

## Media Release

### Regeneration Of Elephant & Castle Creates Jobs For Nearly 300 Local Southwark Residents

**London, 27 October 2014:** A TOTAL of 284 local Southwark residents have gained employment on Lend Lease's £1.5 billion regeneration since July last year. This is as part of Southwark Council's regeneration of Elephant & Castle, which is being delivered by Lend Lease, the integrated property and infrastructure group.

116 of these jobs went to people who were previously unemployed as well as former residents of the Heygate Estate now known as Elephant Park. Training courses have also been provided for 118 previously unemployed local residents to develop their skills.

Over the next 15 years, the regeneration will create more than 6,000 new jobs in the local area, 5,000 during construction and 1,000 in the completed development.

Rob Heasman, Lend Lease's Project Director for Elephant & Castle, said: "Providing employment and training opportunities to local people in Southwark is a direct benefit of the transformation we are bringing forward in Elephant & Castle. It is fantastic to see such enthusiasm amongst people looking for work in the construction sector and we are delighted to be able to assist them, either by providing full-time jobs, or equipping them with the skills they need to find the jobs they really want."

Cllr Mark Williams, cabinet member for regeneration, planning and transport at Southwark Council, said: "We have been clear from the outset that in addition to the new homes, new public park and new leisure centre, that the regeneration of the former Heygate Estate had to include local residents gaining training and employment on the construction sites. These latest figures demonstrate that Southwark Council and Lend Lease are delivering on this promise to our residents. Behind each and every one of these numbers is someone who has gained training or employment, and I look forward to many more people taking up these opportunities in the future."

Many of these jobs have been made possible through the work of Lend Lease's jobs charity, Be Onsite, an award-winning national not-for-profit company established by the developer.

Be Onsite has been working to engage with people in the community who are looking for work, providing tailored support during the job search stage and once employed. Be Onsite trains and employs a hugely diverse group of individuals, transforming lives and regenerating communities.



Local residents that are interested in finding out more about employment and training opportunities on the Elephant & Castle regeneration should contact Southwark Works on: 08000520540, email [info@southwarkworks.org.uk](mailto:info@southwarkworks.org.uk), or visit Unit 239, Elephant & Castle Shopping Centre, London, SE1 6TE. 6TE.

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#### **About Lend Lease**

- 1) Lend Lease is a leading international property and infrastructure group. In the UK, it is the only fully integrated retail, residential and commercial provider delivering end-to-end property solutions. The company has core capabilities in development, investment management, construction, asset and property management.
- 2) Lend Lease is behind some of London's largest and most exciting mixed-use regeneration projects such as Elephant & Castle and The International Quarter.
- 3) Lend Lease is listed on the Australian Securities Exchange and operates in four key regions – Australia, Asia, Americas and Europe. The group has more than 13,200 employees worldwide.
- 4) Lend Lease is listed on the Dow Jones World Sustainability Index (DJSI) and in 2012 ranked in the top eight per cent of property companies, achieving scores of 90 per cent or higher in a range of categories.

#### **Be OnSite**

[Founded by Lend Lease, Be Onsite is dedicated to helping people from excluded groups make a positive change in their lives.](#)

[The aim of the Be Onsite Charitable Trust is the relief of unemployment for the benefit of the public through a wide range of interventions and tailored support, primarily within the building, construction, property and related industries.](#)

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