SIX-STAR SPACESHIP TO LAND BY THAMES

The capital’s first six-star hotel costing £250m could soon be built near Blackfriars. Plans for the building, which is said to resemble a spaceship, have been sent for approval. The five-storey structure, designed by Will Alsop, will have a glass front and include a double-storey ballroom, a spa, bars and restaurants and a roof-top terrace. If approved, it will be built on the site of the Mermaid Conference and Event Centre next to Blackfriars station.