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**GREENWICH HOSPITAL
HOSTS PUBLIC EXHIBITION TO VIEW
PROPOSALS FOR THE REGENERATION OF
GREENWICH MARKET**

Greenwich Hospital is holding a public exhibition to give members of the public the opportunity to view regeneration proposals for Greenwich Market. The exhibition will be held at 3-4 Nelson Road, Greenwich on Friday 5 October from 2pm to 8pm and Saturday 6 October from 12pm to 8pm.

The exhibition will give details of the layout of the proposed scheme and will include an architectural model of the scheme, an artist's impression and a description of the future market facilities. Members of Greenwich Hospital's team, including Hopkins Architects will be available to answer questions and members of the public will be able to fill out comment forms and leave them in a sealed ballot box to enable Greenwich Hospital to be fully aware of community views on the proposals.

Greenwich Hospital has put forward the proposed scheme after nine months of public consultation, which has included a Key Stakeholder Consultative Group chaired by Nick Raynsford, MP, a consultation website (www.greenwichmarketconsultation.org.uk), three community newsletters, an information line and this public exhibition.

Martin Sands, Director of Greenwich Hospital, said:

“Greenwich Hospital is committed to retaining Greenwich Market and investing in its future. I am delighted that after a process of consultation with key stakeholders we are now at the point of exhibiting the proposed scheme to residents in Greenwich. I look forward to meeting Greenwich residents at the exhibition and hearing community ideas on our proposed scheme.”

After the exhibition, Electoral Reform Services, an independent market research company will analyse the feedback received from exhibition visitors. Greenwich Hospital will then use the feedback to help fine-tune the proposals.

Greenwich Hospital will be sending the attached newsletter which forms the exhibition invitation to residents in SE10, tenants, key stakeholders and all elected members of Greenwich Council.

Information presented at the public exhibition will be available on www.greenwichmarketconsultation.org.uk from 5 October 2007.

Attachments:

Artist's impression of Greenwich Market proposal

Market Newsletter

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For further information, contact David McFarlane at Communiqué: 020 7828 4888 or 07917 770475

Notes to Editors

Background

Greenwich Hospital is a Crown charity, established in 1694, which provides charitable support to serving and retired men and women of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines and to their dependants. It devotes its resources to paying pensions; providing grants to naval charities, running three sheltered housing schemes; and awarding means tested bursaries at the Royal Hospital School. The Hospital does no fund-raising and its outputs are met entirely from its investments including the Greenwich Estate.

Greenwich Hospital owns a large proportion of Greenwich Town Centre, including the Island Site. The Island site is the name used for the market area and further retail, residential, public houses, leisure properties and commercial properties in an area bounded by College Approach, Greenwich Church Street, King William Walk and Nelson Road, including the market space and Turnpin Lane

In addition to meeting its charitable objectives, Greenwich Hospital is sensitive to its influence on the environment and community in Greenwich and is therefore currently exploring options with regards to the potential for improving its core property.

Hopkins Architects have been appointed to assess the whole area including the Island Site and market area and to look at various options for improvement. Greenwich

Hospital also engaged NB Real Estate to manage the Greenwich Estate properties from 1st January 2007.

The Hospital has formed a Key Stakeholder Consultative Group (KSCG), chaired by Nick Raynsford MP, to discuss the regeneration of the Island Site and provide views from a wide spectrum of people and organisations with an interest in the Hospital's properties in Greenwich. The KSCG includes representatives of Greenwich Hospital, the Greenwich Foundation, the National Maritime Museum, the Town Centre Traders, the market managers, the residents, the Chamber of Commerce, Greenwich Peninsula Partnership and the Greenwich Society.

The Hospital's criteria for the regeneration are that any improvements to the Hospital's properties in Greenwich town centre will need to:

- Keep the market and promote its diversity of shops and stalls.
- Be architecturally, physically and financially viable.
- Be capable of standing the "test of time."
- Be mindful of Greenwich's status as a World Heritage Site and as a Maritime Heritage Site.
- Complement Greenwich's unique position as a tourist and retail destination.

About Hopkins Architects

In 2006, Greenwich Hospital appointed Hopkins Architects Ltd to draw up a design for regenerating the market.

Hopkins is an award-winning firm of architects, based in London. Their previous projects include the new Westminster Parliament building, Portcullis House; the Buckingham Palace ticket office, and the Mound Stand at Lord's Cricket Ground.

Their current projects include the masterplan of Northgate in Chester, comprising a market hall, theatre, library and residential buildings within a sensitive town centre. In addition, they have developed a masterplan and designs for buildings including a market hall in Bury St Edmunds' mediaeval centre.

More information about Hopkins is available on their website, www.hopkins.co.uk.