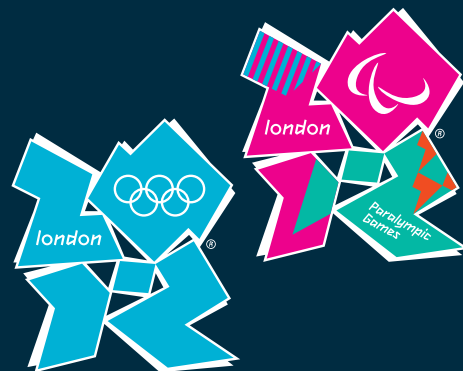


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**Planning information for the temporary Basketball training facility at
Leyton Marsh**

January 2012



Planning

Temporary Basketball training venue

Temporary Basketball training venue and external works

The Olympic Delivery Authority (ODA) is planning to erect a temporary Basketball training venue at Leyton Marsh on land owned by Lee Valley Regional Park Authority (LVRPA).

This leaflet tells you about our plans for this temporary venue and the necessary external works.

Proposals

Four Basketball training courts are needed for the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games of a size that meets International Basketball Federation standards, within a short distance of the Olympic Park.

Two courts are being provided by Hackney Community College and Barking Abbey School.

Leyton Marsh provides a suitable site for the remaining two temporary courts.

The ODA has agreed a licence with LVRPA to use an area within Leyton Marsh for the facility and to allow access to the venue from the existing vehicle access point adjacent to the Lee Valley Ice Centre.

The London Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games (LOCOG) will then schedule training sessions for the teams competing in the Basketball and Wheelchair Basketball events during the Games.

Temporary Basketball training venue

The planning application has been made for a temporary building that must be removed by October 2012, when the licence agreed between the ODA and LVRPA expires.

The ODA is renting the main components of the temporary Basketball training venue and the supplier will dismantle the venue after the Games by October 2012.

March 2012 – Work begins on site with erection of a security fence

May 2012 – Construction of temporary Basketball training venue is completed

July 2012 to September 2012 – The venue will be used for Basketball and Wheelchair Basketball training

September 2012 – The venue will start to be dismantled

October 2012 – Dismantling will be completed, the reinstatement works finished and the land will revert to LVRPA control



An artist's impression of the temporary Basketball training venue

What is the impact to regular users of this area?

We do not plan any significant disruption to normal use.

We are aware of the environmental importance of Leyton Marsh and adjoining Walthamstow Marshes. None of the areas on both sets of Marshes that have been designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) will be affected by the temporary venue.

The overall size of the site (within the security fence) is 135m by 112m and does not take up a great proportion of the whole Marsh.

Public access along Sandy Lane will still be available, as will the adjacent footpath across the Marsh and over the footbridge to Riverside Close.

The venue will be in operation from 9am to 9pm with minimal security presence during the night. There will be no public access to the training venue,

Have your say

The ODA is consulting with multiple bodies that have an interest in Leyton Marsh.

More detailed information about the planning application can be found on the London Borough of Waltham Forest's planning website: walthamforest.gov.uk/index/planning.htm

For questions and concerns during the works call the ODA's Construction Hotline on 08000 722110 or email construction@london2012.com.

which will minimise additional traffic and visitors. The plan below shows the site in the context of its surroundings.

After the Games

Following the Games the site will be fully restored to its existing condition. The temporary buildings will be removed, the roadways and hard surfacing broken up for recycling and any topsoil that was removed will be re-laid and seeded.

Legacy benefits

The ODA is currently reviewing options to purchase the basketball flooring to benefit a sporting body yet to be selected. The ODA is also providing funding of more than £15 million for venues across east London to upgrade their facilities to Olympic and Paralympic training standards.

After the Games these venues will be great community assets. Projects include three new sports facilities, two running tracks, two hockey pitches and refurbishing multiple sports halls.

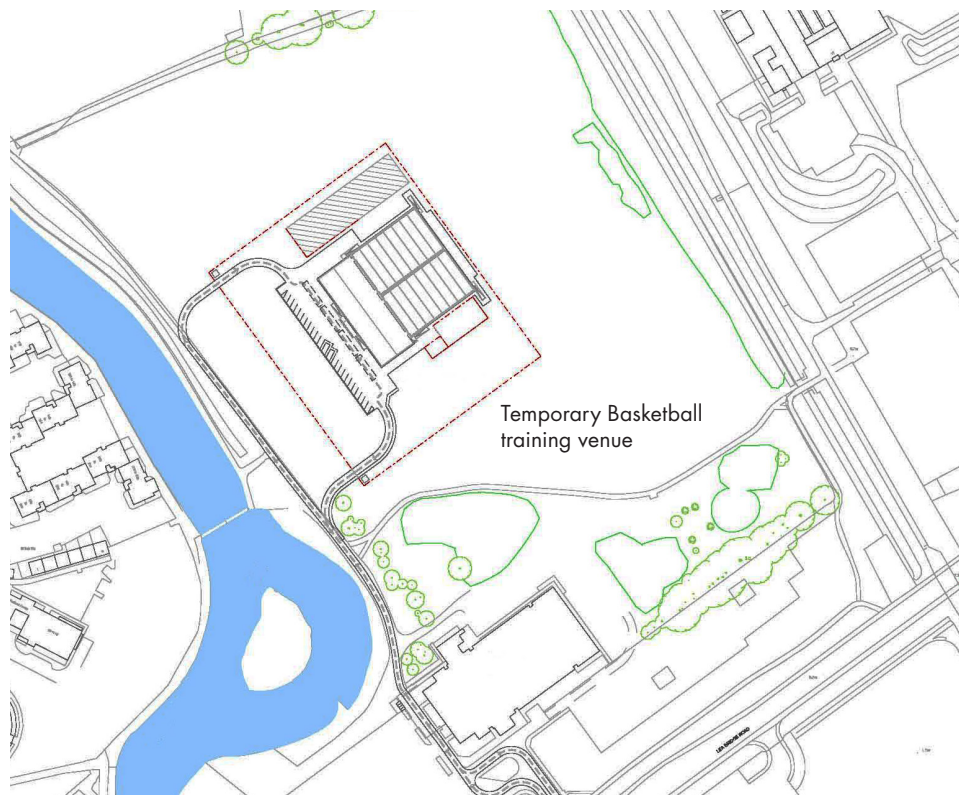
Once the temporary venue has been removed, LVRPA will spend £65,000 on improving Leyton Marsh.

The funds for this work will come from money received by LVRPA for the use of the site from the ODA, demonstrating LVRPA's commitment to enhancing the access to and enjoyment of the Marsh as a popular open space.

Seating will be increased, and pathways and gateways improved. Work will also take place to enhance the existing habitats for a variety of wildlife that live in the Valley, including the construction of an otter holt and kingfisher bank.

LVRPA will also erect bird and bat boxes within the existing trees to increase opportunities for nesting and hibernation.

This work will ensure that Leyton Marsh remains a vibrant and popular environment for both the community and wildlife.



An aerial plan showing the temporary Basketball training venue

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