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## **GOVERNMENT APPROVAL FOR POPLAR LINK**

Construction of the first phase of the Poplar Link dual carriageway will go out to tender in June 1990, following recent confirmation of the London Docklands Development Corporation's (LDDC) Poplar Link Compulsory Purchase Orders.

Chris Patten, Secretary of State for the Environment, and Cecil Parkinson, Secretary of State for Transport, have jointly confirmed two Compulsory Purchase Orders and an associated draft road closure order which will enable the construction and operation of the full Poplar Link highway scheme.

The public inquiry into the London Docklands Development Corporation (Poplar Link, Tower Hamlets) Compulsory Purchase Order 1988; The London Docklands Development Corporation (Poplar Link, Tower Hamlets) (No 2) Compulsory Purchase Order and the associated draft road closure order was held in June and July last year.

The Poplar Link is part of the LDDC's major highways programme which will provide a series of new and improved roads throughout Docklands. The first phase of the

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scheme will be constructed in two parts: in the west, West India Dock Road will be improved including the realignment of the junction with Westferry Road and to the east, a 0.6 km dual carriageway will be built across the north of the Isle of Dogs, upgrading the road already built along this corridor.

The second phase of the Poplar Link will comprise a flyover over Prestons Road and the final phase, the junction between Poplar Link and Limehouse Link.

The LDDC expects to invite tenders, for the contract to build the first phase of the Poplar Link, in May this year. It is anticipated that a contract will be let in August, with completion expected in early 1992. The final phase of the scheme is scheduled for completion in mid 1993, the same time as the main section of the Limehouse Link.

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