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NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR GREENLAND DOCK

The Greenland Dock Development in the Surrey Docks area of London Docklands has been highly commended in the first Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) Inner City Awards.

This prestigious national competition, which was organised to acknowledge the best in urban regeneration, attracted 124 entries. The winners were announced at an awards ceremony at the start of the RICS Annual Conference in Birmingham yesterday.

The Greenland Dock Development Project was initiated and funded by the London Docklands Development Corporation (LDDC). Conran Roche, architectural, planning and design consultants, co-ordinated the project for the LDDC, working with consulting engineers, Sir Alexander Gibb & Partners; quantity surveyors, Davis, Langdon and Everest and landscape design consultants, Paddy Jackson Associates. Detailed design direction and project control was provided by the LDDC's Surrey Docks Team.

The Greenland Dock Development Project area covers 62 acres of land and 31 acres of enclosed water in Greenland and South Docks on the south side of the Thames. Work on the project, which started in 1983, involved selective demolition of derelict buildings, refurbishment of both dock infrastructure and dockside buildings and the construction of new dock infrastructure, roads, services, lighting and quay edge treatment in preparation for redevelopment, largely by the private sector.

This major engineering, infrastructure and landscaping project has led to the effective regeneration of Greenland Dock and helped to secure the long term future of the Surrey Docks as a whole.

A community watersports centre is now under construction at Greenland Dock and a development consortium has been selected by the LDDC to build a 370 berth, fully serviced, commercial marina at the eastern end of the dock and in South Dock.

Within Surrey Docks, a new 280,000 sq ft shopping centre opens later this month and more than 5,000 homes have been started. Of the 2,000 homes for sale, 51% have been bought by local people and more than 25,000 jobs are forecast for the Surrey Docks area.

Chris Farrow, LDDC Surrey Docks Area Director, said: "The LDDC's initiative and commitment to Greenland Dock has created a framework within which the private sector and the community can give of their best and thereby create one of London's premier locations to live, work and play. It demonstrates that a combination of vision and high quality urban design can transform an area of inner city dereliction and decay."

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