

Government pledges £233 million infrastructure funding to bring dockland site back to life

Sitting within London's only Enterprise Zone at the Royal Docks, the Silvertown site in Newham has been derelict for the last 40 years and is one of the largest brownfield sites in London's historic docklands.

The major regeneration project will include improvements to the infrastructure around the site and will support The Silvertown Partnership (TSP), a joint venture between Lendlease and Starwood Capital, to build 6,000 new homes and support the creation of 1.8 million sq. ft of next-generation business workspace, alongside new space for cultural and community events and a vibrant new town centre for the Royal Docks.

Housing Minister Rt Hon Stuart Andrew MP said:

This major investment will revive London's historic docklands to deliver vital new homes, create jobs and boost the local economy with new state-of-the-art facilities.

Our brownfield first approach is key to our levelling up mission – regenerating disused land in our towns and cities into places people are proud to call home.

Homes England will provide loan financing to help tackle high up-front infrastructure costs. In particular this includes investment to support the delivery of a new pedestrian and cycle bridge across Royal Victoria Dock, linking the site to Custom House Crossrail, the restoration of the iconic Millennium Mills and the repair of the dock walls themselves, which have previously been a barrier to development of the scheme. Alongside this, new public realm will provide local people with access to the water at the Royal Docks via new bridges, wider canal walkways and jetties.

Peter Freeman, Chair of Homes England, said:

Our commitment to the Silvertown project is another example of how we can work with the private sector to bring forward large, complex sites and help to transform them into the places of the future.

This infrastructure funding will enable The Silvertown Partnership to create new communities in the heart of East London and bring swathes of derelict brownfield land back to life.

Working together with the Greater London Authority (GLA), TSP has committed

that 50 per cent of homes within the neighbourhood will be affordable. The homes, which include London Affordable Rent and shared ownership, will form a central part of the new masterplan currently under consultation.

Enabling works to prepare the site for phase one of the plans have begun and the construction of new homes will start later this year.

Speaking on behalf of The Silvertown Partnership, Ed Mayes the Development Director for Silvertown, said:

It's very exciting that after lying dormant for the last 40 years Silvertown is now starting to come back to life, as a vibrant town centre for the Royal Docks and a new destination for Londoners. Silvertown is being revived and re-imagined as a waterside destination to deliver much needed new housing for Newham and the rejuvenation of the historic Millennium Mills. An iconic East London neighbourhood is about to awaken.

The Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, said:

I am delighted to see work getting underway at this landmark East London location that has vexed planners and politicians alike for the last 40 years.

The regeneration of this area is long overdue and I'm excited by the plans for Silvertown which respect its past whilst embracing East London's vibrant and creative future.

Not only will this project create a vibrant new neighbourhood with 50 per cent genuinely affordable homes but it will also create highly skilled jobs while supporting the regeneration of the Royal Docks as we build a better, fairer and more sustainable city for everyone.

The infrastructure loan for Silvertown is funded through the Home Building Fund, which provides infrastructure loans to help unlock and accelerate land for housing development.

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Notes to editors

- Silvertown, based in the London Borough of Newham, is one of the larger brownfield development sites in London's Docklands (c 61 acres) with an extensive water frontage. The site is owned by GLA, and The Silvertown Partnership are party to a development agreement to draw down land and develop it on a phased basis.
- In 2024 the new walking and cycling bridge, will link Silvertown to the Custom House Crossrail station, helping unlock the site for new

residents and visitors.

- More information about the infrastructure finance available for the Home Building Fund is [available on gov.uk](#).

Second ballot of the 2022 Youth Mobility Scheme (YMS) for Taiwanese youth

As in previous years there are a total of 1,000 places available to Taiwanese youth for 2022.

The majority of places were allocated in the first ballot in January this year, while the remaining places will be made available in this second ballot in July 2022. If your application is successful you will be able to live, work and study in the UK for up to 2 years.

How to apply for the ballot

If you would like to be in with the chance to apply for the scheme you should send one email per applicant to: Taiwan.YMS2022@fcdo.gov.uk between midday (12pm) on Monday 25 July 2022 to midday (12pm) on Wednesday 27 July 2022 (Taiwan time).

The header or subject line of your email must contain your name, date of birth (DD/MM/YYYY) and passport number as shown in your passport.

This must be written in English only.

For example: WU Janice – 31/03/2000 – Passport123456789

The main body of your email should include the following information, written in English:

- Name
- Date of birth
- Passport Number
- Mobile phone number

The email account will only be open for 48 hours and all emails received within this timeframe will be sent an automated reply confirming receipt. Please remember to check your junk inboxes before contacting us.

Once the ballot closes, allocations for the remaining places will be chosen at random by UKVI. If you have been successful a second email will be sent to you by Friday 29 July to confirm acceptance and provide further instructions on how to make an appointment, along with documentary evidence required to

apply for your entry clearance.

Please note successful applicants must prepare online applications and online credit card payments no later than 30 August 2022. Failure to submit your payment online by this date will automatically remove your name from the list and your allocation will be retracted. After you have paid online you have 90 days to book your appointment at the Visa Application Centre (VAC) and submit your paperwork for consideration.

If you are a Taiwanese youth living overseas you can also apply following the instructions above, and if you are chosen to apply you will be able to do so in your location of residence. Applications cannot be submitted for the Youth Mobility Scheme in the UK.

If you're unsuccessful you will receive an email by 29 July and no further action is required.

Further information about the [Youth Mobility Scheme](#) and any enquiries relating to the application process, online application forms and questions in general should be directed to the [UKVI International Enquiry Line](#).

Second ballot of the 2022 Youth Mobility Scheme (YMS) for Japanese nationals

Since last year, the number of places for Japanese nationals has increased to 1,500 per year. Approximately 800 places are allocated in the first ballot in January 2022, while the remaining places will be made available in the second ballot in July. If your application is successful you will be able to live, work and study in the UK for up to 2 years.

How to apply for the ballot

If you would like to be in with the chance to apply for the scheme you should send one email per applicant to: japan.YMS2022@fcdo.gov.uk between midday (12pm) on Monday 25 July 2022 to midday on Wednesday 27 July 2022 (Tokyo time).

The header or subject line of your email must contain your name, date of birth (DD/MM/YYYY) and passport number as shown in your passport.

This must be written in English only.

For example: SUZUKI Miyu – 31/03/2000 – Passport123456789

The main body of your email should include the following information, written in English:

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- Date of birth
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If you are a Japanese national living overseas you can also apply following the instructions above, and if you are chosen to apply you will be able to do so in your country/territory of residence. Applications cannot be submitted for the Youth Mobility Scheme in the UK.

If you're unsuccessful you will receive an email by 29 July and no further action is required.

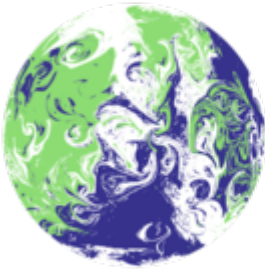
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COP26 President to visit Türkiye to progress delivery of the Glasgow Climate Pact

Press release

COP26 President Alok Sharma will visit Türkiye from Monday 4 – Wednesday 6

July to progress and strengthen delivery of the landmark Glasgow Climate Pact, following COP26 held in Glasgow last year.



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- His 2nd visit to Türkiye follows the COP26 Conference in Glasgow in November last year, where almost 200 countries agreed the Glasgow Climate Pact to keep the goal of limiting global warming to 1.5 C above pre-industrial levels in reach
- Mr Sharma will visit Kalyon Enerji's 1.35GW Karapinar solar project. This is the largest solar facility in Türkiye and has been supported by more than £217 million worth of UK government backing.

Mr Sharma's visit to Türkiye will continue the work of the UK COP Presidency to press for updated climate commitments from all countries ahead of COP27 in Egypt, aligned with the crucial goal of limiting global temperature rises to 1.5 degrees.

Mr Sharma will meet the Minister for Environment, Urbanisation and Climate Change, the Minister for Energy and the Minister for Treasury and Finance to discuss how to build on the main achievements of the COP26 Conference and how the UK and Türkiye can cooperate in delivering ambitious climate action.

During his visit, Mr Sharma will also have a chance to see UK-Türkiye collaboration in action, visiting a solar farm which represents UK Export Finance's biggest ever guarantee for a solar project (£217m). Equivalent to over 4,600 football pitches in size, Türkiye's largest solar power plant will deliver clean electricity to approximately 2m Turkish households when completed in late 2022.

Ahead of his visit Mr Sharma said:

I am very pleased to be in Türkiye for the second time in just over a year. In 2022, it is vital that all countries honour the commitments made in the Glasgow Climate Pact to strengthen and revisit their 2030 emissions reduction targets this year.

The transition to clean energy economies is accelerating around the world, including in Türkiye. I welcome the commitment from

President Erdogan towards climate action, including a 2053 net zero emissions commitment, and look forward to seeing an updated NDC later this year.

During my visit, I look forward to speaking with my Turkish counterparts and discussing how we can support the development of a green finance ecosystem in Türkiye, including the recent £217m of UK export finance which will help construct Türkiye's largest solar facility powering two million households.

Notes to Editors

- The 26th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), COP26 took place November 1-12, 2021, in Glasgow, UK.
- The UK holds the Presidency until COP27 in Egypt later this year and will aim to ensure promises on emission reductions are fulfilled to keep 1.5C alive; commitments on adaptation and loss and damage are honoured; commitments to get finance flowing are kept and that its inclusive Presidency continues.
- On 15 November 2021, Britain's International Trade Secretary announced over £217 million worth of government backing for the largest solar facility in Türkiye as the UK started to deliver on pledges made at COP26. UK Export Finance's backing for Kalyon Enerji's 1.35GW Karapinar solar project is the largest-ever guarantee it has provided for a solar project.
- The UK also announced a 2.1 billion Euro loan to fund the construction of over five hundred kilometres of high-speed electric line between Ankara and Izmir. This is the largest ever non-defence deal in the history of UK Export Finance. The UK's 'Exim Bank', will finance the construction of this longest high-speed rail project in Türkiye.
- The UK government has also been running the Climate Finance Accelerator Programme in Türkiye since 2021, to support Türkiye's development of low carbon projects.

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Second statement on Russia's war on Ukraine and international sport

Russia's unprovoked and unjustifiable war of choice against Ukraine, facilitated by the Belarusian government, is abhorrent and a flagrant breach of its international obligations. Respect for human rights and peaceful relations between nations form the foundation of international sport.

We, as a collective of like-minded nations, reaffirm [our statement of 8 March](#) and, while recognising the autonomy of sporting organisations, further state our governments' position that:

In cases where national and international sports organisations, and other event organisers, choose to permit sportspeople (including athletes, officials and administrators) from Russia and Belarus to participate in sporting events:

We call on all international sport federations to take account of these principles, applaud all those that have taken action already, and encourage our own domestic sporting bodies to engage with their international federations to do so. These restrictions should be in place until cooperation under the rules-based international order has become possible again.

Furthermore, we reiterate our encouragement for the international sport community to continue to show its solidarity with the people of Ukraine, including through supporting the continuation and reconstruction of Ukrainian sport where possible.

1. Australia: The Hon Anika Wells MP, Minister for Aged Care and Minister for Sport
2. Austria: Vice-Chancellor Werner Kogler, Minister of Arts and Culture, Civil Service and Sport
3. Belgium: Valérie Glatigny, Minister for Higher Education, Adult Education, Scientific Research, University Hospitals, Youth Welfare, Houses of Justice, Youth, Sport and the Promotion of Brussels of the French-Speaking Community. This signature commits the French-speaking Community, the Flemish Community and the German-speaking Community of Belgium.
4. Canada: The Honourable Pascale St-Onge, Minister of Sport
5. Croatia: Dr Nikolina Brnjac, Minister of Tourism and Sport
6. Cyprus: Prodromos Prodromou, Minister of Education, Culture, Sport and Youth

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7. Czech Republic: Filip Neusser, President of the National Sports Agency
8. Denmark: Ane Halsboe-Jørgensen, Minister for Culture
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