Lessons learned on Olympic Park construction project to be shared across industry

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UK-GBC named as Sustainability Partner for ODA’s London 2012 Learning Legacy Programme

Sustainability lessons learned from the Olympic Park construction site are to be shared with the wider built environment industry through an innovative partnership between the UK Green Building Council and the Olympic Delivery Authority (ODA).

In line with the aim to make London 2012 a truly sustainable Games, pioneering techniques have been used in the design and construction of the Olympic Park and its venues. UK-GBC has been chosen to disseminate the sustainability lessons learned as part of the ODA’s Learning Legacy Programme.

UK-GBC’s year-long events programme will focus on specific venues such as the Velodrome, the Stadium and the Aquatics Centre and will cover sustainability themes including materials, energy and carbon, biodiversity, green building standards and the regeneration of East London.

The first event in the series will be on 29 November 2011.

John Armitt, ODA Chairman, commented:

“The Learning Legacy framework is the embodiment of a new benchmark that has been created in delivering Europe’s largest construction project to the ultimate deadline and within budget. The scale and speed of the coordinated UK effort to build the venues and infrastructure is unprecedented and the knowledge and lessons gained during construction will both benefit the industry and act as a catalyst for inward investment”.

Paul King, CEO of UK-GBC commented:

“The built environment will play a crucial role both in enabling the UK to reduce its carbon emissions and supporting our transition to a green economy. It is therefore imperative that we take the opportunity to learn from exemplar sustainability projects - like London 2012 - to push the sector to improve design, processes and sourcing of materials to ensure more sustainable outcomes.”

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Simon Moon, Managing Director of Atkins, sponsors of UK-GBC’s Sustainability Lessons Learned Series, commented:

“The ability to showcase the work undertaken for the 2012 Games was a major part of our rationale for being the first engineering sponsor of the Olympic and Paralympic Games, and we are pleased to support UK-GBC’s Sustainability Lessons Learned programme. Working on the project has been transformational for Atkins and we have worked with partners to find new solutions to some unique challenges. These events will be crucial in engaging built environment professionals with the London 2012 construction projects, and will highlight sustainable approaches taken in the design and build of the iconic venues to increase learning in the industry as a whole.”

The sustainability lessons learned series is part of the overall ODA Learning Legacy Programme, which covers 10 themes: Design and Engineering Innovation; Equality, inclusion, Employment and Skills; Health and Safety; Masterplanning and Town Planning; Procurement and supply chain management; Programme organisation and project management; Sustainability; Systems and Technology; Transport; Archaeology.

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About UK-GBC
The UK Green Building Council’s mission is to radically improve the sustainability of the built environment, by transforming the way it is planned, designed, constructed, maintained and operated. We are a membership organisation, launched in 2007, primarily consisting of businesses from across the industry. Uniquely, we bring together anyone involved in the complex process of planning, designing, constructing, maintaining and operating buildings, along with NGOs, academic institutions and government agencies. Find out more about UK-GBC here: http://www.ukgbc.org

About the ODA’s Learning Legacy Programme
The Learning Legacy Programme was officially launched by the Olympic Delivery Authority (ODA) on Monday 17 October 2011 to provide a blueprint for the UK construction industry to maintain and replicate the high standards set by the London 2012 project.

Learning Legacy - www.london2012.com/learninglegacy - is a collaborative approach between the ODA, contractors, professional institutes, government bodies and academia, and builds on the ethos set by the ODA of setting targets well above the industry benchmarks, meeting the majority of these and, in a number of cases, exceeding expectations.

The ten themes that comprise the Learning Legacy Programme are: Design and Engineering Innovation; Equality, inclusion, Employment and Skills; Health and Safety; Masterplanning and Town Planning; Procurement and supply chain management; Programme organisation and project management; Sustainability; Systems and Technology; Transport; Archaeology.

About Atkins
Atkins (www.atkinsglobal.com) is the UK’s largest engineering and design consultancy and the world’s 11th largest design firm. We have the depth and breadth of expertise to respond to the most technically challenging and time critical infrastructure projects and the urgent transition to a low-carbon economy. Whether it’s the concept for a new skyscraper, the upgrade of a rail network, the modelling of a flood defence system or the improvement of a management process, we plan, design and enable solutions.
Atkins is the official engineering design services provider for the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games and has been involved in the project since the initial enabling works for the site to the sustainable habitats, through to the temporary venues and over the last six years has had more than 50 engineering, environmental and design disciplines working on the project. The team has included everyone from bridge engineers, scientists, structural engineers and environmental scientists, to archaeologists.