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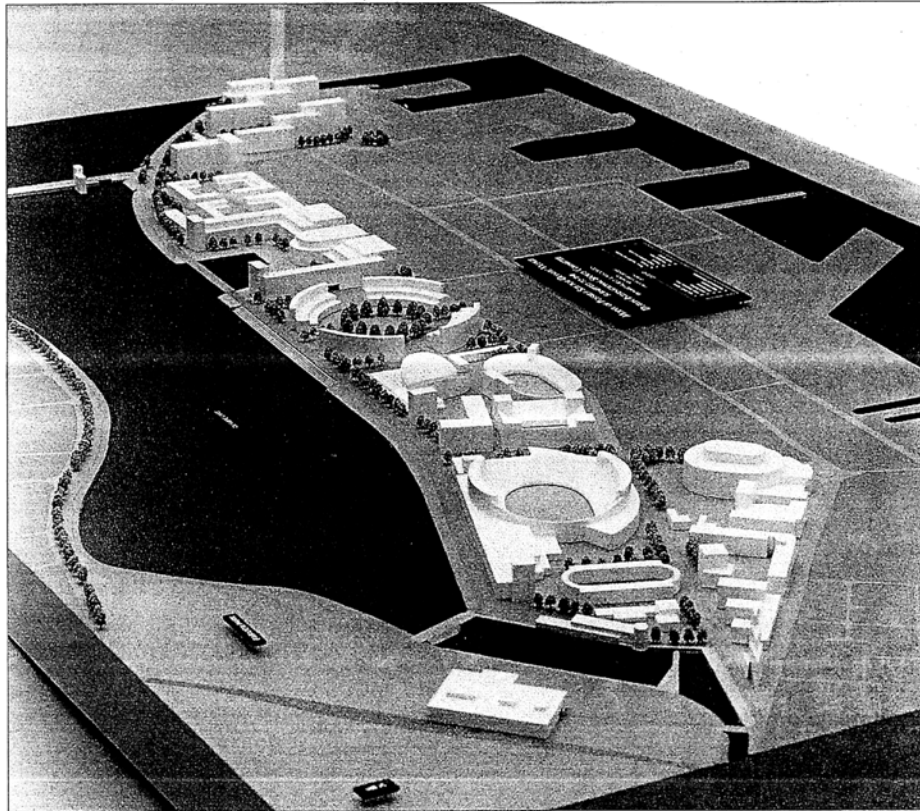
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DUBLIN OLYMPIC VILLAGE MASTERPLAN



Photograph of the model looking east with the existing deep sea port on the extreme right.

The Olympic Village Masterplan originated as part of the original research undertaken in 1992 by Noel Brady, Architect. This was further developed by Richard Hurley & Associates, and formed part of the Dublin International Sports Council submission to the then Lord Mayor Gay Mitchell, when he announced his idea of bringing the Olympic Games to Dublin. The focus of the research and its subsequent development was the regeneration of the port area of the city as a valued addition to the urban life of Dublin. The recent Olympic developments in Barcelona were a useful source for the design for Dublin.

Site

The choice of site for an Olympic Village is perhaps the most important decision. The Dublin site was chosen for its availability, nearness to the urban net, availability of transportation structures and the value which the Olympic facility would add to the city as a whole. It should be noted that regardless of the chosen site there would be difficulties which may appear enormous due to the scale of the infrastructure.

The proposed site for an Olympic Village is on disused ground and land reclaimed from the sea between East Wall Road and Clontarf Waterfront, with Fairview Park and Dart Railway on the west, and Dublin bay on the east.

Masterplan - Environment

The development of the site involves some particular engineering feats which would have an immediate and beneficial effect on the environment; the landfill extension of the existing port facility and the landbridge/dam. This has the effect of establishing a new fresh water lake and suitable land for development screening the present port facility.

Masterplan - Transport

Transportation links are vital to the success of the plan. The new DART connection at Fairview Park provides immediate access to the Stadium facilities. This would also connect with a proposed new surface tram-way which would circumnavigate the whole site. Other traffic connections can be made from the new esplanade across the dam to the north and the toll bridge from the south. Together with a network of road links it ensures that there is easy access to all parts of the site from the city and areas beyond.



Aerial view showing the site in relation to the city.

Masterplan - Planning

Simply considered the stadiums and other high density environments are placed near to the major transportation connections, such as Fairview Park. Housing is split either side of the main commercial centre, itself at the centre of the site. Offices, and media facilities are at either end of the site.

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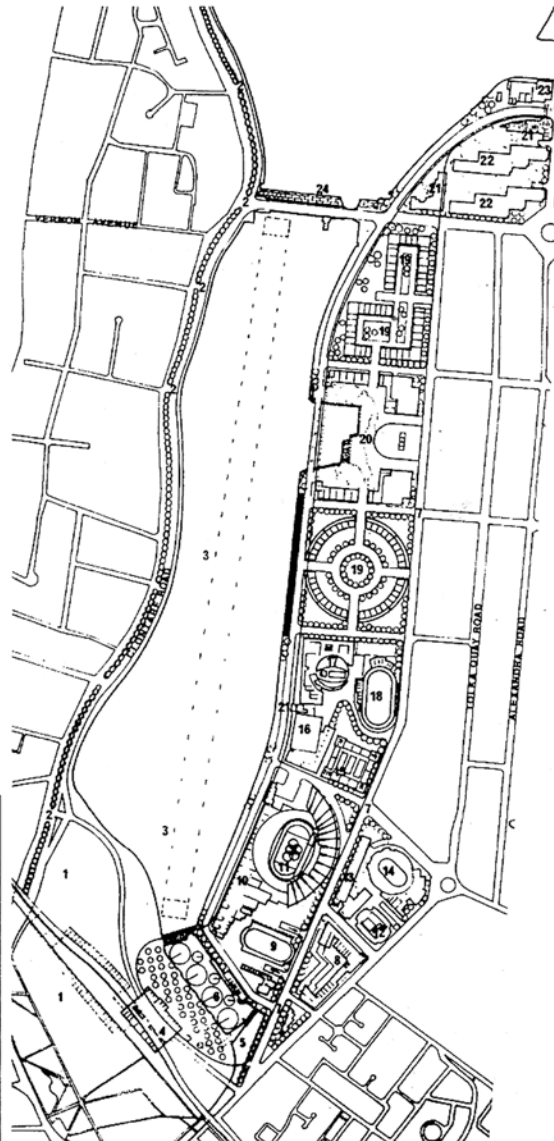
It is envisaged that only a portion of the housing would return to public ownership at the end of the games. Instead some of the housing would revert to small scale R & D office facilities. It is vitally important that the new facility should be tied into the fabric of the old city.

Masterplan - City Living

The priority for the development of this site was to enhance local and regional environmental conditions by shielding or transforming the industrial, such as the port and by enhancing the facilities present, such as the Tolka Estuary. The completed plan offers a unique facility for the enhancement of life in the centre of Dublin.

The Future

The nature of the plan is preliminary and requires further development. Many issues require further analysis but the skeleton has been established whereby the flesh can be added. As an opportunity for the enhancement of the city, the plan coupled with the role of both the architectural and planning professions could have a substantial impact on the direction which Dublin will take.



OLYMPIC MASTER PLAN - LEGEND

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| 1. Fairview Park | 13. Archery and Shooting |
| 2. Clontarf Esplanade | 14. Velodrome |
| 3. Olympic Lake | 15. Tennis |
| 4. Fairview Station - Dart/Malahide | 16. Equestrian Centre |
| 5. River Tolka | 17. Aquatic Centre |
| 6. Purification Plant | 18. Hockey Stadium |
| 7. Olympic Avenue | 19. Olympic Athletes Housing |
| 8. Olympic Administration and Port Museum | 20. Olympic Village Commercial Centre |
| 9. Training Stadium | 21. Train Way Stop/Station |
| 10. Conference Facility | 22. Media/Olympic Athletes Housing |
| 11. Olympic Stadium | 23. Telecommunications Centre |
| 12. Gymnasium | 24. Dam/Bridge Connection. |