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## LDDC AWARDS

### EAST INDIA DOCK TUNNEL/PRESTONS ROAD FLYOVER CONTRACT

A £32 million contract to construct the 1km dual carriageway East India Dock Tunnel scheme and associated Prestons Road Flyover, has been awarded to Edmund Nuttall Ltd, by the London Docklands Development Corporation, (LDDC).

Work on the scheme, which will provide a new eastern access to the Isle of Dogs and continue to a high-level connection to the Poplar Link (Aspen Way), is expected to start within a month, with completion scheduled for early 1993.

LDDC Chairman, David Hardy, said: "This is a vital link in London Docklands' transport network and forms the last major contract to be let by the LDDC in our roads programme. It means that all the principal schemes are now either on site or complete. An amazing achievement.

"The LDDC is delighted to be announcing this award on the very day of the topping out of the magnificent Canary Wharf Tower on the Isle of Dogs - a development of world significance. Canary Wharf is a massive commitment to the future of London Docklands and £3 billion is being injected into providing a modern transport system to ensure the continued success of Canary Wharf and of London Docklands as a whole."

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At its eastern end, the new scheme will connect with the Canning Town Flyover. Associated improvement work to create an additional section for the Flyover is due to begin in early 1994. When this work is complete, traffic from the Isle of Dogs will emerge in the centre of the new structure, providing a free-flow connection at this point between the Isle of Dogs and the A13.

Towards the Isle of Dogs from Canning Town, the road will descend in a "cut and cover" tunnel under the East India Dock development site. It will surface near the former south quay of East India Dock and then rise to a new high-level structure, the Prestons Road Flyover, which will connect the two halves of Aspen Way above Prestons Road and deliver traffic to Canary Wharf and North Quay.

The Prestons Road Flyover will run parallel to the viaduct now under construction for the Beckton extension of the Docklands Light Railway (DLR). By constructing the road underground between Canning Town and East India Dock, building development on the area above is not compromised.

The new scheme follows on from the construction of the single-carriageway Aspen Way extension, which was opened in 1989. This preliminary scheme is providing an eastern route to the Isle of Dogs via a signalled junction with the A13 East India Dock Road.

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