

# SPECIAL PROJECTS



**17 DAYS**  
**19 KILOMETRES**  
**60 MEN**  
**5000 LITRES OF PAINT**  
**659 LAMP COLUMNS**  
**2450 METRES OF RAILINGS**  
**2100 ITEMS OF STREET FURNITURE**  
**1 SUCCESSFUL OLYMPIC BID**



## LONDON 2012 OLYMPIC BID

659 lamp columns, 2450m of pedestrian guard railings, 2100 other items of street furniture. All cleaned and painted. All in 17 days. That's how London won the 2012 Olympics!

It would be slightly unfair for us to take all the credit – but preparing the entire 19km route for the visit of the International Olympic Committee in 2005 was a real gold medal effort.



**“WE ARE VERY PLEASED. YOUR BOYS HAVE DONE A TERRIFIC JOB. THERE WILL BE MORE WORK LIKE THIS FOR YOU.”**

**TRANSPORT FOR LONDON**

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We removed flyposters and stickers from all street furniture, lamp columns, signposts, railings and cabinets from Vauxhall Cross to Wandsworth, and back up the A3 to London Bridge. Everything was coated with our Low Profile Anti-Flyposting system. All at less than 48 hours notice.

#### **Day and night**

At the peak of the contract, which was awarded by McNicholas plc on behalf of Transport for London, we had 60 men working in 12-hour shifts, day and night.

Five teams of painters used hydraulic access platforms to clean and apply two coats of MiO paint to 659 12 metre lamp columns. Others were armed with high-pressure hoses to remove the posters.

Coordinating the work in an efficient and effective way, while minimising the disruption to the people of London, was a major challenge. An even bigger challenge was to source sufficient paint. We exhausted the stocks of three national paint companies and were chartering lorries to ensure same-day delivery. However, we finished work and cleared the site in time for the IOC's visit. The rest is history.



**Cleaning the 19km route taken by the International Olympic Committee was a triumph of hard work and organisation.**