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THE REBIRTH OF BATTERSEA POWER STATION DRAWS CLOSER:

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- Excellent recent progress planning the extension of the Northern Line from Kennington to two new stations at Nine Elms and Battersea Power Station
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New planning application registered by Wandsworth Council

Wandsworth Council has today registered the new planning application for the £5.5bn mixed-use redevelopment of the 40 acre Battersea Power Station site.

With 8.3 million ft² of new floorspace, the application is the largest ever to be submitted in Central London. It proposes a wide mix of uses, including 3,700 homes, 1.6 million sqft of office floorspace and 500,000 sq ft of retail and restaurant space , with the aim of establishing a genuine community, creating thousands of new jobs, being fully integrated with existing neighbourhoods and becoming the catalyst for the much wider and full regeneration of Nine Elms.

Responsibility to the environment lies at the heart of this development. The plans meet the original objectives set out by the developers when they bought the site, including the saving of the Power Station itself, the creation of a sustainable, low carbon environment, and the introduction of an appropriate public transport solution.

Rob Tincknell, Managing Director, Treasury Holdings UK, the developers for the site, said:

“We are extremely confident that two years of detailed discussions mean that this masterplan represents the aspirations and concerns of all the stakeholders involved, not least the Battersea community. It is a plan that, vitally, will finally deliver this important site’s regeneration and create a compelling and vibrant new urban quarter for London. At its heart will be the Power Station, giving new life for generations to come and standing as a commanding reminder of London’s industrial past and thrilling future.”

For more than a year the Power Station site has seen one of the most comprehensive consultation programmes ever for a UK property development. Two public exhibitions have attracted over 15,000 members of the public, and hundreds of meetings and presentations have taken place with interested groups. The plans have also benefited from extensive pre-application consultation with Wandsworth Council, CABE, English Heritage, the GLA and many others.

This process, under the direction of Rafael Viñoly, has led to the evolution of the masterplan into one that has received widespread support from members of the public and other stakeholders. At the second public exhibition, 90% of visitors supported the design.

Councillor Edward Lister, Leader of Wandsworth Council commented:

“Everyone wants to see the Power Station restored and the whole site developed to provide new homes and jobs. This application is a further sign that things are about to take off in the Nine Elms corridor which, at its closest point, is little more than a mile from the Houses of Parliament.

“The wider area covers more than 450 acres and is without doubt the capital’s biggest regeneration opportunity. We have already granted outline permission at a separate site in the area for the new US Embassy. These two important projects are hugely symbolic and demonstrate the scale of the commitment to this new urban quarter in the heart of London.”

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In addition, in the past year, there has been excellent progress planning the extension of the Northern Line from Kennington to two new stations at Nine Elms and Battersea Power Station. With the help of Transport for London, Wandsworth Council and many other stakeholders, the developers and TfL have recently begun the process of preparing for a Transport and Works Act order, to be submitted in mid 2010. The tube extension is an essential component of the plans to regenerate Nine Elms, and was supported by 95% of visitors to the developer's second public exhibition. It will be the first ever privately funded extension to the tube network in Central London.

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The registration of the Power Station planning application coincides with the publication earlier this week of the Mayor of London's draft Planning, Economic and Transport Strategies to shape London's future. The draft replacement London Plan recognises the huge potential of the Vauxhall / Nine Elms Opportunity Area and the Power Station site to deliver significant housing and commercial development. In addition, the draft Transport Strategy recognises the potential of the Northern Line Extension to support regeneration of the Opportunity Area.

Mayor of London, Boris Johnson said:

"There is now a growing consensus between the local authorities, landowners and developers that regeneration of the Vauxhall & Nine Elms area offers London huge opportunities in terms of jobs and inward investment. In principle, I support the extension of the Northern Line into Nine Elms and have included it in my recently published Transport Strategy.

"The tube extension will become a central element to supporting this redevelopment, helping to boost an area that is growing into an important Central London location."

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Rafael Viñoly's masterplan for the 40 acre site includes the following key components:

- A diverse mix of uses, including over 3,700 new homes, 1.6 million square feet of office floorspace, 700,000 square feet of shopping and restaurants, a conference centre, a hotel and community facilities.
- Over 15,000 new and varied job and training opportunities.
- Extensive areas of new open space, including a new riverside park and an extension to the Riverside Walk connecting through to Battersea Park.
- Public access to restored historic areas of the Power Station, such as the two turbine halls and control rooms.
- Five distinct zones for nurturing creative industries and establishing a new cultural centre for London.
- A CCHP energy centre generating 30MW of electricity which, together with other energy efficiency measures, will enable the Power Station to become zero carbon and the rest of the development to be low carbon, saving around 65% of CO₂ emissions across the whole site.

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