

OLYMPIC PARK VENUES

Velodrome

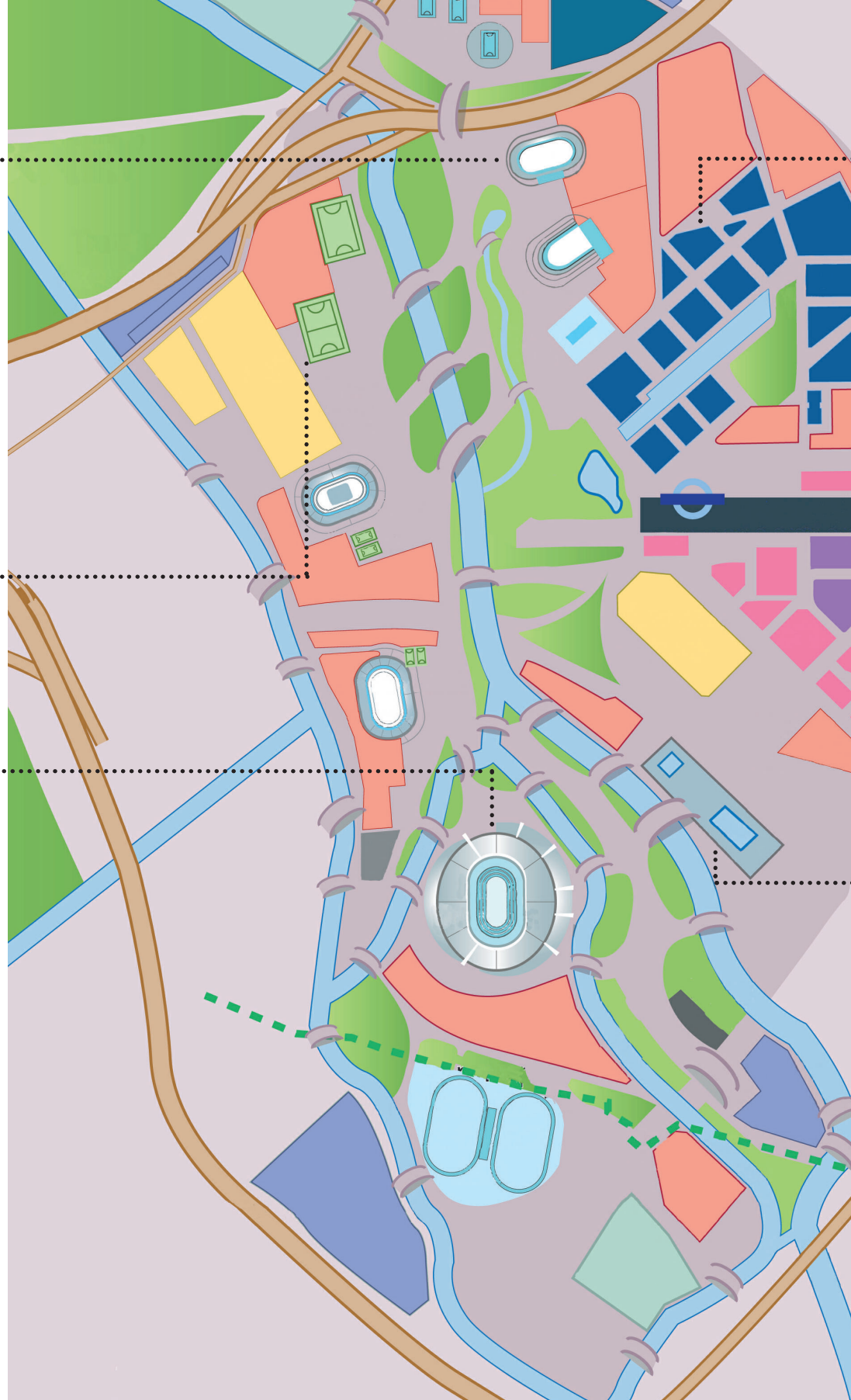
- **2012:** A velodrome and an BMX circuit, each with seating for 6,000 spectators.
- **Legacy:** The velopark will consist of a 3,000 seat velodrome, a BMX circuit and mountain bike and road cycling routes.
- **Higgins:** "We're going to go out with a design competition at the end of this year, early next. It's not large but it's a high profile, elevated site. It'll be the gateway from the north of the park across Hackney Marshes. We'll take the time to choose the right partner."
- **The procurement route is not finalised, but high level dates are procurement of design team to start early part of 2007, procurement of contractor to be late 2007 / early 2008 and start on site early 2009.**

Hockey centre

- **2012:** The main arena will seat 15,000; smaller matches will be held in the 5,000 capacity secondary arena.
- **Legacy:** After the Games hockey venues will relocate to form part of a northern sports cluster in the Park with tennis facilities.

Olympic Stadium

- **2012:** The 80,000 seat Olympic Stadium will be at the heart of the main Olympic Park and will host the opening and closing ceremonies, as well as the athletics.
- **Legacy:** It will be reconfigured as a 25,000 seat athletics stadium. The stadium will offer training, sports science and medicine facilities for competitors and offices for national sports federations and other sports bodies. The Team McAlpine Consortium, including Sir Robert McAlpine, architect HOK Sport, and engineers Buro Happold and M-E Engineering, has been selected as preferred bidder. The appointment will be made in the New Year.
- **Higgins:** "The whole issue is how we can do that big a stadium and then reduce it down. We're trying to find the most cost-efficient way to do that. There are huge interactions between design, engineering and [sustainability]. It will take many months but we're right on track."
- **Procurement:** Talks under way with Sir Robert McAlpine.
- **Construction:** mid 2008-mid 2011.



Olympic Village

■ Higgins: "We're doing this in partnership with London & Continental Railways and they're finding a development partner who will have the responsibility of building the village and then selling it off afterwards. We're very focused on the final legacy - we don't want to do a huge amount of redevelopment. The challenge here is that there's a lot of apartments to be built and then we have to overlay the facilities for the Olympics and Paralympic Games. One advantage is by linking it into Stratford City we can build on land that's already been remediated. The vast majority of this site has planning permission already in place. Now the biggest thing is to finalise the commercial agreement and make sure we've got a good deal."

■ Procurement: early 2006-end 2008.

■ Construction: end 2007-early 2012.

Multisport arenas

■ **2012: Three multi-sport arenas within the Olympic Park will host the fencing, handball and basketball.**

■ **Legacy: One arena will remain in place after the Games as a training and competition venue and a regional centre of excellence for indoor sports. Two further arenas will be dismantled and reused elsewhere.**

Aquatics Centre

■ 2012: A 20,000 seater venue with two 50m swimming pools and a 25m diving pool that will host the swimming, synchronised swimming and diving.

■ Legacy: Capacity reduced to 3,500 and facilities open to the local community. The building will also house a health and fitness centre.

■ Higgins: "We've gone through a really major design review to tie it into the Stratford project, with the major bridge, access roads and service connections. It's a much enhanced scheme. We're just finalising the arrangements with Zaha Hadid, and we'll be publishing the design soon. This site is probably the most complex, it needs land filling and there's some contamination."

■ Procurement: late 2006-early 2007

■ Construction: mid 2008-mid 2011

International Broadcast Centre and Main Press Centre

■ Higgins: "We've relocated this to Hackney Wick and it'll be a big employment site after the Games. It's a relatively simple building to build, it won't take that long. The most important thing is to make sure the frame can be easily converted to offices and employment space post Games."

■ Procurement: early 2007

■ Construction: mid 2009-end 2011

Broxbourne

■ 2012: 12,000 spectators will be able to enjoy the white-water Kayaking and canoe slalom at Broxbourne. The site is just on the edge of the 1000-acre Lee Valley Park in Hertfordshire.

■ Legacy: The slalom course will become a white water centre for elite and grass-roots training and competition.

■ Higgins: "We've got a study under way. We're particularly looking at the economic legacy of the site."

■ Procurement: autumn 2007

■ Construction: mid 2008

Weymouth Bay and Portland Harbour

■ 2012: An exposed site at the western end of the English Channel on the south coast, this is already a centre for sailing.

■ Legacy: The National Sailing Academy will benefit from the improved facilities.

■ Higgins: "We want to make sure it acts as a catalyst to the long-term development of the South-west. It's important that we don't leave white elephants."

■ Procurement: autumn 2007

■ Construction starting mid-2008.

Greenwich arena

■ 2012: Badminton and rhythmic gymnastic events will take place in a purpose-built temporary facility adjacent to The O², at the tip of the Greenwich peninsula. It will seat 6,000 people.

■ Legacy: After the Games the temporary Greenwich arena will be deconstructed and relocated to provide sports facilities elsewhere in the UK.

