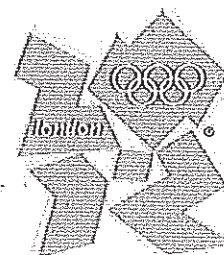


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Dear Dee



Thank you for your letter dated 11 March regarding the recommendations in your committee's recent report **Legacy Limited? A review of the Olympic Park Legacy Company's role**. After reading the report, please see below the Olympic Delivery Authority's (ODA) responses to recommendations 3 and 4.

Recommendation 3

The ODA shares your aspiration that local people should benefit from the regeneration opportunities that will be available after the Games. I do also think that the report gives a partial picture of what we have done at the ODA working with our partners on local employment and training since 2008 and I would very much value the opportunity to discuss how we have run the programme and the outcomes we have achieved.

Our target for local employment is 10-15% and as you know we are currently at 20%. We set this stretch target recognising the highly mobile labour market in both the construction industry and London and that it would be fair to expect a large number of the workforce to come from the other 28 London Boroughs. Over 50% of the workforce are indeed from London. East London is prioritised with all vacancies solely advertised locally for 48 hours in the job brokerages in each of the five boroughs before going London wide. Over 750 people have gained employment in this way, virtually all of whom were previously unemployed.

In addition we established the plant training school (Digger School) on the Olympic Park. This has contributed to the project offering training and skills to 2442 people, many of whom have gone on to get jobs on the project or elsewhere. It is very encouraging that funding has been found to establish a permanent facility at Beckton as a lasting legacy for the project.



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The ODA's Women into Construction project has enjoyed success helping more than 100 women into a range of jobs on the Olympic Park, provided 300 women with careers advice, and entered a further 80 women into pre-employment training in practical construction skills such as plant driving and working at heights.

In November 2009, a dedicated Apprenticeship Hub was opened on the Park to support the London 2012 apprentices working for the contractors on the Park. The hub provides apprentices and contractors with guidance, career support, courses, IT and study space. This helps to ensure the apprentices can continue their training or employment on future projects once they have completed their work on the Park. There are currently 150 apprentices working on the programme.

Our team continues to work hard to meet our commitments and ensure employment and training opportunities are available for people living around the Olympic Park.

Recommendation 4

A Joint Programme Board has recently been established to provide oversight, coordination and decision making relating to areas of common interest between the ODA and the Olympic Park Legacy Company. The Board is chaired by Andrew Altman, OPLC Chief Executive, and is attended by David Higgins, ODA Chief Executive as well as representatives from the GLA, DCLG and the GOE. Areas under the oversight of the Joint Board include, but are not limited to:

- Transformation masterplan, scope and delivery
- Legacy planning of the Olympic Park and Venues
- The Olympic Village
- LCR land transaction
- Land and legal issues
- Park Venue Operations/Facility Management
- Commissioning and Handover of the Venues
- Risk management

A sub-group (also with joint ODA/OPLC membership) with specific responsibility for overseeing matters of common interest concerning the Olympic Village has also been established, reporting into the Joint Programme Board.

If you require any further information please contact Julie King at Julie.king@london2012.com.



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