

Sandyforth Farm Phase 2	
Description:	Bulk Earthworks & Landscaping
Form of Contract:	ICE Conditions of Contract 6 th Edition
Duration:	78 Wks
Contract Value:	£ 3,000,000
Client:	Wigan Council
Clients Representative:	Environmental Services







Sandyforth Farm was formerly an open cast site which had deteriorated over the years following the abandonment by the operator.

The site area, some 60 hectares, was predominantly overgrown and consisted of stockpiles and mounds of shale and waste arising from the former operation and the remaining working void.






The scheme designed by Wigan Council proposed to reinstate this derelict area to a landscaped public open space including footpaths, forestry and agriculture.



The scope of works includes:

-  General site clearance of scrubs & grassland
-  Bulk cut to fill earthworks of approximately 1.1 million cubic meters of shale and sandstone
-  Pumping of groundwater and treatment prior to discharge.
-  Recovery and spreading of 400,000m³ of stocked subsoil and topsoil.
-  Surface water drainage systems to control surface water run-offs and prevent erosion of finished surfaces.
-  Substantial landscaping and agricultural works to the area

including:

-  Fertilisation
-  Grass Seeding
-  Planting trees and hedges
-  Ditching and Drainage works
-  Hard landscaping, fencing footpaths and cycleways

The excavation and filling works are nearing completion, and the site will be soiled by August 2008 – some 26 weeks ahead of programme. The agricultural and planting works will then commence with completion of the contact envisaged for the end of 2008.