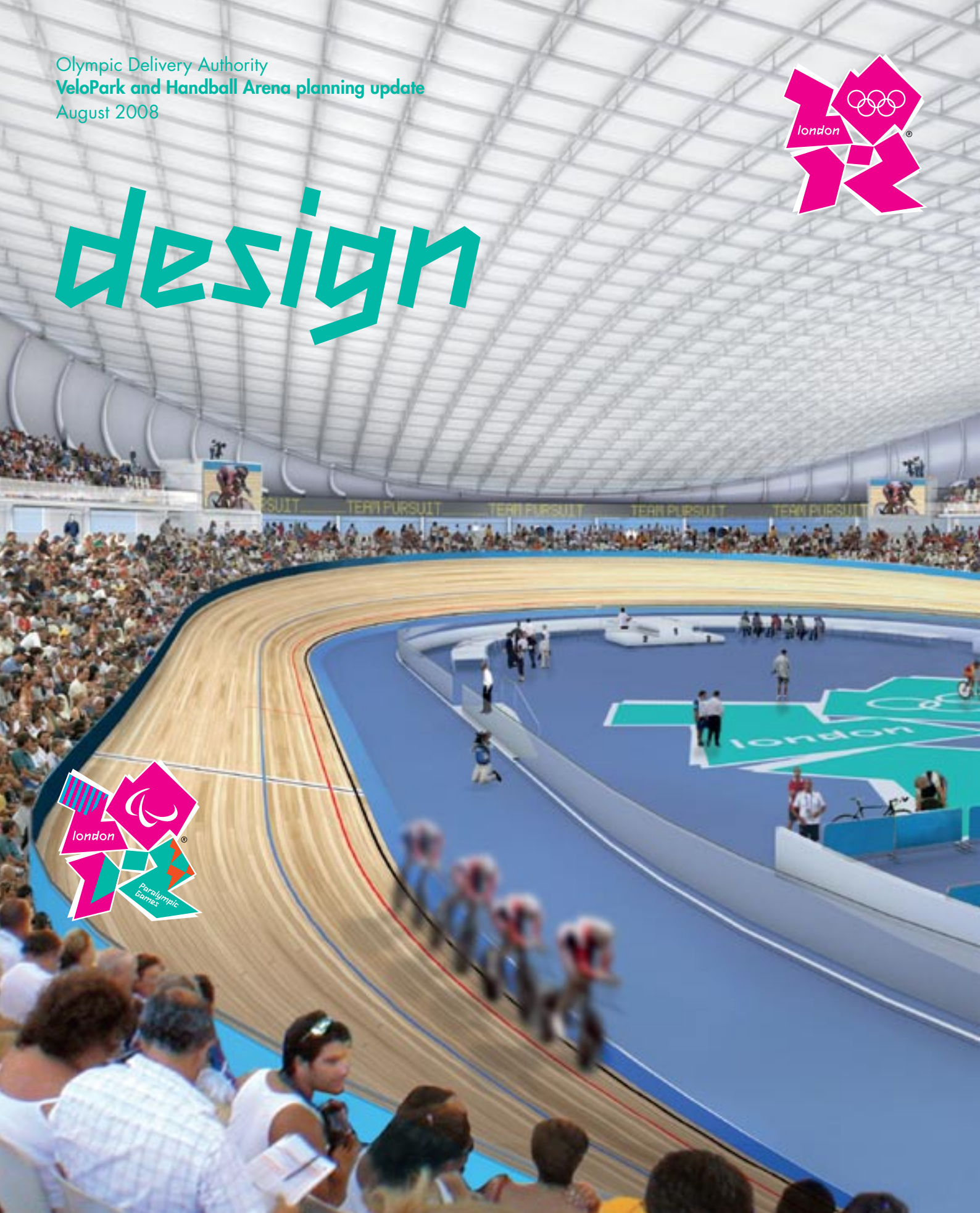




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Handball Arena

Design

The Handball Arena has been designed to be as flexible as possible, so it can provide first-class facilities for a range of events during the Games and become a multi-sport venue after the Games.

During the London 2012 Games the Arena will host the Preliminaries and Quarter-Finals for the Handball competition as well as Modern Pentathlon disciplines. During the Paralympic Games it will host Goalball, a sport for athletes with a visual impairment.

The Arena has been designed for simplicity, efficiency and flexibility. The current designs use natural subdued tones on the outside but feature a glass wall that will highlight the colourful interior.

Access and inclusion

The Handball Arena has been designed so that both spectators and athletes can benefit from the facilities equally, regardless of disability, age, gender or faith.

The Arena will feature step-free access to athletes and spectators. Accessible seating will be positioned on the entry level and will provide a fantastic view for all events.

Planning

The ODA is due to make a planning submission in November 2008. The submission will provide detailed designs showing what the Arena will look like during the London 2012 Games and the potential uses for after the Games.

Sustainability

The Handball Arena has an innovative design that will ensure a first-rate venue that is sustainable for the future.

For example, the Arena has been designed to collect rainwater to reduce water use by over 40 per cent.

The Arena will be connected to the Olympic Park Combined, Cooling and Heating and Power complex (Energy Centre) that will provide sustainable energy for its day-to-day operation. It will also maximise natural daylight to reduce lighting energy consumption by 40 per cent.

Getting to the action

There will be a variety of ways to get to the Handball Arena during the Games, either using the local 'gateway' stations – Stratford Regional, Stratford International and West Ham – or by walking and cycling to the Olympic Park.

After the Games people can get to the Arena by using Hackney Wick Station or a number of walking and cycle routes.

After the Games

After the Games, the Arena will be used as a multi-sports venue for use by the community. The venue will also be used by elite squads and athletes for training. It will also provide a venue for a variety of local, regional, national and international events.



Concept design of the London 2012 Handball Arena



Location of the VeloPark and Handball Arena on the Olympic Park during the Games



Track Cycling

Ground-breaking

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

This leaflet tells you about the progress we are making with the Handball Arena and VeloPark venues for the London 2012 Games and gives you some information about the exciting designs we are creating.

In autumn 2008 we will be seeking detailed planning approval so we can start to build these venues.

The planning submission will describe details of what the venues will look like during the London 2012 Games and talk about the best possible way that they can be used after the Games.

You can find out more about these projects inside.

September 2008
February 2009

Planning submission for Velodrome and BMX Circuit
Construction due to start

November 2008
July 2009

Planning submission for Handball Arena
Construction due to start



Concept design of the Handball Arena during the Games

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