



Client: East Ayrshire Council

Contract value: £5.4m

Completion: May 2012

The Arena has been developed in Queens Drive, Kilmarnock, a green field site on the flood plain next to the River Irvine. It required the diversion of a culvert as well as the addition of compensatory habitats for local otters and other wildlife. Preparatory work involved the removal of extensive amounts of Japanese Knotweed as well as construction of riverbank protection. Extensive flood modeling was carried out as part of the feasibility study.

Designed as a public amenity to be used by local sports clubs and schools the track will have UKA Class A classification and a surface by the same manufacturer as the Olympic Stadium in London. External facilities allow for all traditional Track and Field events.

A multipurpose building, with full disabled access, incorporates 6 team changing and shower facilities, a 50m covered running track with long jump pit, strength conditioning/gym area, physiotherapy room, a first aid treatment room as well as extensive storage for equipment. A kitchen, office and general purpose room are located adjacent to the spacious reception entrance area.

The internal track netting allows reconfiguration for cricket as well as discus/javelin practice whilst the high tensile fabric roof also permits internal pole vault practice.

Wylie Shanks were engaged on the project to provide design, production information and site management support to East Ayrshire's own in-house team.

