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## LOWER LEA CROSSING TO TENDER

Invitations to tender, for construction of a vital link in the Docklands highways network, have been issued today by the London Docklands Development Corporation (LDDC).

Seven contractors/groups of contractors have been issued with tender documents to compete for the contract to build the Lower Lea Crossing, a 1 km road connecting a new roundabout at Leamouth Road, to the east of the Financial Times printworks, with a new roundabout underneath Silvertown Way Viaduct at the western end of Royal Victoria Dock.

The tender list has been drawn up from British and European contractors who pre-qualified earlier this year. Tenders are due to be returned at the end of August 1989.

Secretary of State for the Environment, Nicholas Ridley, confirmed the LDDC's Lower Lea Crossing Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) on 31 May 1989. The public inquiry into the CPO, to enable the LDDC to acquire the land to build the road, was held in July 1988.

The dual two lane road includes a 235 metre bridge spanning the River Lea at a height of 9.4 metres above high water level which will allow shipping movements to continue. Local access to existing and new developments will be located on either side of the river and separate provision will be made for cyclists and pedestrians along the route of the new road.

Construction of the Lower Lea Crossing is expected to begin in the late 1989, with completion scheduled for the end of 1991.

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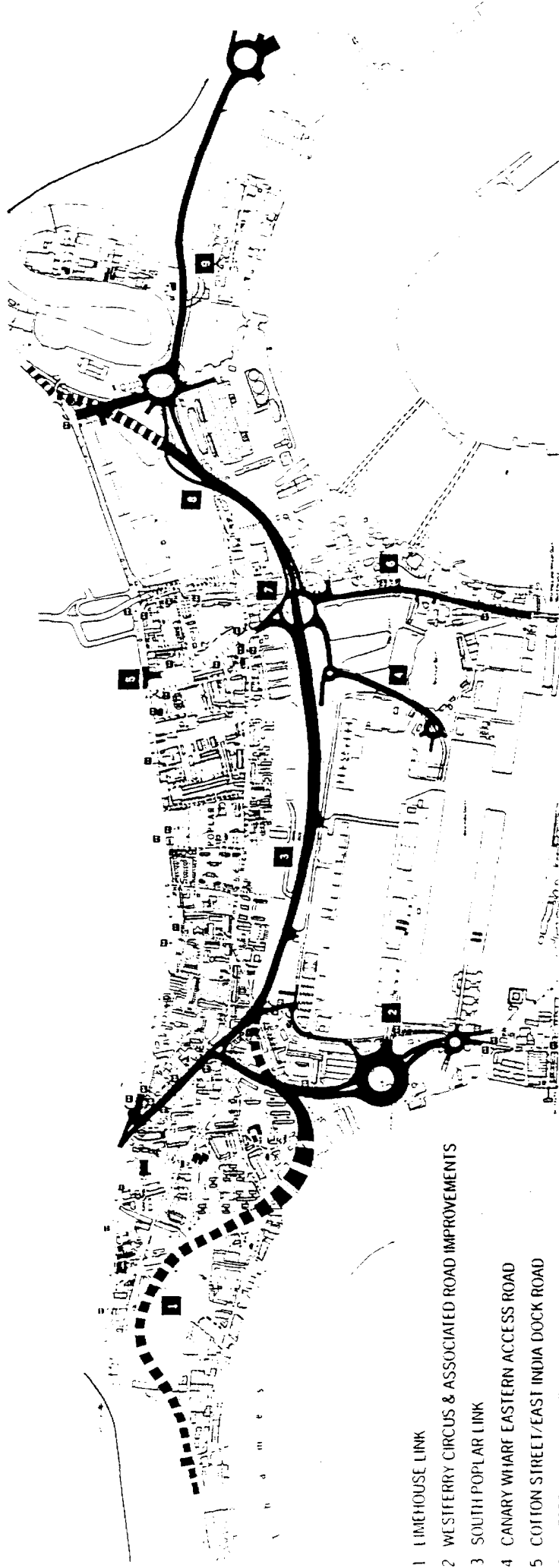
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# LDDC Major Road Schemes

## Limehouse to Leamouth



- 1 LIMEHOUSE LINK
- 2 WESTFERRY CIRCUS & ASSOCIATED ROAD IMPROVEMENTS
- 3 SOUTH POPLAR LINK
- 4 CANARY WHARF EASTERN ACCESS ROAD
- 5 COTTON STREET/EAST INDIA DOCK ROAD
- 6 PRESTONS ROAD WIDENING & IMPROVEMENTS
- 7 PRESTONS ROAD FLYOVER
- 8 EAST INDIA DOCK LINK
- 9 LOWER LEA CROSSING

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