

Media release

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REAP Olympic funding helps transform Gascoyne Estate

Following a successful application by Hackney Homes for the London Development Agency's REAP (Recreation and Environmental Action Programme) project, Gascoyne Estate has been transformed.

The planning and planting of over 30 different types of trees, shrubs and plants at Gascoyne Estate in Homerton was recently completed, turning the area into a flurry of greenery and colour for local residents.

£250,000 was awarded to improve green space in the Hackney Wick area – which is close to where the Olympic and Paralympic Games will be staged in 2012.

Gascoyne Estate is the first estate of six in the area to be completed by Hackney Homes' Estate Environment special projects team who have planned this project from design and procurement right through to planting and finishing.

One resident said: "This has completely transformed the area. It takes my breath away every time I walk past the new gardens."

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Notes to Editors

- Hackney Homes is an Arms Length Management Organisation (ALMO) launched in April 2006 to manage the Council's social housing stock. Hackney Homes is led by a board which includes residents, councillors and independent representatives and is responsible for managing 22,000 tenanted properties and 8,000 leasehold properties in the borough. For further information visit www.hackneyhomes.org.uk