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Planning Permission Secured for Enderby Wharf Greenwich.

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Go-ahead for cruise liner terminal, 770 new homes, hotel and school

PLANS to build London's first cruise liner terminal have been cleared.

The project would see the terminal built on the site where the first underwater telegraph cables were made.

Plans for Enderby Wharf on the Greenwich Peninsula, which includes the stop for luxury liners, revamping grade II-listed Enderby House, 770 new homes, a 25-bedroom hotel and a school, were unanimously agreed on Thursday. The scheme also includes a stop for Thames Clippers river bus services, the widening of the Thames Path and tidal gardens.

Residents welcomed the transformation of the disused site off Christchurch Way, with a view to it bringing an influx of trade and businesses to nearby East Greenwich.

Developer West Properties plan to open the terminal in time for the 2012 Olympics, but the hotel is not expected to be finished until the following year.

The wharf has a deep water pocket that is dredged naturally by the tide and was flagged up by London Mayor Boris Johnson as suitable for a cruise liner terminal.

The cable laid under the Atlantic in 1865 was manufactured on the site that was later part of the Alcatel factory complex. Enderby House, mentioned in the novel Moby Dick, is listed due to its riverside views. It will have a glass extension and become a tourist centre and cafe. Due to uncertainty over grant funding from the Government, concerns were raised by councillors that only 20 to 29 per cent of the project's homes will be affordable - rather than the usual 35 per cent. To counter this, the town hall secured cash from the developers to fund affordable homes elsewhere in the borough. Cabinet member for regeneration, Councillor Denise Hyland, welcomed the "world-class scheme", adding that the "superb architecture will look fantastic".

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