

Royal Docks business district approved



Newham Borough Council has approved plans for a very large commercial development on land to the north of Royal Albert Dock.

It approved a hybrid application, giving part outline and part detailed planning consent to a floor area of more than 430,000m².

The outline proposals include 370,000m² of space including 845 homes plus retail, financial and professional services.

Detailed consent has been given to 60,000m² of business space and serviced flats.

The proposals also include restoration of the listed Dock Manager's Office and Central Buffet.

"Historically the trading heartland of the capital, this development will reinstate the Royal Docks as a commercial and trading centre for the 21st century, delivering around 20,000 full-time jobs and creating homes for local people," said Newham's mayor **Sir Robin Wales**.

"We look forward to working with **ABP** to take this development forward."

A Section 106 agreement is being negotiated under which ABP would invest £4.5m in Newham's employment service and offer local businesses the opportunity to become a preferred supplier during construction.

Newham hopes the development would be the largest new business district in the country.

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