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WATER, WATER, EVERYWHERE!

"Waterside Design Guidelines", a practical and informative guide for developers and planners looking to create high quality waterside environments in London Docklands, is published this week by the London Docklands Development Corporation (LDDC).

The booklet draws upon the design experience gained by the Corporation over the last decade, and builds upon its commitment to ensuring that the docks can be enjoyed by everyone.

"We aim to share the knowledge we have accumulated in shaping the public areas of Docklands while meeting the safety requirements of waterside landscapes used by the public," said Howard Sheppard, LDDC's City Design and Planning Director.

"Historically people weren't allowed near the docks, but in redeveloping an area like London Docklands with over 55 miles of waterfront, the LDDC was given the golden opportunity to change this and to design quality waterside areas which could be shared and used by everyone."

The guide gives advice on how walkways designed and funded by the LDDC have achieved a sense of continuity and consistency whilst managing to blend in with the natural waterfront environment and enhance the character and local history of individual areas.

The guide gives examples of outstanding projects, which have used traditional materials and unusual dock edge treatments to achieve attractive and uncluttered designs. These include Spirit Quay and Tower Bridge Wharf in Wapping and Johnson's Drawdock on the Isle of Dogs.

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The safety section outlines water safety policies developed over the years in co-operation with the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents including the use of proper safety measures on public walkways next to water.

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Copies of the guide are available from: LDDC Planning Section,
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