

THE PEOPLE'S PLAN FOR THE ROYAL DOCKS



Newham Docklands Forum People's Plan 1983

Past, Present and Future

CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF A COMMUNITY-LED PLAN

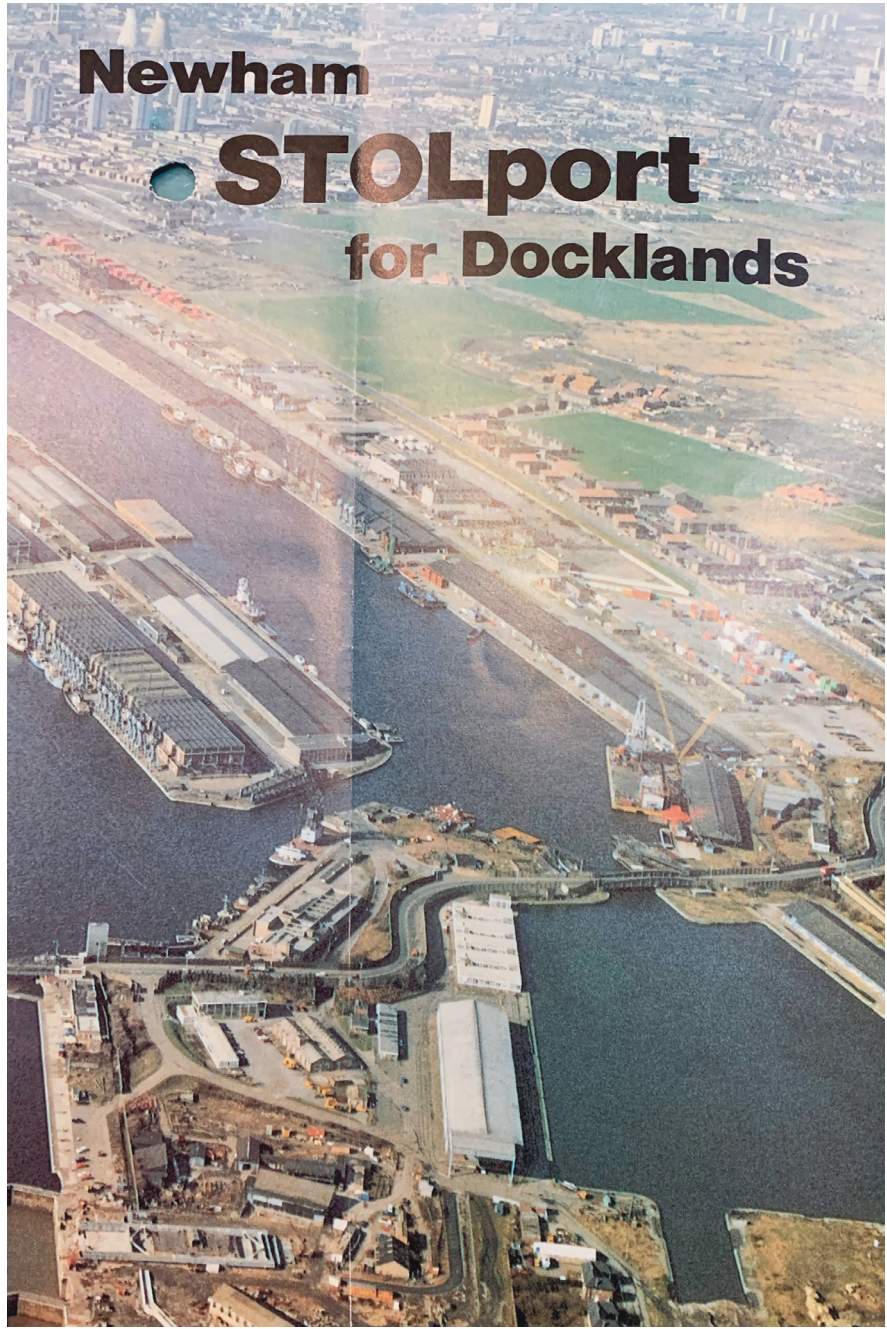
The Future's Up For Grabs

In 1983 the Royal Docks was at a crossroads. The docks had closed and there was a battle over how the land should be planned and developed.

The London Docklands Development Corporation (LDDC) a top-down agency set up by the government to promote large scale commercial redevelopment. The Greater London Council and other agencies were arguing for a democratically controlled

process which focused on the needs and assets in the area. Local people and community groups were determined to have their say and to put forward their own ideas for the future of the area.

"People in Docklands have been promised the earth since 1969 and look what they've got – we got the rough end of the deal as normal" LOCAL RESIDENT 1983



STOL National Archives

The Airport (STOLport)

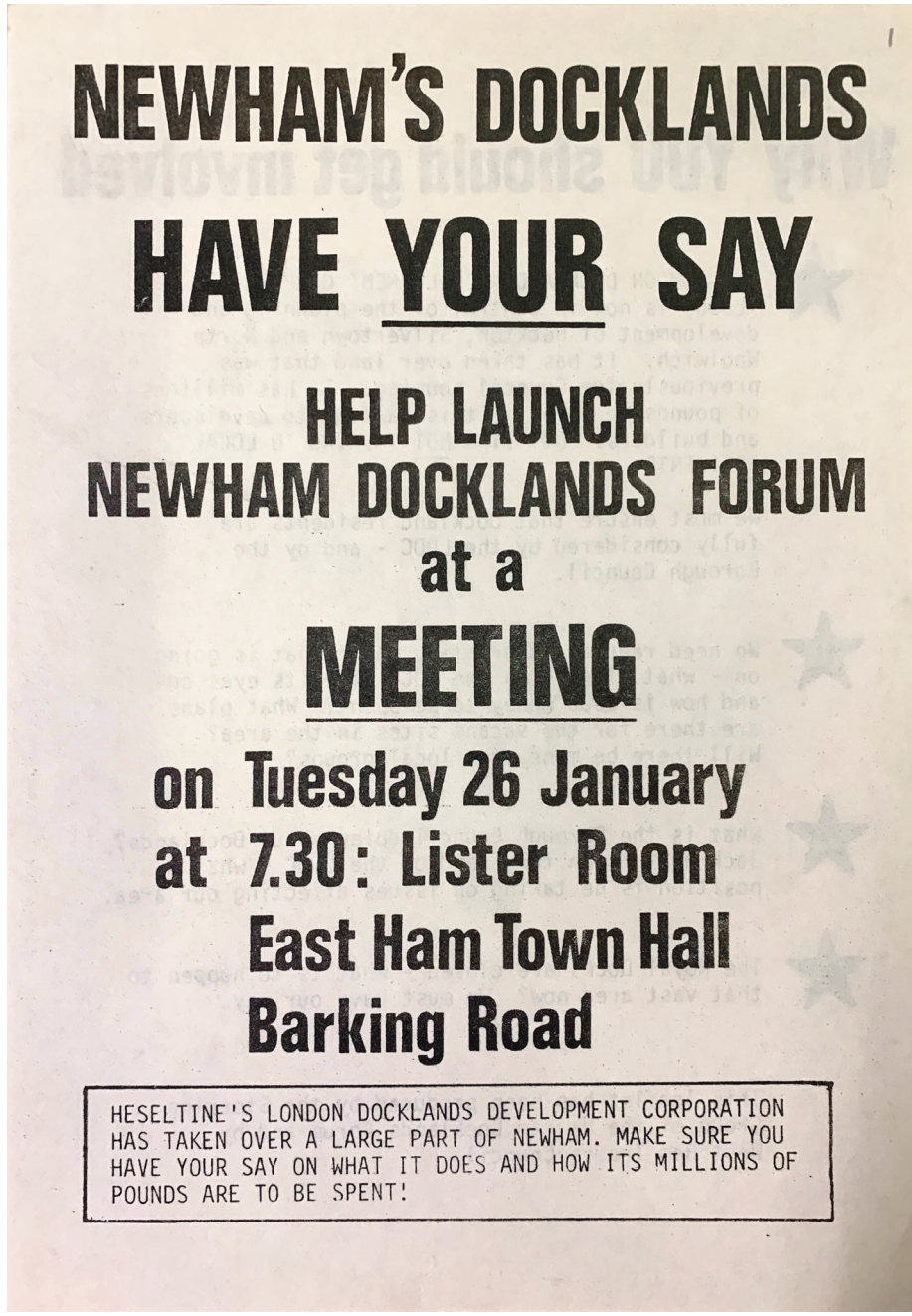
The STOLport appears to be the type of catalyst needed to change the normal rules of the marketplace, a project capable of taking advantage of the apparent disabilities of the area in development terms and turning them into major assets. (LDDC PRESS RELEASE).

Dubbed the 'businessman's airport' the LDDC supported the proposal by funding key studies and opinion polls. Some local people concerned about noise, safety and being squeezed out by regeneration formed the Campaign Against the Airport.



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Connie Hunt; Key local Campaigner, with Fred Higgs from the TGWU and Michael Ward from the GLC.



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Opening day of the STOLport Inquiry at the Albert Dock Basin June 8th 1983

A People's Plan

When a public inquiry was called into the airport local groups realised opposition was not enough.

"we wanted a positive alternative which could show how to create jobs and improve facilities and services".

(PEOPLE'S PLAN FOREWORD')



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