



Sports Stadia and Leisure Projects

Wembley Stadium

Client: Sports Council / WNSL

In 1995 NLP was appointed to join a team of consultants to evaluate the five National Stadium bids from Wembley, Manchester, Birmingham, Bradford and Sheffield. Wembley was subsequently selected as the preferred site, and NLP was then appointed to assist Wembley National Stadium Limited in preparing a scheme for a new stadium and to obtain planning permission and listed building consent. NLP also prepared an economic assessment to support the application, looking at the employment impacts, expenditure and income in the local area, impacts on tourism and visitor spending within London and the stadium's role in attracting investment to the area. The stadium opened in March 2007.



KC Stadium, Hull

Client: Superstadium Management Company / Wren Bridge Land Limited

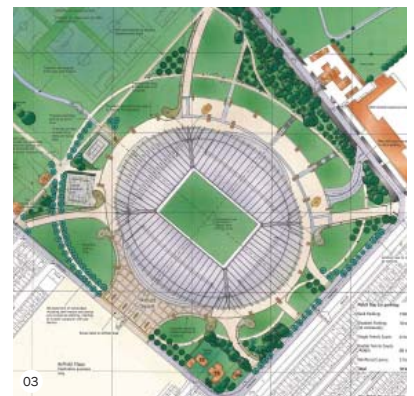
Scheme NLP is advising on the expansion of the KC Stadium, increasing capacity from 25,000 spectators to over 30,000 following the Tigers' promotion into the Premiership. The stadium proposals, and associated commercial development including an hotel, are currently being pursued through the Newington and St Andrew's Area Action Plan.



Liverpool Football Club

Client: Liverpool City Council

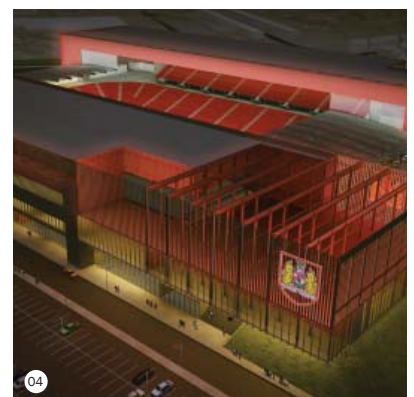
NLP worked closely with the Council during pre-application discussions with the applicant and in assessing the application. In addition, NLP drew up guidance notes on specific topics to guide the consultants for Liverpool Football Club in developing a scheme for a 60,000 capacity stadium in Stanley Park (a Grade II Registered Park) in north Liverpool.



Bristol City Football Club

Client: Ashton Gate Ltd, Ashton Vale Project LLP and Vence LLP

NLP submitted a planning application and Environmental Statement for a new stadium for Bristol City Football Club (BCFC) at Ashton Vale in South West Bristol. The application, which followed extensive public consultation, sought detailed planning permission for a 30,000 seat Regional Stadium, and outline proposals for enabling mixed-use development. The £65 million stadium comprises four separate stands and has the potential to be expanded to 42,000 capacity, which would enable Bristol to bid to be a host city for the 2018 World Cup.



Bisham Abbey National Institute for Sport

Client: Sport England

NLP formulated the planning strategy to assist Sport England achieve its aim to create an English Institute of Sport (EIS) at Bisham Abbey. The EIS is for training elite athletes and is intended to result in more medals at international and world sporting events. The planning framework at Bisham is complex. The site is affected by several policy designations: Green Belt, scheduled monument, listed buildings (including Grade 1 abbey), floodplain, setting of the Thames, conservation area and special landscape area. The EIS was officially opened in 2004.

SportCity, Eastlands, Manchester

Client: AMEC

NLP was responsible for assessing the employment and wider economic and regeneration effects of a mixed use, sports-related retail, leisure, hotel and housing development alongside the Commonwealth Games stadium in East Manchester.



Kingston Park Stadium, Newcastle

Client: Newcastle Falcons

NLP secured planning permission for the expansion of Newcastle Falcon's stadium, providing for the replacement of a number of temporary stands with a purpose-built facility. The scheme, despite an officer recommendation to approve, and unanimous Council support, was called in by the Secretary of State for determination because of the site's Green Belt location. NLP presented expert evidence at the subsequent Public Inquiry.



Roserrow Golf and Country Club

Client: Roserrow Golf and Country Club

NLP has advised on a wide range of planning and development matters since 2000 and has been instrumental in helping to establish the strategic direction of development at the Golf and Country Club and supporting its enhancement as a leisure facility for local people and tourists. Planning permission was obtained for the enhancement of the golf course, development of a new golf driving range, extension of the clubhouse to provide a wider health and beauty offer, and the development of holiday houses and holiday apartments.



Wooler Sport and Leisure Feasibility Study

Client: Glendale Sport and Leisure Associates

NLP undertook a Feasibility Study to establish the most beneficial means of providing new sport and leisure facilities within Wooler to service the Glendale area of Northumberland. NLP prepared an assessment of the economic impact and design of three potential options for future sport and leisure facilities provision and alongside specialist sport and leisure consultants, prepared Implementation, Business and Marketing Plans to support the Feasibility Study. The Study has subsequently been used as a tool for securing external funding sources.

Rhondda Cynon Taff Leisure Study

Client: Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council

NLP was appointed to undertake an assessment of indoor leisure provision within the Borough. The first part of the study assessed the findings of a baseline study which analysed the results of a household survey on leisure patterns across the Borough. This considered the opinion of Borough residents on qualitative aspects of existing provision and the geographic pattern of leisure usage across the Borough. The second part of the study formed a quantitative assessment of leisure usage across the Borough and an assessment of existing and future capacity for additional leisure facilities. Recommendations, informed by geographical mapping, were then made regarding the need for additional leisure facilities within specific areas of the Borough.



Sport and Recreation Policy Guidance

Client: Welsh Assembly Government

NLP was responsible for drafting the Technical Advice Note (TAN)16: Sport, Recreation and Open Space, which was recently published by the Welsh Assembly Government. TANs are topic-based guidance notes which supplement the strategic planning policies contained within Planning Policy Wales.

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