

Aerial photo of ExCeL London

EXCEL LONDON

PLANNING TO GROW

WELCOME

As a neighbour of ExCeL London, we are writing to provide an update on our proposals for developing part of our site.

In our first newsletter to the community, we outlined our plans to expand the venue, adding 25% more flexible, modern event space. These proposals would enable us to attract further investment to the Royal Docks and create a more welcoming environment around the dock-edge.

At the beginning of the year we launched our first stage of public consultation providing you with an opportunity to share your feedback. Firstly, we would like to thank those of you who took the time to learn more about the proposals and provided us with feedback on how to improve the plans.

Over the last few weeks, we have been reflecting on the feedback and have updated the plans to develop a project that will ensure ExCeL can continue to compete internationally and remains a destination of choice for world-leading events.

Your comments have also helped us progress the plans further. We are focused on ensuring that our planned expansion will support the sustainable growth of the Royal Docks as a social and economic hub, with a modern, vibrant dock-edge, improved public realm and new pedestrian and cycling connections.

You will find some more information about the updated proposals in this newsletter. We hope you find it interesting and please share your thoughts or visit our new digital exhibition: www.visionforexcel.co.uk

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CONSULTATION UPDATE

We are delighted to be launching our final stage of public consultation on the proposals. This is your opportunity to see the changes we have made to the plans for Phase 3 based on community feedback and have your say and for you to make any further comments or recommendations.

PHASE 3 SITE - WHAT'S CHANGED



Following feedback from the community, we have made some changes to the plans, including:

-  Increased public realm improvements to include additional areas to the north of the site along with dock-edge improvements to the existing Phase 1 and Phase 2 buildings (see adjacent overview)
-  Greater animation and promotion of the Public Protected Route (PPR) to create a new key route across the ExCeL site
-  A new community pocket park supporting leisure, play and biodiversity
-  Opportunities for exhibition halls to open onto the dock-edge, improving engagement with visitors and the public
-  Greening and seating to the dock-edge for people to socialise and relax with friends and family
-  Identify dedicated pedestrian and cycling routes, to improve connectivity to the dock-edge, ExCeL London and wider area
-  Food and Beverage outlets directly accesible from the re-routed PPR, with opportunities for pop-ups on the dock-edge.
-  Additional green space and new enhanced public realm along the north façade



Additional areas added to the Phase 3 red line boundary to incorporate increased public realm improvements

Phase 3: A reminder

The Phase 3 site is located to the east of ExCeL London, adjacent to the Aloft Hotel. It is currently used for external event space and car parking.

Why we are expanding

For ExCeL London to retain its status as a global leader in live and international events, we must expand to meet the needs of new and existing organisers.

To secure our future, there is a need for at least 12,000sqm of new flat floor event space at ground floor level. The risk is that, without the extension, London loses flagship events that are expanding and other opportunities to host international events to other European cities.

Phase 3 is therefore an integral project to safeguarding the legacy of ExCeL London and the Royal Docks community.

UPDATED DESIGNS



Animated PPR and public access to venue amenities

As you may remember, a key part of our expansion plans has always been to provide significant improvements to the landscape and public space around the site, as well as creating a more welcoming dock-edge.

This has been particularly well received by our neighbours and stakeholders in the Royal Docks and, following feedback, we have built on these proposed improvements.

The re-routed Public Protected Route (PPR) will allow us to make improvements to the public realm around the walkway, with new planting and trees that will improve the experience for visitors and local people, making the area more welcoming and safe.

Moreover, the improved connectivity between the DLR, ExCeL and the dock-edge will also allow us to provide new dedicated pedestrian and cycling connections, making the area more inviting for walkers, joggers and cyclists.

You can view more images and learn more details about the updated proposals on our consultation website www.visionforexcel.co.uk



View looking west towards the new dock-edge



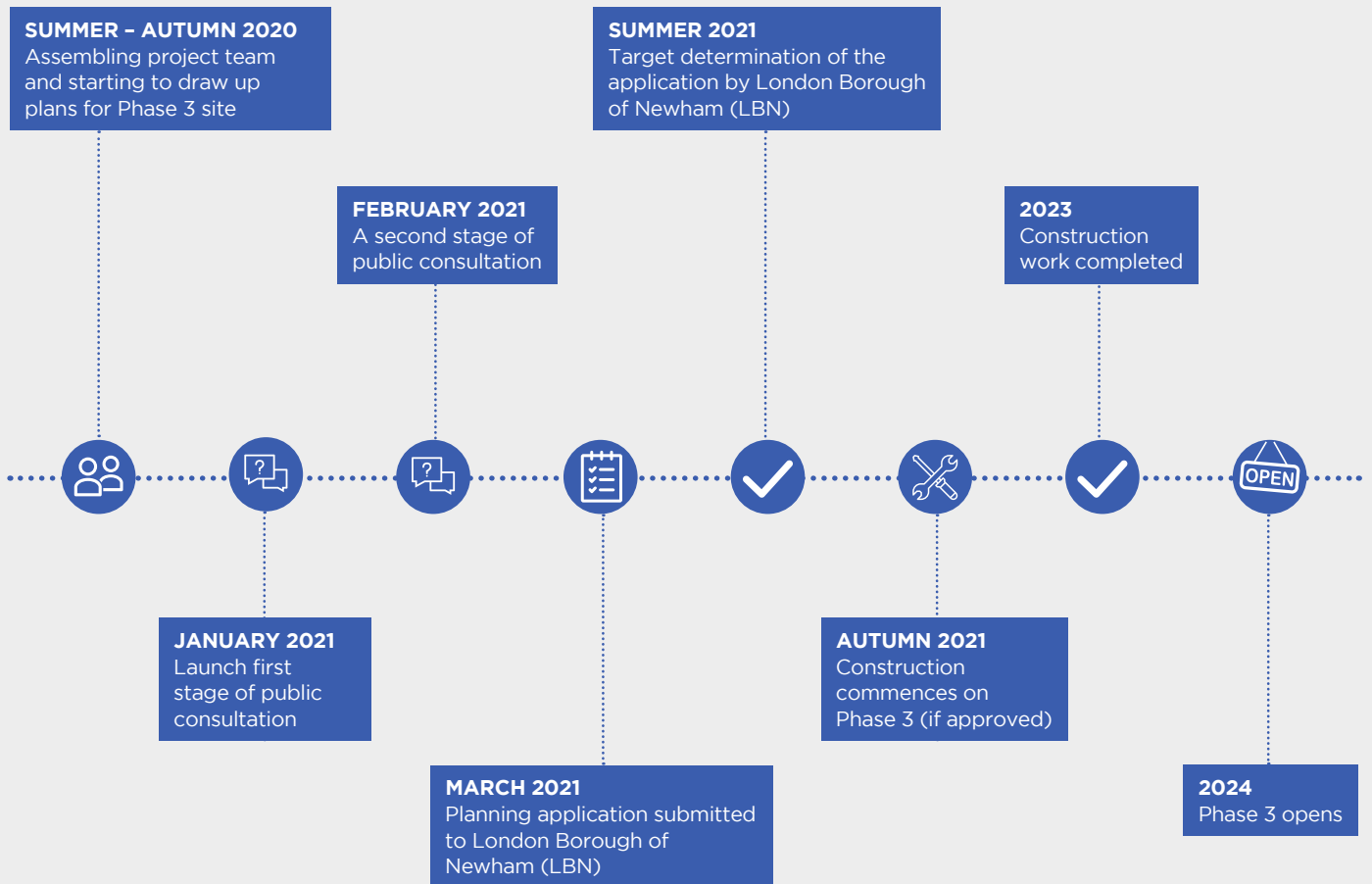
Multi-functional dock-edge



View of proposed pocket park along re-routed PPR

THANK YOU AND NEXT STEPS

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VISIT OUR WEBSITE AND HAVE YOUR SAY

Our final round of consultation is now open and includes an updated website and set of proposals at www.visionforexcel.co.uk where you can view the digital exhibition and have your say.

The consultation will close at the end of this month, although you can still send us your comments or ask any questions by getting in touch with the consultation team directly, using the contact details below:



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SUPPORTING THE NHS

Our expansion plans do not impact the role we are currently playing as both a Nightingale Hospital and a vaccination centre. We are proud to support the NHS and its wonderful staff during this challenging time.