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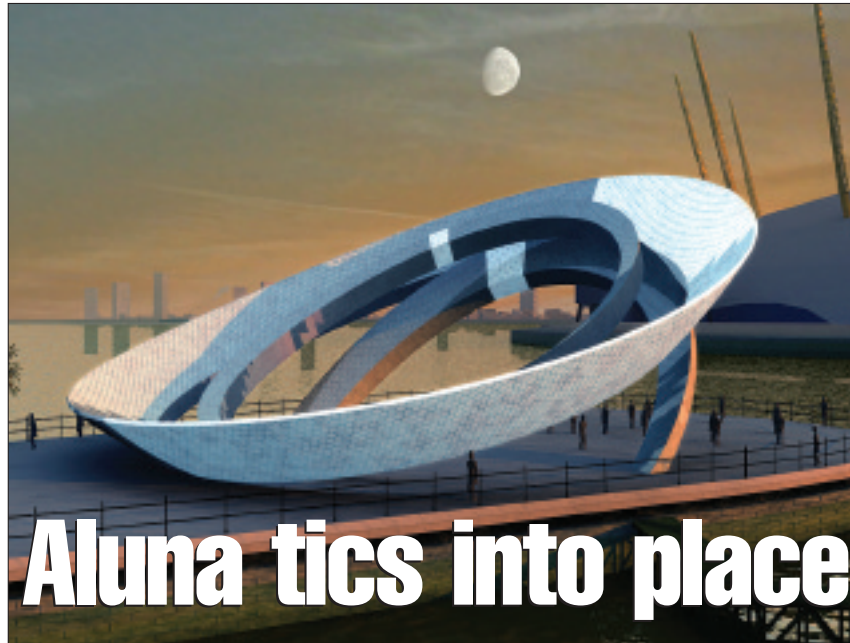
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Aluna tics into place

Moon clock heads over Thames to Greenwich

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PLANS for a huge moon-powered clock have moved forward with a venue for the public art project being agreed.

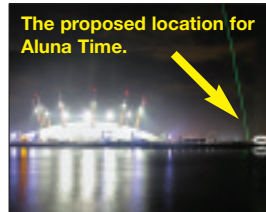
The £6 million Aluna Time project is now likely to be built on the Greenwich Meridian by The O2 on the Thames foreshore, opposite the lights of Canary Wharf.

Early plans for it to be in East India Dock Basin have been shelved as the Aluna team look to submit a planning application by September this year.

Plans for a new community waterfront quarter will be created and it is hoped the area will provide space for

performances, festivals and become a landmark for heritage trails on the riverbank.

London Mayor Boris Johnson has also given the project his backing calling it “an imaginative landmark”.



Aluna artist Laura Williams said: “We are looking for sponsors, individuals or companies to be a part of this and help make it real.”

“It will bring communities together and represent London as a global city.

“London’s wealth was built on the moon and tide, and Greenwich’s history and associations with space and time mean the location is perfect.

“It will show how everything on this planet is interconnected and interdependent and ties in brilliantly with the history on the two sides of the river.”

The project will also include a cultural and national education programme.

The 40-metre wide, five-storey high Aluna sculpture would be the first tidal-powered clock in the world and aims to unite the disciplines of art and science. The project has received development funding from the London Thames Gateway Development Corporation but needs another £3 to £4 million.

For more information see www.alunatime.org.

Meetings aim to help make Cassilis safer

ANTI-social behaviour on the Isle of Dogs is being tackled near the spot where a man lost eyesight in one eye after an unprovoked attack.

A monthly meeting for residents, police and local businesses is being held at the Spar shop in Cassilis Road to discuss problems in the area.

Last April, a City worker was attacked by up to 15 teenagers outside the shop and was left blind in one eye after being punched, kicked and beaten with stones, bottles and sticks. No one has been arrested for the attack.

Six people from the nearby Canary South development attended the last meeting with members from the Millwall Safer Neighbourhoods Team (SNT). Spar owner Raj Chauhan said things had improved in the area since the SNT had stepped up patrols.

“Good CCTV has helped catch some of the culprits through the council’s Anti-Social Behaviour Unit,” he said. “There is also more street lighting.

Things are better for now. With the new building Indescon Court opening, we want to stay on top of the issue as more people will be in the area and could be targeted.”

Leaflets are delivered to homes in the area to inform people of the meeting. The next one will be held at the end of the month.



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