



Case Study

Olympic Equestrian Events, Greenwich

Background

As part of the London 2012 Olympics, LOCOG (the London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games) will install a temporary 23,000 seat arena and associated facilities to host the equestrian events at Greenwich Park, London. Cole Easdon Consultants (CEC) used their transport consultancy expertise to help LOCOG gain planning consent for the facilities.

Client

The London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games (LOCOG).

CEC Input

CEC provided the following:

- Transport Assessment
- Environmental Impact Assessment - Preparation of the Transport chapter
- Traffic modelling
- Attendance at Stakeholder meetings including Planning Committee

The Transport Assessment included an analysis of the existing public transport accessibility of the site including spare capacities on rail services (where 80% of spectators are predicted to travel by train), accident analysis, identification of pedestrian movement strategy from rail stations to the venue, analysis of a proposed temporary pedestrian crossing on Romney Road during the events, analysis of 11 off site junctions and assessment of construction traffic movements.

As part of the consultation work associated with the planning application, CEC made a presentation to senior representatives of the emergency services to outline the key transport elements of the proposal and what impact they would have on their access during the events.

Benefits of Our Involvement

- CEC engaged with officers from Greenwich Council throughout the project to ensure that there was no objection to the application from the Local Highway Authority (LHA). As a consequence, there were no requests for additional information from the LHA following submission of the application, enabling planning consent to be granted at the earliest opportunity.
- CEC's input gave confidence to both Greenwich Council and the emergency services that the proposed spectator access strategy was robust and achievable.



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