

# News Release



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## **WEST SILVERTOWN URBAN VILLAGE PHASE TWO ON THE MARKET**

**Development opportunities in the second phase of the West Silvertown Urban Village, on the south side of the Royal Victoria Dock, are outlined in a new brochure published today by the London Docklands Development Corporation (LDDC).**

**Following the success of the housing led first phase of the Urban Village the LDDC is proposing to divide the second phase into two parcels. The first parcel is planned as a village centre focused on a 10.25 ha site around the Pontoon Dock and suitable for mixed development of business, leisure, retail and additional housing. Parcel 2, comprising 6 ha, will be suitable for large scale leisure and commercial development. In total the second phase could accommodate up to 100,000 sq.m of mixed commercial and up to 700 new homes.**

**Roger Squire, LDDC Joint Chief Executive, comments: "With the proven success of the first phase of the Urban Village, the Corporation is keen to establish the interest of the development community in the magnificent spaces to the east around the Pontoon Dock. We hope to issue a full development brief later in the year and will carry out the marketing and sale of the site with English Partnerships, who will assume responsibility for the continued regeneration of the area, when the LDDC completes its remit in March 1998."**

**Construction of the first phase of West Silvertown Urban Village is already well advanced and home to its first residents. Of Wimpey Homes' 770 private housing development, 100 units have been sold and a further 80 are under construction, with offers on 50. Similarly the social housing is well underway with 85 of the Peabody Trust units completed and occupied; and a further 140 Peabody Trust and 95 East Thames Housing Group units under construction.**

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A new village common is already committed and work starts on a Community Centre in May, with completion scheduled for December 1997. A site has been reserved for a new primary school and both Peabody Trust and Wimpey Homes will provide local shopping facilities which are likely to open within the year.

West Silvertown Urban Village, the first development of its kind in London, will contain 1,500 homes for up to 5,000 people. Its design is based on HRH Prince Charles' planning concept of developing integrated communities which have a mix of housing, shops, recreational facilities and work places all in one area.

The emphasis within the village will be on pedestrian and cycle movement with access to an effective public transport network. The LDDC is investing £3.9 million in a new footbridge spanning the Royal Victoria Dock to link Custom House DLR station on the north side with the Urban Village which is scheduled for completion at the end of 1997.

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**Notes to Editors**

- 1** The LDDC completes its remit in London Docklands on 31 March 1998. It has already "handed on" Bermondsey Riverside to Southwark Council (31 October 1994); Beckton to Newham Council (31 December 1995); Surrey Docks to Southwark Council (20 December 1996) and Wapping and Limehouse to Tower Hamlets Council (31 January 1997). The Isle of Dogs is scheduled to be handed on to Tower Hamlets Council later this year and the Royal Docks to Newham Council in March 1998. Also in the Royal Docks specific arrangements have been made with English Partnerships to complete all infrastructure projects ongoing at the point of the LDDC's wind-up, together with the disposal and development of Corporation land in the Royal Docks.
  
- 2** English Partnerships is a Government sponsored public body set up in 1993 as the Urban Regeneration Agency to regenerate derelict, vacant and under-used land and buildings throughout England. Its task is to work in partnership in every English region to transform areas of need into quality places for people to live and work. It achieves this by enabling the public, private and voluntary sectors to work together to promote, effect and deliver economic development, job creation and environmental improvement.