

## South Quay theatre space is set to move underground

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Lanterns Studio Theatre will be getting a new home underground, in a recently approved development at South Quay.

Owner Janet Viola has fought to have a settled home for Lanterns for many years and is delighted the theatre is included in the scoping report for the new Millharbour Village development, intended for 3 Millharbour and 6-8 South Quay.

Within the report submitted to Tower Hamlets Council, it says: "The Millharbour Village scheme, which will rise to between 18 and 40 storeys, would involve the demolition of all the buildings on the site, and will also include a new state-maintained primary school and replacement Montessori Primary School and Lanterns Arts Nursery, School of the Performing Arts and Studio."

Janet said: "[Galliard Homes] has told me the theatre will be on the old Audi garage site underground with my nursery above it.

"This is such great news. We are so thankful to Galliard for recognising the importance of the theatre in this area. We want Lanterns to be seen as the place to go for ballet and have a fantastic programme to prove this."

The theatre will continue to run its busy schedule and has many ballet companies in residence on its site ahead of the works.

A Galliard Homes spokesman said: "We are aiming to submit in July with an anticipated decision in spring 2015."

Galliard Homes wants to secure planning permission next year and expects the scheme to take five years to complete.

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