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MAJOR CONTRACTS LET FOR NEW ROADS IN THE ROYAL DOCKS

Five contracts, totalling more than £47 m, have been let in the past week for new roads in the Royal Docks, by the London Docklands Development Corporation (LDDC).

A £26.3m contract for the Royal Albert Dock Spine Road has been awarded to Edmund Nuttall representing the largest single infrastructure contract let by the LDDC to date. The 27 month contract will start on site at the end of the month. The road has been designed by consulting engineers Frank Graham & Partners, with William Gillespie as landscape architects and Tweed Atkinson Lewis & Partners as quantity surveyors.

The Royal Albert Dock Spine Road will be the major east/west link between the Connaught Crossing and the Eastern Gateway Access Road, serving developments on the north side of the Royal Albert Dock. The dual two lane road will run south of and parallel to Strait Road along the full length of the Royal Albert Dock. Intermediate roundabouts will serve the area and, in two cases, allow for integral stations on the proposed eastern extension of the Docklands Light Railway.

Peter Birse Ltd have won a £10.3m contract for Phase III of the Connaught Crossing. The 24 month contract will start on site at the end of this month and involves the replacement of the existing single lane swing bridge between the Royal Victoria Dock and King George V and Royal Albert Docks. A new four lane steel swing bridge, with concrete approach viaducts to the north and south will be constructed with a clearance of 5.5 metres, allowing small boats to pass underneath.

The new bridge has been designed by Sir William Halcrow & Partners. Gillespies are the landscape architects and Beard Dove, the quantity surveyors.

The contract for Phase IB of Connaught Crossing has been let to Norwest Holst at a value of £1.35m. The 39 week contract, which starts at the end of March, will link the London City Airport Access roundabout on Connaught Road to North Woolwich Road. Consulting Engineers are Sir William Halcrow & Partners; landscape architects, Gillespies and Beard Dove, Quantity Surveyors. Phase 1A of the Connaught Crossing scheme, also constructed by Norwest Holst which provides access to London City Airport, was completed last October, in time for the airport's Royal opening by HM the Queen.

The final section of the Connaught Crossing scheme - phase II - is scheduled to start in June which will complete the new four lane north/south link between North Woolwich Road and Factory Road in the south, to Connaught Road and the new Royal Albert Dock Spine Road in the north. The scheme is scheduled for completion in April 1990 at an overall project cost of £24m.

Cementation Construction have won a £6m, 15 month contract to construct approximately one kilometre of roads on the north side of the Royal Victoria Dock.

The scheme - Western Gateway - will allow development to take place on the north side of Royal Victoria Dock and includes hard and soft landscaping, refurbishment of the western end of the dock edge and improvement works around the list 'W' Warehouse. Frank Graham & Partners are the consulting engineers; Gillespies, the landscape architects and Beard Dove, Quantity Surveyors.

The fifth contract, for Phase I of the Comclear scheme to provide internal roads on the south side of Royal Victoria Dock, has been awarded to May Gurney. Consulting engineers are Frank Graham & Partners; Gillespies, the landscape architects and Beard Dove, the quantity surveyors. The value of the 12 month contract is £3.3m. Phase II of the scheme would link the works within the dock area to existing roads in the south.

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