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SOUTHWARK SITE PROPOSALS

The LDDC's development proposals for the 132-acre Southwark site at the former Surrey Docks went on show today as part of the Corporation's public consultation programme.

Bob Mellish, deputy chairman of the LDDC, said, "This is one of the most exciting development opportunities in Europe. We want to ensure that our proposals meet the needs of local people and attract the necessary private investment".

From November 29 until December 17 the exhibition of the proposals can be seen at the site, Dock Gate Three, Lower Road, Surrey Docks. Local people are being asked, through press advertisements, posters and via the LDDC's own newspaper, to visit the exhibition and comment on the proposals. Consultation meetings with local tenants associations are also being held.

The two alternative proposals include a number of common elements: new homes, jobs, shopping and leisure and community facilities for the Southwark site and at the adjacent Canada Dock.

It is proposed that the main features of the development are canals - one running from the Thames into Surrey Water, at the north end of the site, and from there either one or two canals will run through to the southern end, feeding Canada Water.

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The canals will be crossed by a series of bridges and this will provide the setting for a community of around 3,000 and attract both traditional and new technology firms creating approximately 2,500 jobs.

The land use proposals devote 46 acres to housing; 33 acres for a shopping and business centre; an industrial area of 12 acres; 10.5 acres for schools, sports facilities and community uses; a local shopping centre of one and a half acres, and five acres for an extension to Russia Dock Woodland.

About 1,000 homes will be constructed in total. Since April this year, the Corporation has been clearing the Southwark site in preparation for an early start on housing and work on 73 homes on a small section of the site to the north will start shortly.

However, work on the majority of the site will not proceed until consultation with the local community has taken place.

Bob Mellish explained "These are draft proposals. We want to know your views which will be taken into account before we firm up the plans and get development started".

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