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GREENWICH HOSPITAL

CONTINUES TO DEVELOP THE DESIGN FOR THE REGENERATION OF GREENWICH MARKET

Greenwich Hospital's Key Stakeholder Consultative Group met on 26 November to discuss progress on the market regeneration proposals and receive a briefing from Hopkins Architects on the proposed new market plans that continue to evolve.

Over the last few months the Hospital has been carrying out further community and stakeholder consultation on its plans for the regeneration of Greenwich Market. This has involved meetings with English Heritage and local Greenwich stakeholder groups to consider the design of the new market buildings and venues for a temporary relocation of the market during construction work.

Martin Sands, Director Greenwich Hospital said: "Since the Key Stakeholder Consultative Group last met in April, we have continued to work on the design, engage with potential hotel operators and also explore several alternative temporary locations for the market during construction. A number of changes have been made to the design to ensure that it maximises the efficiency of the site and is economically sustainable, while continuing to meet the key elements of maintaining the character of the market and the promotion of retail diversity."

Commenting on the meeting Rt Hon Nick Raynsford MP said: "The Key Stakeholder Consultative Group had a very constructive meeting focusing on the latest design proposals from Hopkins Architects. The group welcomed a number of the new proposals including the revised access to the market from Durnford Street and the

increased hotel bedroom numbers. Greenwich Hospital and their advisors will now be doing further work on the scheme with a view to a public exhibition in Spring 2009 at the time of the submission of the planning application.”

Latest news about the proposals to regenerate the market is available on the Greenwich Market Consultation website (www.greenwichmarketconsultation.org.uk).

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Note to Editors:

Any improvements to the Hospital's properties in Greenwich town centre will need to:

- 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.
- Promote retail diversity

The Key Stakeholder Consultative Group (KSCG) is Chaired by Rt Hon Nick Raynsford MP and includes representatives of Greenwich Hospital, the Greenwich Foundation, the National Maritime Museum, ward councillors, the Town Centre Traders, the market managers, the residents, market traders, the Chamber of Commerce, Greenwich Peninsula Partnership and the Greenwich Society.

The purpose of the KSCG is 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 minutes of the KSCG are published on www.greenwichmarketconsultation.org.uk.