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## **Jubilee Gardens: Planning Consent Granted for New Green Landmark for London**

Lambeth Council's Planning Applications Committee has unanimously approved proposals for re-landscaping Jubilee Gardens on London's South Bank, giving the green light to plans to transform this high-profile open space into a new green landmark for London. The planning approval keeps the Project on schedule for delivery in time for both the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

The 2010 design has been developed by landscape architects West 8 and is in essence a lush, green park, with flower beds of the highest quality and over 70 new trees. The overall mission is to create a park which is as soft and green as is sustainable. The aim is to let contracts for the re-landscaping for a start on site in spring 2011.

The Jubilee Gardens Project has been led by a steering group comprising neighbouring landowners, local business and community representatives, who have been working with key funders, Lambeth Council and Transport for London.

Ted Inman, Chair of the Jubilee Gardens Steering Group said:

'Jubilee Gardens is at the heart of a key London tourist and cultural destination. The decision to grant planning permission is a milestone in our aim to transform this flat, featureless patch of grass into a garden worthy of its Jubilee associations and location on South Bank.'

Jubilee Gardens is held by Southbank Centre on a long lease. On completion of the re-landscaping project, the intention is to transfer responsibility to a new Trust comprising local business and community representatives.

**The Jubilee Gardens Steering Group comprises:** Coin Street Community Builders / Friends of Jubilee Gardens / Government Office for London / Greater London Authority / London Borough of Lambeth / London Development Agency / Shell / Shirayama Corporation / Southbank Centre / South Bank Employers' Group / The Merlin Entertainments London Eye / Waterloo Community Development Group / Waterloo Green Trust

£4.9m funding for the scheme has been secured, and includes £1.5m awarded by Transport for London to Lambeth Council for the Project and further funds derived from Section 106 agreements between Lambeth Council, Shell and The Merlin Entertainments London Eye.

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### **Notes to Editors**

- For background information: [www.jubileegardens.org.uk](http://www.jubileegardens.org.uk)
- **About West 8**  
West 8 is a cutting-edge practice which delivers ground-breaking urban parks and public spaces. Set up in 1987 as an international team of architects, urban designers and industrial designers, West 8 designs landscape interventions, urban plans, squares, parks and gardens worldwide.  
[www.west8.nl](http://www.west8.nl)
- The **Jubilee Gardens Steering Group** brings together landowners and businesses, community groups and statutory authorities, who have agreed to work together to secure major improvements to Jubilee Gardens and have established a Trust to undertake the management and maintenance of the Gardens in the future.
- **About South Bank Employers' Group**

South Bank Employers' Group is an association of the major organisations in the South Bank, Waterloo and Blackfriars with a long term commitment to improving the experience of the area for employees, visitors and residents.

Members of South Bank Employers' Group include: British Film Institute, British Rail Board (Residuary), Coin Street Community Builders, Elizabeth House Partners, Ernst & Young, Guy's & St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust, ITV, King's College London, London Development Agency, London South Bank University, National Theatre, Network Rail, Park Plaza Hotels, Shell, Southbank Centre, The Merlin Entertainments London Eye, Whitbread. For the past sixteen years, the Group has been responsible for transforming the South Bank with a variety of high profile projects including the revitalisation of the Riverside Walk.

