

# News Release

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## **CONTRACT AWARD FOR LOWER LEA CROSSING**

Construction of a major new road in the Docklands highways network will start on site next month following the issue of a letter of intent to Norwest Holst Construction Ltd for a £25.5 million contract by the London Docklands Development Corporation (LDDC).

The 1km Lower Lea Crossing, will run parallel to and south of the A13 trunk road, linking the Royal Docks and the Isle of Dogs across the River Lea.

Designed by the Mott MacDonald Group, the dual two lane road is scheduled for completion in early 1992. Landscape architects were William Gillespie & Partners and quantity surveyors, Franklin and Andrews.

The Lower Lea Crossing will connect the new roundabout at the south of Leamouth Road, to the south east of the reclaimed East India Dock, with a new roundabout to be built underneath Silvertown Way viaduct at the western end of Royal Victoria Dock. The road includes a 235 metre bridge spanning the River Lea, 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 Lea and a separate cycle and pedestrian route will be provided as part of the construction contract.

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LDDC Chief Executive, Michael Honey, said: " This is a key link in the road system serving Docklands and demonstrates, quite clearly, our continuing commitment to improving access to the area, both by road and by public transport. We expect to go out to tender for the second phase of East India Dock Link and improvements to West India Dock Road in the near future and look forward to the completion of a number of highway schemes this year."

Six British companies and one European joint venture were invited to tender for the construction of the Lower Lea Crossing in the middle of 1989. The tender list was drawn up from contractors and groups of contractors which prequalified in early 1989.

The then Secretary of State for the Environment, Nicholas Ridley, confirmed the LDDC's Lower Lea Crossing Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) in 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.

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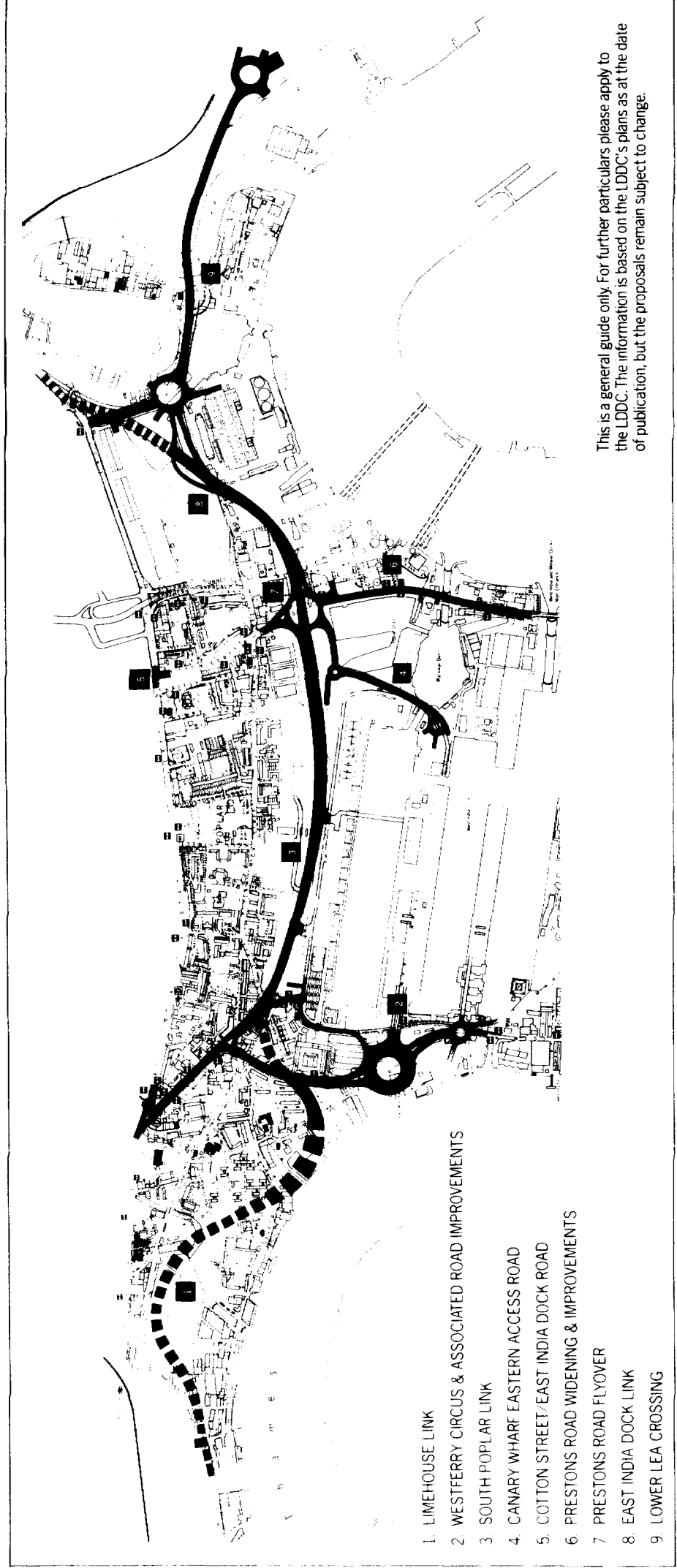
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#### **Notes to Editors**

The Lower Lea Crossing is at Number 9 on the attached map.

# LDDC Major Road Schemes

## Limehouse to Leamouth



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