

# News Release

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## **OUTLINE PLANNING CONSENT FOR DOCKLANDS UNIVERSITY CAMPUS**

**Outline planning permission for the University of East London's new London Docklands campus has been granted by the London Docklands Development Corporation. The decision was granted following clearance by the Secretary of State for the Environment, as a departure from the Statutory Initial Development Plan.**

**The consent establishes the use of a 25 acre (10 hectares) waterside site on the north side of the Royal Albert Dock in East London for the campus which will include purpose built teaching and research facilities, halls of residence, recreational facilities and ancillary business and retail units.**

**The University of East London is working in partnership with a number of public and private sector bodies to create the new campus: Peabody Trust, the London Docklands Development Corporation (LDDC), London East Training and Enterprise Council (LETEC), London Borough of Newham, Queen Mary & Westfield College (University of London) and London Guildhall University.**

**The first phase of development, scheduled to open in time for the 1999/2000 academic year, will accommodate 3,000 students. On completion, the full 562,000 sq ft (55,000 sq m) development will accommodate up to 7,500 students and 1,000 staff.**

**The campus will also include the Thames Gateway Technology Centre which, in addition to its academic functions, will provide a full range of services for new and existing companies in East London. These will include training and demonstration facilities, business start-up space and consultancy, a technology resource centre, an industrial design centre and research and development services.**

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**The Technology Centre will be part funded by the Government's Single Regeneration Budget Challenge Fund.**

**Residencies will be provided on campus for 800 students (400 within the first phase) while up to 32,000 sq ft (3,000 sq m) of retail space is planned for a small general store, art/design materials shop, book shop, café/restaurant.**

**Edward Cullinan Architects are currently finalising the site masterplan, the principles of which have already been agreed by the partners. Detailed designs are expected to be submitted to the LDDC for planning consent this Spring, with work starting on site later in the Summer.**

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#### **NOTE TO EDITORS**

- 1. UEL's London Docklands Campus will be served by the Docklands Light Railway Beckton extension with Cyprus station its nearest station. The Campus will also benefit from its location adjacent to Royal Albert Way, a dual carriageway road linking into the A-406 North Circular and A13.**
- 2. The Thames Gateway Technology Centre is expected to create up to 660 jobs, enable 90 business start-ups, provide 3,000 sq m of new technology business space, advise 860 businesses per annum and train 2,000 people each year.**