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Why was Stratford chosen?

For a long time, the area had been neglected & isolated from the rest of London due to poor transport links across the city. This isolation led to a negative multiplier effect in East London because the area had suffered from low development and high unemployment, low local spending power discouraged investment



Stratford- the new hub of London

The Olympics brought more than £5bn of investment to east London, much of which went into transport. Stratford is now second only to King's Cross as the most connected part of London.

The biggest planned project was Stratford City, the largest non-retail development since Canary Wharf. Cost: £4 billion.

Within Stratford City there is a huge shopping and leisure complex (the largest urban shopping centre in Europe), numerous hotels, 36,000 new homes, community facilities, and two mega centres capable of growing 75% of the site's energy needs.

This, combined with the excellent transport links will encourage investment, creating jobs and therefore increasing consumer spending.



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Impact on local people

The biggest social legacy of the Games is housing: The Olympic Village was remodeled into 2,800 affordable houses, which were first opened in September 2012. The Olympic Parkland has become 5 new neighbourhoods, housing a total of 8,000 people. 40% of these houses are affordable.



In what ways were the games



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- The **London Olympic Committee** - they decide who will host the Games
- The **London Development Agency** - which set up the London Development Agency responsible for economic and urban development, the London Organising Committee and the Olympic Delivery Authority
- The **Regional government** - Ken Livingstone (leader of the London Assembly, which has control over transport in London)
- **Local government** - four London borough Councils - affected (Tower Hamlets, Newham, Hackney and Waltham Forest). They consider the planning applications for approval

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Over 7000 sponsors
4000 athletes in the Paralympics
20,000 journalists from around the world
The sale of 9 million tickets
63,000 volunteers



Green Transport

All spectators were encouraged to walk, cycle or use public transport to get to the games. All event tickets included a Travelcard. The Underground was upgraded and by 2012 there were ten public transport lines feeding into Stratford, representing the capability of a train arriving in the area every 15 seconds.



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Sustainable Design

Olympic Park venues were designed and built to be energy-efficient and as sustainable as possible. For example the Velodrome is almost 100 per cent naturally ventilated, it maximises the use of natural light to reduce energy consumption and rain water is collected from the roof for flushing toilets and irrigation.



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'From brown to green'

The London 2012 Olympics were designed to be 'The Sustainable Games' and to leave a sustainable legacy.
Sustainability= Using the earth's resources carefully today, so that people can meet their needs in the future



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In what ways were the games sustainable?

- The creation of habitats
- Efficient/renewable energy supply
- Reducing, reusing and recycling waste
- Green transport
- Buildings created with a sustainable design
- Improving the infrastructure that provides water



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Habitats

- More than 4,000 trees, 74,000 plants, 60,000 bulbs and 300,000 wetland plants were used to create a new open green space for London
- The Olympic Park was designed to create 45 hectares of wildlife habitats and includes reedbeds, grasslands, ponds, woodlands, 525 bird boxes, 150 bat boxes and artificial otter holts.



Cleaning the Olympic Park



Energy Supply

Two six-kilometre tunnels built beneath the Olympic Park, enabling the power to be carried underground.

Approximately 50% of materials were transported by water or rail resulting in less traffic on local roads and saving time on thousands of journeys.

7 wind turbines were built, each turbine provides enough energy for 1,000 homes.

20% of the energy used in the Olympic park was from renewable sources.





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