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### The Strategic Forum 2012 Task Group

The Strategic Forum for Construction has established an Olympic Task Group to act as a focal point for liaison between the industry, the Government and London 2012 Olympic authorities (the ODA and LOCOG) to help ensure the successful delivery of the London Olympic facilities and infrastructure. The formation of the Task Group was announced to Parliament by the Minister for Construction, the Rt Hon Alun Michael MP, on 23 July and he has encouraged the Forum to move quickly in setting up the Task Group to '*scope industry needs, agree aspirations and manage expectations*'.

The Strategic Forum Olympic Task Group, chaired by Peter Rogers has three main roles

- to establish a single over-arching strategic group to focus on ensuring the early adoption of best practice across Olympic projects to apply across the whole spectrum of activity (effective leadership, supply chain management, industry improvement, respect for people, innovation) and concerned with the procurement processes, project delivery and the crucial issues of post-2012 legacy.
- to identify crucial issues influencing the effective delivery of the 2012 Olympics.
- to act as a 'collective conscience' for the industry as a key stakeholder in the UK commitment to achieving the best possible Olympic Games in 2012.

The Forum has encapsulated these intentions within the "2012 Olympic Construction Commitments", a concise document outlining the key areas critical to the successful delivery of the 2012 Olympic Games in the form of a Code. The document will identify key areas that relate to the performance and behaviour of the industry and the responsibilities of the Client. It focuses on six key areas evolving from the six headline targets of the Forum. The intention of this document is to ensure that the industry and client work together in an integrated way. Senior Ministers and executive individuals involved in the delivery of the Games will be asked to sign up to the "2012 Olympic Construction Commitments" on behalf of the client. It is anticipated that *all* those within the industry involved in construction for the Olympics will sign up to this document, and that it firms an essential place in the procurement process.

The Strategic Forum Olympic Task Group will comprise a small group of influential people and any operational activity which is to be actioned by the task group will be developed by existing agencies such as the Strategic Forum and Constructing Excellence.

<b>Chairman</b>	<b>Peter Rogers</b> SFfC Chairman
<b>Government</b>	<b>The Rt Hon Alun Michael MP</b> Minister of State for Industry and the Regions
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