

Plans to transform Royal Albert Dock into next business district submitted to council



Plans to develop the 35-acre site at Royal Albert Dock have been submitted to Newham Council

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Plans from developer ABP and UK development manager Stanhope to transform the Royal Albert Dock into the capital's next business district have been submitted to Newham Council.

The proposals, which have been master planned by architects Farrells, will create up to 20,000 new jobs, a significant number of which will be available to local people.

More than 270 people attended an exhibition over three days in February and, of the 112 who gave feedback, 97 per cent supported the principle of regenerating the site. They also reacted positively to the creation of new jobs with 95 pc in favour, 84 pc showed support for the delivery of new cafes and restaurants and 80 pc supported new leisure facilities that would be available for use by local residents.

A further 120 pupils, teachers and parents saw the proposals at a one-day event held at Kingsford Community School, with just over 80 pc of people who gave feedback supporting the principle of regenerating Royal Albert Dock.

The proposals are designed to bolster trade links with Asian markets and attract new companies to set up European HQs at the 35-acre site. ABP hopes the unique cluster of businesses will act as a magnet for other European and UK companies, attracting more much-needed investment into this part of London and the UK.

Xu Weiping, Chairman of ABP, said: "The response from the local community to these plans has been fantastic and I am very happy to see that they share my passion to see Royal Albert Dock regenerated.

"This is a very exciting part of London with unrivalled transport connections and there are a number of other schemes planned or underway in the Royal Docks. Royal Albert Dock is the ideal place to create a new business district that will bring benefits both to the local community and to London."

Subject to planning approval, construction on the site could begin as early as 2015, with Phase 1 set for completion in 2018.

The proposals can also be viewed on the community consultation website at royal-albert-dock.com

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