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ODA Landscape & Public Realm South Park Tower Hamlets & Newham

Project Information:

Landscape & Public Realm

Contract Value:

£25m

Contract Period:

25/01/2010 – 29/03/2012

Main Contractor:

Skanska Infrastructure Services

Client:

Olympic Delivery Authority

Form of Contract:

NEC 3 Option C 2005 with secondary Options



Skanska is working with the Olympic Delivery Authority in transforming former industrial land, much of it contaminated, to create a total of 100 hectares of parklands. These will provide a colourful setting and festival atmosphere for the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games and beyond.

Skanska was selected to deliver the landscape and public realm contract for the South Park. Currently still in progress, the South Park public realm works incorporate construction of soft landscaped parkland areas and hard landscaped concourse areas in this formerly contaminated brownfield site. The scope includes excavation, drainage and ducting, bespoke lighting and installation of Halo masts with integral wind turbines. The work, started in early 2010 also includes street furniture, irrigation and delivering the formal London 2012 gardens. These gardens stretch for half a mile between the Aquatics Centre and Olympic Stadium, celebrating centuries of British passion for gardens and plants.

To achieve ecological continuity, areas of undisturbed habitat have been incorporated into the design of the parklands and there has been provision of natural links along the river valley corridor that connect to a network of open spaces, called the green grid

The feature gardens within the South Park have involved procuring and off-site growing of over 60,000 herbaceous plants and 60,000 bulbs. The plants were procured from Europe, Americas, Asia and the southern hemisphere, and grown in our supply chain nursery for over a year prior to planting on site. Due to the different 'home' environments of each of these plants, we had to work closely with specialists to ensure the growing medium best suited individual plants, both in the nursery and on site. The works on site were managed by two head gardeners and total team of 11 to install and maintain the plants and provide the best environment for them to flourish.