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IMPROVEMENTS PROPOSED FOR ENTERPRISE ZONE ROADS

A £5m package of improvements to the 'red brick roads' in the Isle of Dogs Enterprise Zone is being planned by the London Docklands Development Corporation (LDDC).

The LDDC's Board has resolved to seek to acquire strips of land from adjacent developments along Marsh Wall, Millharbour and Limeharbour, to carry out the works.

The proposals which already have Department of Environment (DoE) approval include upgrading Millharbour, between Marsh Wall and just south of the PDX building; Limeharbour, between Marsh Wall and The Pavilion; and Marsh Wall, between the roundabout at East Ferry Road and just west of the main entrance to Waterside. New turning lanes and bus lay-bys will be provided, as well as upgraded junctions, better facilities for pedestrians and replacement of landscaping strips affected by the construction works.

Discussions are taking place with developers whose proposals substantially affect traffic demand on the Isle of Dogs to secure contributions towards the cost of the work. In addition the LDDC will seek approval from the DoE to continue the Marsh Wall improvements through to the new roundabout currently under construction at Heron Quays.

LDDC Chief Executive, Michael Honey, said: "The 'red brick roads' are already carrying high volumes of traffic to the Enterprise Zone. It is essential that these improvements are carried out to meet the increased demand generated by the new scale of development in Docklands, which was undreamt of in 1983 when the roads were built."

Construction work is expected to start in early 1989, subject to statutory procedure, with completion schedules by the end of 1990. At least half of that time will be taken up by LEB, British Telecom, East London Telecommunications and Mercury Communication service diversions. The statutory undertakers will also take this opportunity to upgrade existing services which will limit disruptive work that might have been required in the future.

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