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NEW SOCIAL HOUSING SECURED IN WEST SILVERTOWN URBAN VILLAGE

Grants of £1.9 million from the London Docklands Development Corporation (LDDC) have secured 235 social housing units at West Silvertown Urban Village in London Docklands.

The new homes include <u>95 units</u> on the site of Barnwood Court, two tower blocks owned by Newham Council which will be demolished with the sale of the site to East Thames Housing Group (formerly East London Housing Association). This agreement follows a ballot amongst tenants in September 1994, who voted for the blocks to be demolished.

East Thames Housing Group will build <u>95 social housing units</u> and a village common for the whole area, assisted by a grant from the London Docklands Development Corporation (LDDC), the promoters of West Silvertown Urban Village.

The tower blocks are scheduled to be demolished by 1998. The new homes at Barnwood Court will be built in phases, with the first properties available in late 1997, with London Borough of Newham having the nomination rights. The homes will be a mixture of two and three bedroom houses and one, two and three bedroom flats.

Barnwood Court tenants have been given the choice of staying in new homes in West Silvertown Urban Village or moving elsewhere. More than half of the tenants have already moved out of the tower blocks, with some opting to move to Peabody Trust's new 85 home development at Fort Street, E16. The LDDC is assisting Newham Council with the cost of moving the tenants.

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On the adjacent 28 acre site Wimpey Homes are well advanced with the construction

of Britannia Village, 777 homes for sale including 221 two and three bedroom houses

and 556 one, two and three bedroom flats.

Wimpey have already agreed a number of "off plan" sales. As part of the LDDC's

agreement with Wimpey Homes and Newham Council, Peabody Trust are building 140

social housing units in six locations throughout the development, supported by a grant

from the LDDC and the Housing Corporation. These homes are being built in a variety

of blocks ranging from two to eight storeys and including a number of houses with

gardens.

Britannia Village will also include at least three shops, a pub and a large flexible-use

community centre with children's and health care facilities, meeting rooms and a hall

to hold up to 250 people. The first residents are expected to move into Britannia Village

in Summer this year. LDDC intends to market the second, 40 acre phase of the Urban

Village for a mix of uses including leisure, retail, office, studios, workshops and

residential.

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