

Regenerating Manchester

The challenge

Mace has been responsible for much of the regeneration of Manchester in the past decade, project managing over £1bn of construction and development work which has seen the city transformed in the aftermath of the IRA bomb in 1996.

East Manchester ranks amongst the most deprived areas of Britain. The New East Manchester regeneration agency, set up in 2000, aimed to facilitate major development in leisure, retail and commerce as well as housing-led community regeneration.

Mace regeneration was brought in to deliver some early wins, even as the framework was being drawn up – not least of which, delivery of the 2002 Commonwealth Games infrastructure.

At the Commonwealth Stadium – centrepiece for the games – Mace coordinated the land, design, developer, operator, and construction issues (and subsequently adapted the site for Manchester City FC. Outside the stadium, Mace regeneration took responsibility for highways and public realm activities and project managed work in the Ashton Canal Corridor – linking SportCity with the city centre and including the Metrolink tram.

At Central Park – the largest business park in Europe where it was planned to create 20,000 jobs by 2015 – Mace was appointed by the public sector / private sector partners to programme manage the development and project manage individual sites.

Mace regeneration was also deployed to support the Games preparations, procuring equipment and services and creating temporary facilities for media, operators and competitors.

What difference did we make?

Mace provided the safe hands, the 'Mission Control' for a vast and complex programme. We managed inputs and outputs in a disciplined manner that, not only achieved the results, but created a successful team which told the world that 'Manchester can deliver'.

The result

The Commonwealth Games and a new football club provided the early catalyst for New East Manchester. We're proud to still be part of the team that contributed to these projects. The regeneration of this area will continue for many years to come and we are committed to its ongoing success in a characteristically hands-on way.

Our understanding and wide ranging experience of the entire regeneration and development process enables us to evaluate options, assess risk and identify the most appropriate way forward. As a result, clients achieve their objectives in the most cost effective way. Our network of contacts in the industry is unsurpassed, which means our clients get the best people for their particular job.

Our project management skills have been honed to reflect the demands of regeneration:

- Project organisation, planning and strategy
- Community engagement, consultation and social inclusion
- Identifying, assembling and managing teams
- Brief preparation
- Procuring developers
- Business planning
- Funding strategies, applications and compliance
- Options analysis
- Partnering advice and performance benchmarking
- Development agreements



Manchester 2002 Commonwealth Games
Used as a catalyst to stimulate the regeneration of East Manchester.



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Piccadilly Gardens in Manchester City centre is just one of over £1bn of schemes that have been project and programme managed by Mace in our ten years working in partnership with the City Council.

We are currently managing Housing Market Renewal, Building Schools for the Future and Academies programmes, as well as special projects for the Council.