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Pupils host docks plan exhibition

They welcome foreign visitors and offer insight into scheme

Pupils at Kingsford Community School in Beckton welcomed foreign visitors to an exhibition of work taking place at the Royal Albert Dock.

The school played host to 40 delegates at the British Council from east Asian countries – including Taiwan, Vietnam and Korea – last week as they browsed plans and information.

Staff and pupils were able to explore the plans and

learn how the development would affect their local area.

Kingsford Community School was chosen by developers ABP to offer an insight into what benefits the plans would bring.

Interact

Headteacher Joan Deslandes said: "I am very pleased that ABP have chosen to interact with the Kingsford community at this early stage.



■ Pupils at Kingsford Community School show Royal Albert Docks development plans

"I truly believe that the Royal Albert Docks development will bring a new lease of life to Newham and provide a brighter future for my pupils."

ABP chairman, Xu Weiping, said the school would be a "key partner" in his vision for the docks development.

He said: "The reaction from Kingsford pupils on

our plans to create London's next business district at Royal Albert Dock was overwhelmingly positive and it is very uplifting for me to see so much excitement from local people.

"The school already has excellent links with China, and being one of a small number of schools in the UK to teach Mandarin makes

the experience of these pupils even more relevant."

He added: "Here at ABP we are committed to working to secure training opportunities and apprenticeships for young people in Newham.

"We look forward to this being the start of a long and successful relationship with Kingsford School."