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NEW £2m. ROADS SCHEME FOR ISLE OF DOGS

Work will begin on site tomorrow (Wednesday) on the construction of a 2.2 kilometre stretch of carriageway across the West India Docks at the Isle of Dogs. The contract, which has been awarded to John Mowlem and Co. Ltd., is the first phase of the new road network which will serve London's Enterprise Zone.

Because of the urgency of providing the roads and services infrastructure which will enable the London Docklands Development Corporation to bring about the regeneration of the area, it is intended that the work should be carried out quickly and efficiently, and a timescale for construction of only seven months has been set.

This first phase of construction will soon be followed by others. The end result will be a completely new road network on the Isle of Dogs. This network will then be offered for adoption by the London Borough of Tower Hamlets, which will be responsible for maintenance.

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The provision of this infrastructure will also involve the installation of gas, electricity, water, and telephone services at a cost of £1.7m., as well as sewers to serve the industrial estate. This work is but a part of the LDDC's overall programme for the improvement of roads and services in docklands. These include trunk and principal road schemes and other road building works amounting to some £400m. of investment during the next 10 years.

Reg Ward, the Chief Executive of the LDDC, said today: "These improvements to roads and services will make a major contribution to the regeneration of docklands. The area will become more attractive in terms of accessibility and mobility, both for prospective businesses wishing to invest and to the local communities and the companies who are already in business here.

"Once the new roads are operational, it is intended that improved bus services should use the routes across the Isle of Dogs, thus helping commuters and benefiting the industries that are being attracted to the Enterprise Zone."

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