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### **Arding & Hobbs illuminated in all its glory at Clapham Junction**

The historic Arding & Hobbs building – known locally as the home of Debenhams and TK Maxx – has been illuminated in a sequence of dynamic and dazzling colours as part of a stunning light show that will envelop the building throughout Christmas.

To celebrate the festive season, an impressive LED installation will showcase the façade of Debenhams in all its glory. A second sequence of colours will appear on the 31 December to celebrate the New Year, remaining on display until 2 January 2020. An architectural gem, the building is much-loved by residents and businesses alike.

In an energy-efficient LED lighting display, similar to County Hall on Southbank, the building will become a festive focal point in Clapham Junction, showcasing the heart of Battersea as an area bursting with unique shops, experiences and hip venues to explore. In addition to the new silver and gold festive lights created for Clapham Junction, Lavender Hill and Battersea Rise, this project is part of an initiative organised by The Clapham Junction Business Improvement District (BID) Ltd that supports BID businesses by creating effective partnerships and improving the trading environment and shopping experience for both residents and visitors.

Using best architectural practice and the latest generation LED technology, 25 linear fixtures have been carefully installed by illumination experts, EPS Lighting, with great sensitivity to the aesthetics, history and use of the building. The temporary lighting products are mounted to weighted plates placed on the building.

The Junction BID Manager, Roz Lloyd-Williams, commented, “We’re incredibly excited to see a project come to life after months of careful planning. The Arding & Hobbs building is an iconic landmark in Clapham Junction and the stunning display of hues will colour-wash this much-loved historical building, illuminating it in all its glory.

Clapham Junction is a buzzing cultural destination and home to some of our capital’s most exciting and unique arts and entertainment, independent businesses, fashionable boutiques, high street favourites and an enviable restaurant and bar scene. Our aim is to showcase this vibrant area and encourage more locals and visitors to discover our hidden gems. The illumination spectacle will truly shine a light on Clapham Junction and all it has to offer.”

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## **Editor's Notes**

### **The Clapham Junction Business Improvement District (BID) Ltd**

A Business Improvement District (BID) is a defined geographical area, where business ratepayers have voted (in a ballot process) to invest collectively in local improvements, in addition to those services already delivered by local statutory bodies.

Formed in June this year, the not-for-profit Clapham Junction Business Improvement District (BID) Ltd is run by a voluntary board of Directors who are responsible for delivering a number of strategies and innovative projects to improve the trading environment for businesses, the shopping experience for residents and visitors, and drive tourism in the Clapham Junction area.

The Board's role focuses on prioritising three key themes, highlighted by businesses across the BID footprint, during the extensive consultation prior to the November 2018 Ballot – namely, Marketing and Promotion, Safe and Welcoming, Events and Festivals.

The Junction BID area covers businesses in Clapham Junction Station, St. John's Road, Northcote Road and St. John's Hill. Parts of Battersea Rise, Falcon Road and Lavender Hill (up to and including Battersea Arts Centre).

### **The Arding & Hobbs Building**

The Arding & Hobbs Grade II listed building at The Junction is more popularly known as the home of Debenhams department store. Built in 1910 in an Edwardian Baroque style, the architect on the project was James Gibson. From the late 1970s the building was run by Allders until the group went into administration and the premises were subsequently broken up and sold. Today the building is shared by Debenhams and TK Maxx.

### **EPS Lighting**

EPS Lighting is a global manufacturer and provider of sophisticated architectural lighting products and solutions. The company has in-house lighting designers and control system engineers who are capable of engineering and delivering schemes internationally, with a proven track record of flagship projects. It's Elumeros brand (utilising its Colour Combat range of fixtures with control solutions provided by Pharos Architectural Controls) has some of the most innovative lighting products in the country, with projects in the UK including the Queensferry Crossing, Edinburgh and County Hall, London and international projects such as the Al Jaber Hospital in Kuwait.

EPS has been supported by its partners Maynards Services, who have installed the temporary lighting set-up. Maynards are based in Southampton with a nationwide coverage, and handle turn-key lighting installations for EPS in the United Kingdom.