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PLANNING WORK FOR THE NATIONAL MILLENNIUM EXHIBITION

For Millennium Central, 1996

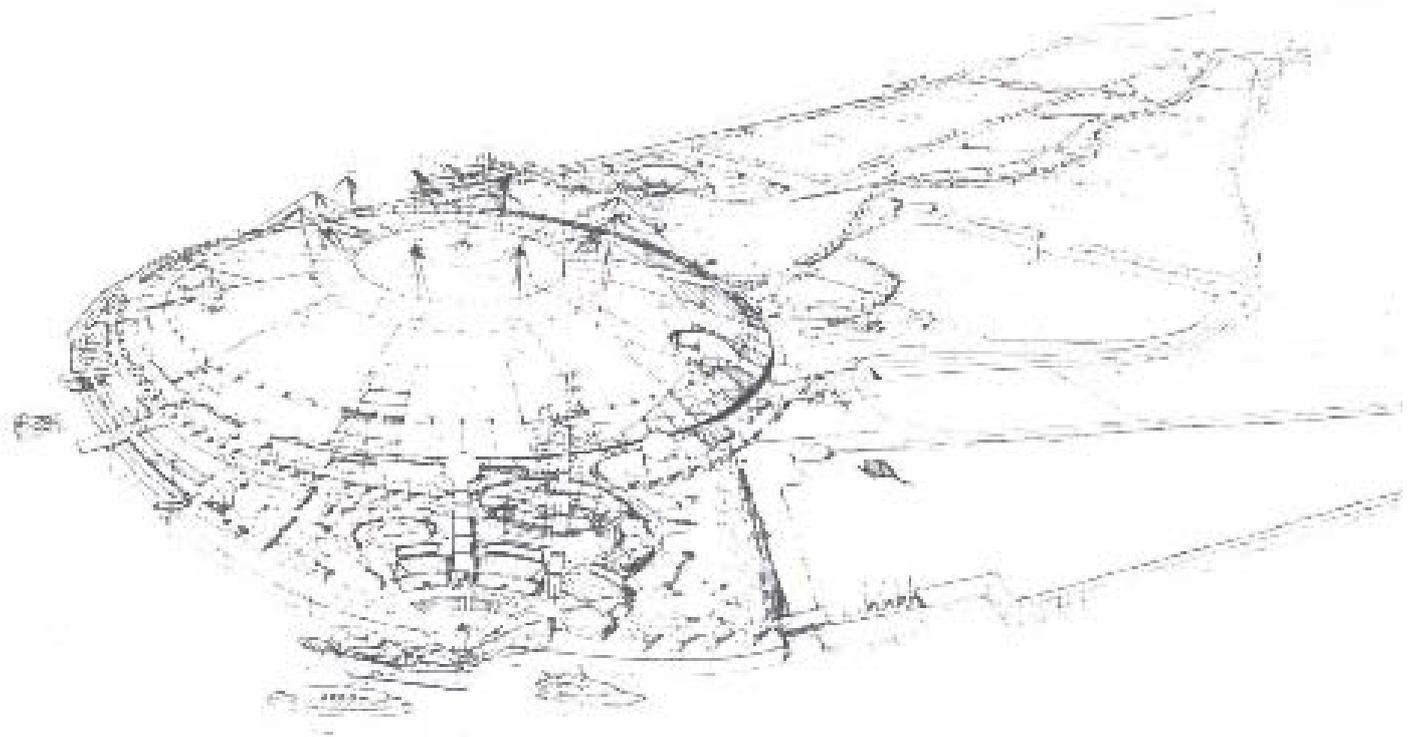
Mike Sharrocks provided planning advice and co-ordinated the planning application material for the national Millennium Exhibition. This required working with a large multi-disciplinary team that included Richard Rogers Partnership as architects, and Imagination Ltd, WS Atkins and Buro Happold.

The Exhibition proposals, with the centrepiece of a 320-metre diameter dome structure (the largest ever to be constructed) set within parkland on the Greenwich Peninsula riverside, accommodated the national celebrations for the third Millennium. Post-2000, the former gasworks site would be subject to long-term development proposals that would regenerate this part of south London.

Work on planning aspects of the project necessitated close liaison, not only with a fast-moving design process, but also with the London Borough of Greenwich as well as consultation with statutory bodies prior to the submission of the application. It was necessary to ensure that the requisite material was prepared and co-ordinated for the submission of the full planning application and project launch at the end of October 1996.

This material, presented as a series of boxed volumes, included a Traffic Impact Assessment and Transport Strategy, Environmental Statement, Outline Remediation Method Statement, and design drawings, all of which were produced by the respective consultants. Mike Sharrocks, in conjunction with the client body (Millennium Exhibition Project), prepared the summary Written Explanatory Statement that was also submitted with the application material.

Planning permission was granted in February 1997 and, following the Government go-ahead for project funding, implementation of the scheme commenced for a programmed Exhibition opening in September 1999.



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