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Jubilee Gardens: On Schedule for 2012

Plans to transform Jubilee Gardens on London's South Bank in time for both the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games are on schedule, following the announcement of Frosts Landscape Construction as the preferred bidder for the contract.

Lambeth Council granted planning approval for the park in December 2010, giving the green light to plans to transform this high-profile open space into a new green landmark for London which is part of the Mayor of London's Great Outdoors Programme. Designed by landscape architects West 8, Jubilee Gardens will become a lush, green park, with flower beds of the highest quality and over 70 new trees.

The announcement of a preferred bidder follows a competition under European procurement rules in which seven shortlisted companies were invited to submit tenders. Subject to the final stages of the procurement process it is expected that a contract will be let and work will start on site in September.

The transformation of the Gardens is being managed by the Jubilee Gardens Project Board, comprising Lambeth Council, which will let the contract, Southbank Centre, current owner of Jubilee Gardens, the Jubilee Gardens Trust, which will be responsible for the management and maintenance of the Gardens following the completion of the contract, and Transport for London, which is providing funding towards the project on behalf of the Mayor. Other funding is from Shell and the EDF Energy London Eye under planning agreements with Lambeth Council, and contributions from several charitable trusts.

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Notes to Editors

- For background information: 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.
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- **Lambeth Council** has secured major contributions from planning agreements for the transformation of Jubilee Gardens and is playing a leading role in the project.
- **Jubilee Gardens** is one of the Mayor of London's Great Outdoors projects, which aim 'to transform the every day experience of London's outdoor spaces and create beautifully designed oases throughout the capital's urban jungle'.
- **Southbank Centre** holds Jubilee Gardens on a long lease from the Arts Council. Key to the transformation project is the commitment of Southbank Centre to transfer responsibility for the Gardens to an independent Trust.
- The **Jubilee Gardens Trust** brings together landowners, local businesses and community representatives who have been working with key funders, Lambeth Council and Transport for London. The responsibility for managing and maintaining the Gardens following construction will fall to the Trust. The Trust is grateful to the following Trusts for their support: 29 May 1961 Charitable Trust; Gosling Foundation; Hobson Charity; Kirby Laing Foundation.
- **South Bank Employers' Group** is an association of 17 major organisations in the South Bank, Waterloo and Blackfriars committed to promoting and improving the neighbourhood. It has had a leading role in the Jubilee Gardens project for 10 years.
- **About Mayor of London's Great Outdoors** London's Great Outdoors - A Manifesto for Public Space' is supported by two practical guides, 'Better Streets' and 'Better Green and Water Spaces'. Together they set out the Mayor of London's vision for improving public spaces in London. This will ensure that our streets, squares, parks and green and water spaces are fit for a great world city, are enjoyed by everyone who visits them and most importantly, help improve the quality of life in the capital.

They are accompanied by an implementation plan that will see £220 million invested in over 50 public realm improvement projects over the next three years, funding for which comes from Transport for London, The London Development Agency and London's boroughs as well as other sources.

The measures include redesigned streets, which can be shared by both the pedestrians and vehicles and reclaimed derelict green spaces and underused waterways. The manifesto and guides have been written and produced by the Greater London Authority, London Development Agency, Design for London and Transport for London. For further information please go to www.london.gov.uk/greatoutdoors

