held between 6.30 pm and 9.30 pm at the Cyril Jackson School, Three Colt Street, E14. The afternoon session of the public inquiry will also be held at the school that day. There will be no morning session. At the meeting the LDDC will outline the case already submitted to the inquiry in seeking to acquire land to build the road scheme linking The Highway, at Butcher Row, in the west to the Isle of Dogs in the east. Officers will also answer questions and points of clarification from the audience.

The 8 November meeting will be held between 7 pm and 10 pm at the LBTH Isle of Dogs Neighbourhood Office, Millharbour, E14. The afternoon session of the inquiry will be at Mastmaker Court between 1 pm and 4 pm that day. There will be no morning session.

The LDDC considers that the Limehouse Link is vital to improve access to, from and within the redeveloped Docklands. Commercial, industrial, retail, leisure and residential developments in Wapping, Limehouse and the Isle of Dogs are already generating a considerable amount of traffic, placing a heavy demand on the existing road network including residential streets in Limehouse. Commercial links between the redeveloped Docklands and the City of London will also lead to significant volumes of traffic. The Limehouse Link will assist movement between these areas without producing further delays on the current highway network and, in particular, on Commercial Road. The scheme is not seen as a bypass to Commercial Road but as an essential road link within Docklands.

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