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Planning Application to be Submitted for Transformation of Jubilee Gardens

Following a local consultation event last night, a planning application is being submitted to Lambeth Council for a scheme which will completely regenerate the high profile park, Jubilee Gardens, in time for both the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and London 2012. The application will be submitted in October, with a decision expected early next year.

Lambeth Council originally approved a scheme for the park developed by landscape architects West 8 in 2006. Due to cost and legal reasons, the scheme has been revised but retains the essence of the design concept which scored so highly with the community and stakeholders during the intense public consultation.

The overall mission for the project is to create a park which is as soft and green as is sustainable. It was the idea of a lush, green park, with undulations, flower beds and turf of the highest quality and the addition of many new trees which appealed strongly to local residents and employees as well as visitors to the area. These elements are still central to the design, along with a simplified path network and generous seating.

100% of the funding for the £4.6m core scheme is now in place, thanks to £1.5m Transport for London has granted to Lambeth Council for the project and further monies which have been committed through local landowners' section 106 arrangements. Active fundraising is being undertaken to enable further improvements to be phased into the delivery programme as funds become available. These additional improvements will be part of the planning application.

Local landowners and businesses, community groups and the statutory authorities have been working together for a number of years to transform this flat, featureless patch of grass into a garden worthy of its location next to the London Eye and opposite the Houses of Parliament.

For more information

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The Jubilee Gardens Steering Group comprises: Coin Street Community Builders / Department for Culture, Media and Sport / 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

Notes to Editors

- **For background information:** www.jubileegardens.org.uk

- **About West 8**

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