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KUALA LUMPUR: The public park at the Battersea Power Station project in London, which clinched detailed planning consent earlier this year, is due to open in phases from 2017.

Battersea Power Station Development Co (BPSDC), which is managing the Battersea Power Station project, on Tuesday unveiled the latest images showing the redevelopment's new public park, designed by LDA Design.

"The six-acre park shows the shareholder's commitment to the public realm and will deliver a new public park for London," it said in a statement.

"This new green space the size of nearly three and a half full sized football pitches will play a key role in the over-arching place-making strategy and will connect the Power Station, Circus West and Phase 6 to the River Thames, with a riverside promenade.

"The park will feature large event lawns, terraced river gardens and form a highly flexible, multi-programmable space for use throughout the year."

BPSDC chief executive officer Rob Tincknell said: "We are excited to see the plans for this fantastic riverside park progress. We have always worked hard with our development team to ensure that this river front, with the backdrop of the impressive Power Station was created as a public space for people to enjoy.

"The new designs offer space for wide ranging activities throughout the year alongside London's prize asset, the River Thames."

The park designed by LDA Design combines industrial references, traditional park features and London street aesthetics, BPSDC said.

Two large lawns flank a north-south oriented central axis and a series of garden terraces run broadly to the river, forming the northern edge to the lawns. A riverfront promenade is located at the foot of the garden terraces and there are two lawn-level 'belvedere' spaces at each end of the park, plus gardens to both the west and east.

The park will accommodate day-to-day recreation, informal play space, quiet places to sit within garden settings, riverfront promenading, large festival style events, theatre style events, smaller events, pedestrian and cycle movements along the river to the Power Station and facilitate future access to the Power Station Jetty.

The 42-acre Battersea project site is divided into seven main development phases, which will deliver nearly 4,000 new homes as well as offices, shops, restaurants, bars, cafes, hotels, community and leisure facilities and over 18 acres of open space.

The project is being developed by a consortium comprising S P Setia Bhd, Sime Darby Bhd and the Employees Provident Fund.

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