

London 2012 planning update for the Olympic Stadium,
Aquatics Centre and the Greenway
November 2007



design



Olympic Stadium

Our designs for the Olympic Stadium are truly unique. The long term use of the venue is at the heart of our plans and after the Games depart London this venue will be a 'living stadium' serving the community for years to come.

During the Games the Olympic Stadium will host the Athletics events and the Opening and Closing Ceremonies.

Located towards the southern end of the Olympic Park, the Olympic Stadium will sit on an island site surrounded by water and will have a capacity of 80,000 seats for the Games, of which 55,000 will be removed to leave a 25,000 seater Stadium after 2012.

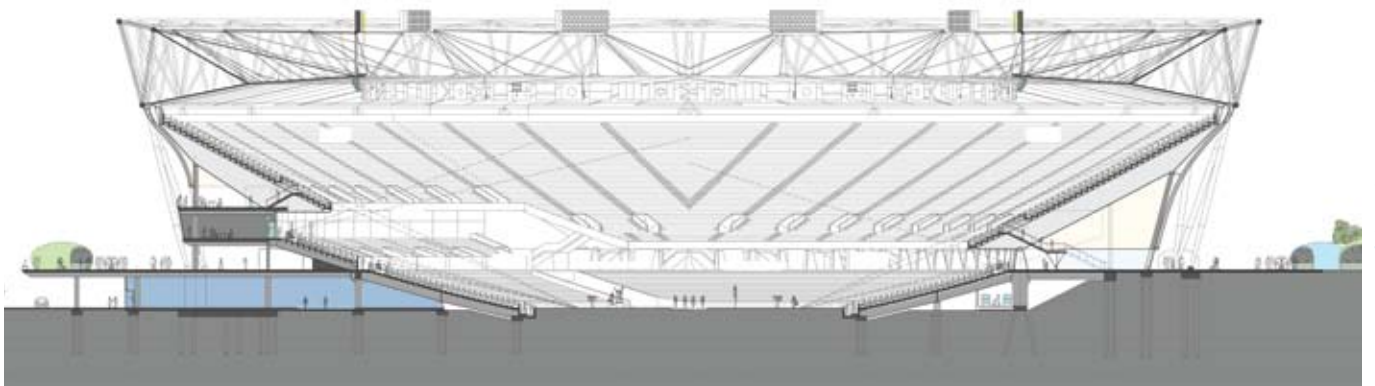
One of the key aims of the Olympic Stadium design is to bring spectators as close to the action as possible. The design features a compact seating bowl surrounding the field of play giving spectators excellent views of events and level access to service amenities.

Facilities such as refreshment and retail outlets will be located around the outside of the Olympic Stadium. These will help create an exciting environment around the venue with the scenic backdrop of the river, valley and Park.

The roof will consist of a cable net design which will provide support for essential floodlighting, sound systems and ceremonies' equipment. This will ensure conditions within the Stadium are the best possible for the Games. The roof will provide cover for approximately two thirds of all spectators.

The design of the Olympic Stadium is being developed to ensure it provides the stage for the greatest show on earth in 2012, creating lasting memories for athletes and spectators.

Beyond 2012, the Olympic Stadium will provide the stage for a sustainable facility capable of hosting a range of sporting, cultural, educational and community events. We will give more details on these in the months to come.



Cross section of the Olympic Stadium

Aquatics Centre

The London 2012 Aquatics Centre will be the 'gateway' to the Olympic Park during the Games and a new facility for club, school and community swimming after the Games. We are working on a design that will ensure the whole community is able to enjoy these world-class facilities for years to come.

During the Games the venue will host Swimming, Synchronised Swimming, Diving, Water Polo and Modern Pentathlon events with a capacity to seat 17,500.

After the Games it will have 2,500 seats and feature two 50m Swimming pools and a Diving pool for community and elite use.

To maximise its location within the Olympic Park, the competition and Diving pool will have views out to the Park and be covered by a sculpted roof.

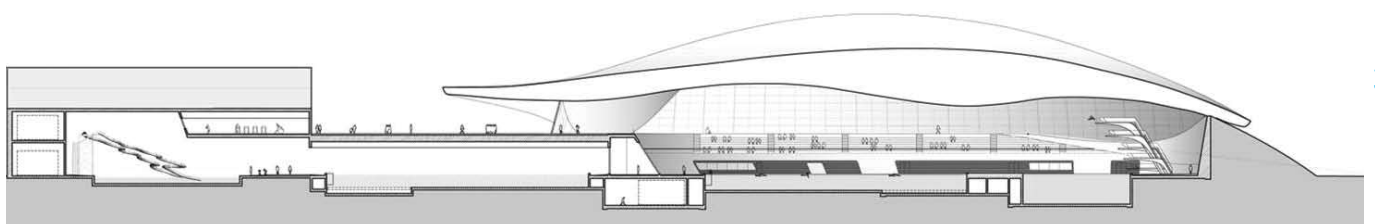
This design aims to create an open and accessible venue to help encourage everyone to enjoy the facilities and encourage Swimming in the local area.

The Aquatics Centre will be integrated with the new Olympic Park, Stratford City and other regeneration projects to help regenerate the Lower Lea Valley.

Our latest concepts also incorporate a crèche and café amenities to make the Aquatics Centre an attractive sports and leisure destination.

Located close to both Stratford Regional and Stratford International Stations, the Aquatics Centre will be easily accessible by public transport.

The designs will ensure the recreational benefits of the Aquatics Centre can be appreciated by everyone, while providing a world class training facility for the stars of future Olympic and Paralympic Games.





Aquatics Centre after the Games: approach from Stratford City

Greenway

We will revitalise this public walkway and cycle route to create a vital link between Newham, Hackney Wick and Tower Hamlets. The Greenway will be one of the main access routes through the Olympic Park.

We have developed an innovative redesign of the Greenway incorporating recycled materials. The construction contract for this work will be awarded in early 2008 and is due for completion by autumn 2008. Details of the improvements will be submitted for approval later this month.

The works will deliver improvements from Wick Lane to Manor Road, and will include the installation of a new foot/cycle path, landscaping, fencing, benches and street furniture. Reclaimed materials from other parts of the Olympic Park site will be incorporated into the scheme.

In order to carry out the improvement work, the temporary closure and diversion of sections of the Greenway may be required. We will endeavour to prioritise and complete work as quickly as possible to provide a route across the Park.

The redesign of the Greenway will help us meet our aim of getting all spectators to the Games by public transport, walking or cycling.



Ideas from the design competition for the Greenway

ground-breaking

The London 2012 Games will be more than a memorable 60 days of sport and culture. It will change the landscape of east London forever.

This leaflet tells you about the progress on our plans and gives you some information about the exciting designs we are creating.

Over the next few months, we will be seeking detailed planning approval to build the Olympic Stadium and the Aquatics Centre for the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Approval for the Olympic Stadium will be sought in two stages.

– November 2007: a first submission will be made with details of the groundworks. The construction of these works is due to start by summer 2008.

– Spring 2008: a second submission will be made in which we will outline details of what the Olympic Stadium will look like during the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

For the Aquatics Centre, we aim to submit details for approval in January 2008, for construction to start in summer 2008.

We have already made great progress on the design concepts for these two venues and we would like to share some of our exciting plans with you. You can find out more about these projects inside.

Also inside is an update on the progress made on the Greenway. The walking and cycling route is being enhanced to bring improved links through the Olympic Park between Newham, Hackney Wick and Tower Hamlets. To allow work to commence on the Greenway next year, we will be applying for planning approval later this month.

November 07

Greenway planning submission
Olympic Stadium planning submission for groundworks

January 08

Planning submission for Aquatics Centre
Construction due to start on Greenway

Spring 08

Olympic Stadium detailed planning submission

Summer 08

Work starts on Olympic Stadium groundworks
Aquatics Centre construction due to start

