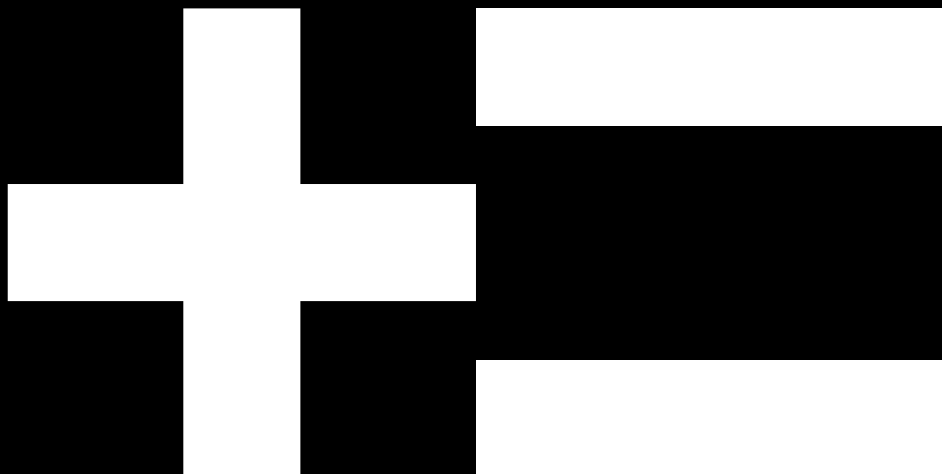


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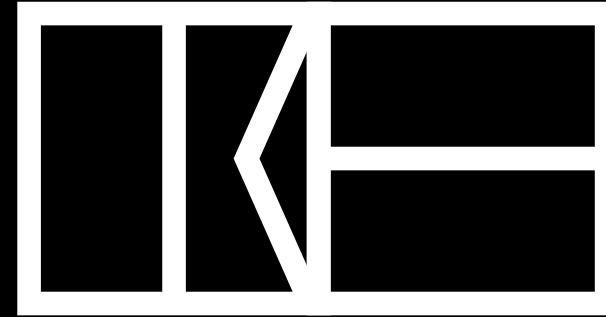
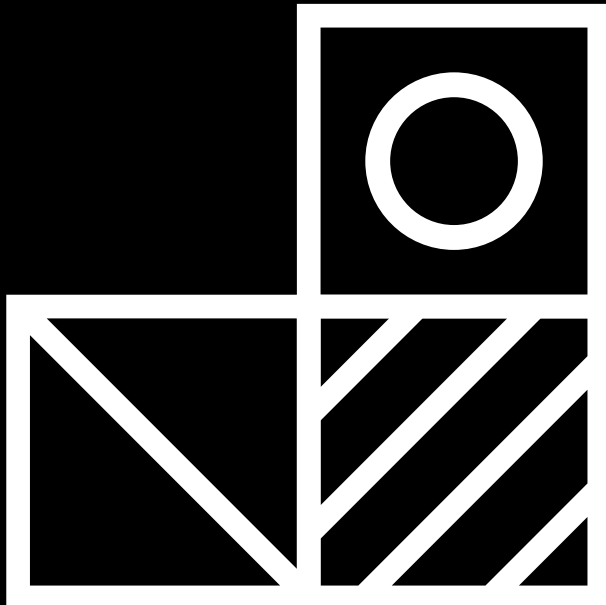
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“The Royal Docks has the potential to become not only an important new business destination, but also a key part of the capital’s cultural life. Through these plans to attract businesses and talent into the Royal Docks, we are aiming to unlock this area’s potential to support the growth of innovative new businesses across all sectors of our economy.”

**Sadiq Khan**

Mayor of London



“The Royal Docks is London’s new gateway to the world. The £314m investment will bring more genuinely affordable homes, highly-skilled jobs, and apprenticeship opportunities for our young people, and improved transport infrastructure to an area steeped in rich industrial history. It is exciting news for Newham, and will improve the lives of our residents and benefit the whole of London. I am pleased that local residents will be at the heart of this exciting regeneration project with businesses from around the world.”

**Rokhsana Fiaz**

Mayor of Newham



The Royal Docks is embarking on an exciting new chapter with thousands of new homes, workspaces, and jobs being delivered in the area over the next 20 years.

Once London's gateway to world trade, today the Royal Docks is London's only Enterprise Zone and one of the UK's most important regeneration projects.

The Royal Docks lie immediately east of Canary Wharf in the London Borough of Newham, an area of over 500 hectares of land and 18.4km of waterfront. It is a large, diverse area with enormous potential. Home to young, industrious, and enterprising communities, the area is carving out a strong future from a proud past.

# The place

## Past

The building of the Royal Docks in 1855 introduced a new world of commerce to the capital, drawing people and produce from all over the world and forging London's position as a global leader in trade. Sugar magnate Henry Tate established his refinery in Silvertown in 1878 and Tate & Lyle thrives here to this day. The docks closed in 1981, but investment in the DLR, London City Airport, and ExCeL maintained the area's global links and prospects for growth.



## Present

Today, the Royal Docks is London's only Enterprise Zone and the capital's most ambitious regeneration project. Residential, commercial, and retail developments are emerging along the vast waterfront, while new hotels, restaurants, and coffee shops are catering to the growing number of people who live, work, visit, and study here. It is an area known for its industrious nature, strong community, global connections, and unique expanses of water.



## Future

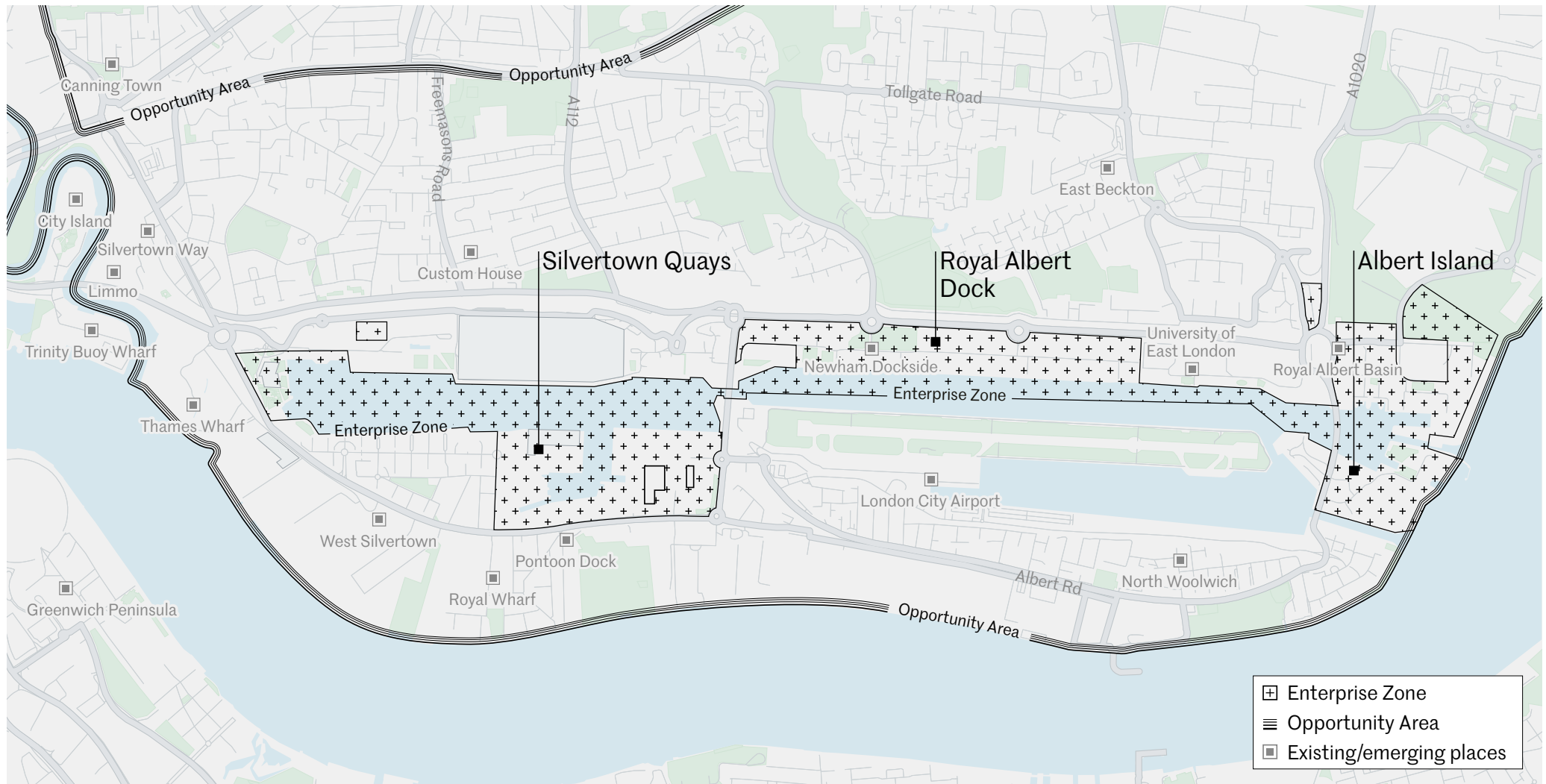
The Royal Docks is set to become an internationally-renowned commercial district and visitor destination, with thousands of new and affordable homes, jobs, and recreational opportunities in the pipeline. It is re-emerging as a centre of global influence and an exciting waterfront for the capital. The area will also benefit from ambitious infrastructure projects, which include high-speed rail into central London from Custom House and the Silvertown Tunnel under the Thames.



Enterprise Zones are part of the government's industrial strategy and are designated areas with business incentives to support economic growth.

The Royal Docks Enterprise Zone became operational on 1 April 2013 and covers 125 hectares of land owned by the Mayor of London. The zone contains three development sites, which are forecast to create seven million sq ft of commercial space, 35,000 new jobs, and 4,000 homes.

Money raised from business rates is reinvested back into Enterprise Zones, and in June 2018 a £314m investment package was approved by the Mayor of London and the Mayor of Newham to accelerate the regeneration of the Royal Docks.





## The developments within the Enterprise Zone



### Royal Albert Dock

Royal Albert Dock is a new international district. Designed by Farrells, the £1.7bn scheme will be the first to launch in 2019. RAD will be purpose-built with innovation in mind, supporting businesses through highly flexible lease options, and a considered mix of different workspace sizes. With spaces ranging from 1,300–460,000 sq ft, there is something here to suit every spec. This waterfront community will also include a vibrant high street.



### Silvertown Quays

This 50-acre site around Pontoon Dock is home to the historic Millennium Mills, an original 20th-century flour mill and iconic docklands landmark. The joint venture partnership from Lendlease and Starwood is bringing new life to this impressive place, creating a high-quality mixed-use destination centred around the architecture of a restored Millennium Mills. A distinctive Grade II-listed building, Silo D, also occupies the site.



### Albert Island

Albert Island marks the original eastern entrance to the Royal Docks, between the Thames and Royal Albert Basin. Today, it is an epicentre of rail, road, runway, and river networks and will become the future focus for London's growing infrastructure and logistics industries. The 25-acre site will have a range of workspaces, including light industrial and offices for small, medium, and large businesses.

## Outside the Enterprise Zone

Three new mixed-use neighbourhoods within the Enterprise Zone (left) join exciting residential-led schemes on its fringes, which will bring new schools, surgeries, parks, and leisure facilities.



### Thameside West

This Foster + Partners masterplanned scheme from Silvertown Homes will deliver 5,000 new homes on the old Carlsberg-Tetley site along the Thames, opposite Greenwich Peninsula. Works will start after the completion of the Silvertown Tunnel.



### Royal Wharf

This new community of over 3,300 homes across 40 acres of waterfront land is from established home-builder Ballymore. Royal Wharf is set to open a new ferry pier soon for boats into central London.



### Pontoon Dock

These 154 private rental apartments and 82 affordable homes by Grainger and Linkcity are situated beside Pontoon Dock DLR station and Thames Barrier Park.



### Royal Albert Wharf

The RIBA award-winning new community includes 1,500 new homes with 40% affordable, and just short of 100,000 sq ft of new workspaces, artist studios, shops, a café, and leisure and community space between Gallions Reach DLR, Royal Albert Basin, and the Thames.



### Brunel Street Works

Opal is currently constructing 975 mixed-tenure homes at Brunel Street Works – with 35% of these homes affordable, including 172 social rented. The site, which sits on Silvertown Way in Canning Town, will also create 8,000 sq m of mixed-use and community space.



### Royal Docks West

Between Royal Victoria DLR station and the new Elizabeth Line station at Custom House, Mount Anvil's first phase of development has completed. The site will offer 105 new apartments close to the waters of Royal Victoria Dock, with full-height windows making the most of the view.



# What we're doing

The Royal Docks Team is a joint initiative from the Mayor of London and the Mayor of Newham. We will be collaborating with partners, stakeholders, businesses and the local community over the next five years to collectively deliver the £314m programme.

The investment was approved by the London Economic Action Partnership (LEAP) in June 2018 and will support the comprehensive regeneration of the Royal Docks, reviving it into an important economic and cultural centre for the capital.







Our investment can be summarised into five main strands of activity:

- Place
- Connectivity
- Economy
- Activation
- Promotion

Read on to discover the key projects we're delivering in each of these areas.

## **Place** We're making places to be proud of



Attractive thoroughfares will connect up old and new parts of the Royal Docks, making it easy to get around by bike or on foot, and new public spaces will host exciting cultural, community, and sporting events. We will also open up access to our biggest asset – our water – creating a world-class waterfront and active waterscape.

## We plan to invest over £100m into our streets, public spaces, and water's edge, creating an attractive route through the Royal Docks

### Starting with improvements

We're beginning with immediate repairs and improvements, installing better lighting and a signage system that will highlight landmarks and local amenities.

### Transforming the docks' edge

We're transforming the public realm around the docks' edge that will open up access to the water and create a complete walking and cycling network through the Royal Docks.

### Building the stage

We're working with developers and landowners to create engaging spaces for culture, sports, and business, such as pop-up markets, festivals, and community events.

### Connecting communities

We're looking at ways to connect Newham's communities, old and new, to the north and south. This includes linking Silvertown, North Woolwich, and Custom House to the docks' edge, connecting Beckton and Canning Town to the Thames, and creating better access to the new Elizabeth Line station at Custom House.

### Designing with people

We will be asking local people, businesses, and industry experts about what new public spaces should look like and be used for, with works then starting in 2020.

### Funding the long-term

We're also developing a plan to fund the ongoing maintenance and management of the Royal Docks' important public spaces.



## **Connectivity** We're preparing the way for growth

We're making the Royal Docks easy to get to and get around. This includes an Elizabeth Line station at Custom House, 43 new DLR trains and station upgrades, and the launch of the Silvertown Tunnel. We're also upgrading the area's electrical capacity and ensuring there will be reliable ultrafast broadband, ready for new homes and businesses.



## We're welcoming an Elizabeth Line station at Custom House and 43 new DLR trains

### Improving DLR capacity and experience

We're improving six DLR stations to complement the arrival of 43 new trains, which will support TfL in achieving their 2030 vision of 30 trains per hour on the DLR network.

### Speeding towards ultrafast broadband

We're testing our digital infrastructure to identify where investment is required to enable ultrafast connections and public WiFi.

### Turning more lights on

We're working with UK Power Networks and Ofgem to forward-fund electricity upgrades to meet the future needs of Royal Docks residents and workers.

### Connecting with London City Airport

We're working on plans with our airport to make better public transport links to the new Elizabeth Line station at Custom House, such as a new branded shuttle.

### Re-imagining North Woolwich Road

We're exploring ways to support both industrial uses and new centres of local life along this important street, enabling a continuous and high-quality public realm, improving access between these significant new growth areas and boosting connectivity between the docks and the river's edge.



## **Economy** We're becoming a significant commercial district



The Royal Docks is set to become one of London's leading economic centres and a major gateway to the rest of the world. Building on significant existing businesses such as London City Airport and ExCeL London, we're working hard to attract others that share our culture of enterprise and innovation. We plan to develop one of the most productive and creative work ecosystems in the capital, as well as investing in the skills and talent of local people.

## Seven million sq ft of new commercial space in the Royal Docks will fuel thousands of new jobs

### Providing the right support

In 2019, we will be creating an economic strategy to identify the key projects to attract world-leading businesses, foster an SME and start-up culture, and provide good quality employment and education opportunities.

### Creating attractive and affordable workspaces

We're answering London's call for a wide range of different workspaces – from a new shipyard, a marina, studio spaces, and makers' yards, to Grade A office and co-working spaces. We're exploring options to develop permanent, low-cost workspaces and transforming Silvertown Flyover and other development sites into SME and creative workspace.

### Funding inspirational projects and people

We're ensuring local people, particularly young people, have an opportunity to influence and benefit from the area's transformation. We're implementing

an ambitious skills and employment programme with local business leaders, and offering emerging enterprises and innovative organisations access to the Royal Docks Good Growth Fund, a £22m fund for trailblazing projects over the next five years.

### Reviving a maritime economy

We're planning to build a new cutting-edge shipyard and commercial marina at Albert Island, and promoting a greater appreciation of the water for commercial and leisure uses.

### Exploring options for a major new transport engineering hub

We're short-listed for an institute of transport technology that will be established by Queen Mary University London and Newham College. If the bid is successful, it will be a centre of excellence with a focus on engineering, research, skills, and innovation across the road, railway, river, and runways industries.

## **Activation** We're creating a platform for culture, sport, and performance

Working closely with arts and community groups, we're unlocking the creative spirit of the Royal Docks. We want to bring vitality and vibrancy to our public spaces, boosting footfall and the visitor economy.



## We're launching a world-class programme of events and activation

### Cultivating the visitor economy

We're working in partnership with local arts, sports, and cultural organisations to develop a cultural placemaking strategy for the Royal Docks that will enliven the area and help create a flourishing visitor and creative economy.

### Making year-round reasons to visit

We're creating a programme of events to continuously animate the vast footprint of the Royal Docks, inspiring increasing appreciation of the area as an attractive place to work and live, visit, and stay.

### Embedding culture into development

We're ensuring art, culture, food, and sports are planned into the fabric and heart of the area's regeneration, including through the building of physical spaces. We're inviting the community and local creatives to be at the forefront of working with developers.

### Welcoming with gateways of art

We're installing large-scale artworks across the area and evolving the Royal Docks into a world-class art park. We will work with local people to develop a public art programme that will improve our public spaces, reflecting the area's history, culture, and industry.

### Turning tired spaces into bright stages

We will be transforming public spaces into sites that can host cultural, community, and business uses, including providing meanwhile and permanent spaces for the creative industries.

### Anchoring the future in the local culture

We're partnering with local organisations to create a community arts programme so that cultural work is rooted in the needs and perspectives of the area. Schools and young people will be at the heart of our work.

## **Promotion** We're putting the Royal Docks back on the global map

The Royal Docks is an amazing place embarking on an incredible transformation. We want people to know where the Royal Docks is and what it stands for. We're working hard to raise the profile of the area and ensure it attracts new businesses, visitors, and residents. Drawing people and investment into the area is a priority, but equally important is ensuring local talent and communities are at the heart of our plans and part of the success.

## We're representing the Royal Docks on the world stage



### Raising the Royal Docks' profile

We're going to inspire interest and engagement with the Royal Docks and what's happening here through marketing campaigns and advertising, social media, a new website, and communications activities.

### Communicating on the global stage

We're representing the Royal Docks at key national and international trade and industry events to signal the area's exciting transformation, and partnering with other areas of transformation around the world to share learnings.

### Involving local communities

We're going to provide financial and other support for communities – business and residents – to actively engage with and influence the area's development.

### Telling our past, present, and future story

We're creating a physical space in the Royal Docks to tell our story. It will be a touch-down space and focal point for events, education, and engagement, including an interactive model and exhibition detailing the full story of the Royal Docks.



## Community at the heart of our plans

A joint GLA and Newham Council Royal Docks Team was established in 2017. The team includes staff with a background in property development, estate management, marketing, events, community engagement, and business development. The team are collaborating with a wide range of different partners and stakeholders in the Royal Docks including landowners, developers, businesses, community groups, councillors, and many more.

We're working together to ensure our collective aspirations for the Royal Docks are realised

We will be inviting local people and businesses to help us shape detailed plans for the area throughout 2019 and beyond. How should our public spaces be designed? Can we make more of the water? How do we ensure local people benefit from the jobs and opportunities created? Keep an eye on our new website for details on how to get involved. We will also publicise events and activities locally, with options for people to pop in and talk to the team, participate online, as well as take part in events. Send us an email on [royaldocks@london.gov.uk](mailto:royaldocks@london.gov.uk) for more.

# Get involved



### Good Governance

The London Economic Action Partnership (LEAP) works with entrepreneurs, business, the Mayor of London, and London councils to boost jobs and economic growth across the capital. LEAP ensures scrutiny and transparency by providing strategic oversight for the Royal Docks Enterprise Zone. This oversight is devolved to two boards, which oversee the work of the Royal Docks Team.

### Enterprise Zone board

The Royal Docks Enterprise Zone Programme Board oversees the progress of our delivery plan and reports on this to LEAP, chaired by the Mayor of Newham.

### Advisory board

The Royal Docks Advisory Board is a forum where the GLA and Newham Council engage and update key partners on the delivery programme and work of the team. It is jointly chaired by the Deputy Mayor for Housing, GLA, and the Mayor of Newham.

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