



© Stadium tour: Mr Brown with Olympic Delivery Authority Chair John Armitt, left, Olympics Minister Tessa Jowell and Lord Coe, Chair of the London Organising Committee. Right: Yvette Cooper with young workers



DAY THE CABINET CAME TO E15...

THE future looks rosy for Newham and its neighbours, trumpeted Gordon Brown when he brought his Cabinet to Stratford on Thursday to see massive construction work at Stratford's 2012 Olympic Park.

"Thanks to the Olympics, thousands of jobs are being created and protected in some industries worst hit by the recession and in some of Britain's most deprived areas," said the PM.

He viewed the site from a platform overlooking the Aquatics centre, then chatted with workers over a cuppa in the site canteen.

The PM and Cabinet members, including Justice Minister Jack Straw, Chancellor Alistair Darling and

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Foreign Secretary David Miliband, sat down with steel workers and builders.

Mr Brown promised to look into concerns that only a fifth of the 4,500 workers on site live in the five East London 'host' boroughs.

Earlier, he met students from East Ham's Langdon secondary school to thank them for their support for the London Games. Seven students, past and present, joined workers and representatives from organisations across East London.

Some of the teenagers were part of the Youth Ambassador group in Singapore in 2005 for the announce-

ment that London had won the Games bid. They renewed acquaintance with Olympics Minister Tessa Jowell and Education Secretary Ed Balls.

At the adjacent Westfield development, Work and Pensions Secretary Yvette Cooper met young people helped back into work through the massive shopping centre scheme. She learned how a recruitment project between the developers, Jobcentre Plus, Newham Council and Skillsmart Retail will ensure locals have access to job and training opportunities. There's a jobshop on site and a retail academy will open in 2010.

Young people in Newham and three surrounding boroughs will benefit from 2,000 jobs thanks to Government funding of the Backing Young Britain campaign. Ms Cooper stressed the importance of locals securing work in building the Olympics — and jobs when the Games end.