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The Redevelopment of Rathbone Market in Canning Town Moves a Step Closer London Thames Gateway Development Corporation unanimously support application



English Cities Fund (ECf) has announced that at a recent meeting of its Planning Committee the London Thames Gateway Development Corporation (LTGDC) approved plans for a £180m mixed-use development in the heart of Canning Town that will see the long-awaited revitalisation of the historic Rathbone Market.



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Rathbone Market is a key part of plans for the Canning Town and Custom House area which is identified as a strategic priority for the London Borough of Newham, LTGDC, Mayor of London and the London Development Agency. The 680,000 sq ft scheme will be one of the first sites to be developed within a wider masterplan framework that sets out a visionary, deliverable long-term strategy for the regeneration of the area. Located close to a major transport interchange with the DLR and Jubilee Line services to Stratford and site of the new Olympic Village, Canary Wharf, the City and the West End the comprehensive redevelopment of the Rathbone Market site is seen as key to providing a sustainable commercial future for the local area.

The scheme has been the subject of wide consultation and ongoing discussion with the GLA, Design for London and other key organisations. As well as receiving the support of the LTGDC, the application has been endorsed by LB Newham's Development Control Committee which supports the ambition and regeneration potential of the scheme. The Mayor of London has expressed his support for the principle of the development and ECf's team have been working closely with the GLA on aspects of the scheme prior to the application being referred back to the Mayor of London. It is anticipated that planning permission will be granted in April 2009.

The plans will see Rathbone Market provide new residential and retail space with state of the art community facilities for the area along with a rejuvenated market bringing vibrancy, colour and life into the heart of the development. Leading the design process is world-renowned and award winning architects CZWG. The design includes plans for a 21-storey building signalling the regeneration of the market site and the wider area and which establishes a vibrant new identity for the regeneration of Canning Town and an iconic addition to East London's skyline.

ECf's Projects Director, Howard Morris commented;

"This is the first step towards bringing real positive change to Canning Town. We are delighted that the committee unanimously approved the plans and we look forward to receiving the support of the GLA in the next few weeks."

"With its location at one of the most comprehensive transport interchanges in the UK, it's an area that has incredible potential and one that deserves iconic buildings, great design, and a bright future."



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“At a time of great uncertainty we and our partners are looking forward to delivering positive change and a vibrant new hub in Canning Town, complimenting and contributing towards the massive changes that the whole of East London is undergoing with the arrival of the Olympics in 2012.”

“The next few years are a crucial time for regeneration projects across the country and our commitment to delivering this development in Canning Town shows that we will be ready to drive forward key projects with the upturn in the economic cycle.”

Andrew Daws, Design partner for Rathbone Market Site, says:

“Creating a new identity is the task of new architecture in a regeneration area. Our scheme for Rathbone will not only bring opportunity for new homes, a revived street market, and enliven the area with bold colour, but inspire residents to see their neighbourhood differently.”

Note to Editors

1. Rathbone Market, Canning Town is one of six schemes nationwide in the UK being delivered by English Cities Fund (ECf), a public-private regeneration partnership involving the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA), Muse Developments and Legal and General.
2. Muse Developments is part of top UK construction and regeneration group Morgan Sindall plc which operates through five specialist divisions of fit out, construction, infrastructure services, affordable housing and urban regeneration.
3. The HCA is the single, national housing and regeneration agency for England. They bring together the development and regeneration expertise of English Partnerships, investment functions of the Housing Corporation, and the Academy for Sustainable Communities, with major delivery programmes of Communities and Local Government. Our role is to create opportunity for people to live in high quality, sustainable places. We provide funding for affordable housing, bring land back into productive use and improve quality of life by raising standards for the physical and social environment.
4. The Rathbone Market development is a joint venture between landowners, London Borough of Newham and Ecf.



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5. CZWG Architects LLP is a London-based practice with an international reputation for bold and imaginative architecture. Projects range from urban regeneration and the masterplanning of whole areas of cities, to one-off houses and public buildings and spaces, many of which have gained awards.
6. The application has been reported to and supported by LB Newham's Development Control Committee and LTGDC's Planning Committee. The application has been referred GLA and the Mayor's initial observations on affordable housing, climate change, and transport have been addressed by ECf's team as part of an ongoing dialogue to deliver a high quality, sustainable development of this important site.

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