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Planning Permission Secured for Enderby Wharf Greenwich.

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London cruise terminal coming to River Thames at Greenwich

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PERMISSION has been granted for a dramatic transformation of a neglected Greenwich stretch of the River Thames.

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Enderby Wharf on the Greenwich Peninsula will be restored with 770 new homes, a 251-bedroom hotel, skills academy, gymnasium and crèche.

Most strikingly of all, the area will offer a cruise liner terminal for ships of up to 240 metres, carrying up to 1,500 passengers to and from south-east London. There is also the provision for creating a pier for Thames Clipper services to stop off.

The proposal was given the green light on Thursday by Greenwich Council's planning committee.

Developers West Properties and Ian Sampson Architects say they can regenerate an area between The O2 and historic Greenwich that currently lies disused after the departure of manufacturing firm Alcatel.

The cruise terminal certainly has the potential to change the future of London tourism, with a report in 2009 describing the UK capital as a 'marquee destination' for rich visitors.

The scheme's backers want to open the terminal in time for the 2012 Olympics to take advantage of the thousands of potential customers coming in via the Thames.

The skills academy will complement the terminal, with courses targeted at 16-21-year-olds linked with the new industries coming in.

Most homes in the new complex will be two-bedroom flats, but they do vary from one-bed apartments to six-bed family houses.

There is also provision for 726 car parking spaces and 823 cycle spaces.

A council report concluded: "The proposed development seeks to optimise the potential for this underutilised brownfield site by delivering a high quality scheme on previously developed land.

"The delivery of this key piece of infrastructure generates additional opportunity to deliver wider regeneration benefits for the site and the surrounding area."



The cruise yacht Seabourn Sojourn is the type of vessel that will be sailing into Greenwich.

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