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Planning Permission Secured for Enderby Wharf Greenwich.

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New pier and cruise terminal for London

Plans have been approved by Greenwich Council, London for a cruise terminal to be built at Enderby Wharf as part of a major development plan which includes a 251-room hotel and 770 new homes.

James Blakey, speaking on behalf of developers Mason Developments Ltd. says: "This will be the first and only purpose-built and fixed cruise terminal in London. It will significantly increase the number of cruise passengers visiting London who will be within a few minutes' walk of Maritime Greenwich and only 17 minutes by river bus from the vast array of central London attractions."

A fixed pier will extend about 75m into the river making use of a self-scouring deepwater bowl which was dug out in the fifties and is outside the navigational part of the river. The pier will be able to accommodate one cruise ship

up to 240m in length and with an 8m draught (the largest ship that can transit the Thames Barrier) and two river bus vessels operated by Thames Clippers. The plan includes a bespoke Clipper service for cruise passengers as well as accommodating the normal Clipper schedule service for the general public.

Subject to final approval from the Mayor of London, the work will start this year with the terminal phase of the project completed in time for the 2012 Olympics.

Enderby Wharf is about 20 miles upriver from the London Cruise Terminal at Tilbury, and downstream from Tower Bridge moorings. There is an existing mooring at Greenwich but no berth. The developer will be seeking tenders from interested terminal operators in the coming months.