

## PROJECT PROFILE

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# stadium redevelopment (co. cork)

inception to completion – contracts totalling over €1.5m to date

## BACKGROUND

CSA were retained by Cobh Ramblers Football Club to provide architectural and engineering services for a programme of redevelopment at their grounds at St. Colman's Park, Cobh, Co. Cork. The ultimate aim of the project is to provide the club with modern and safe facilities and to achieve compliance with all relevant standards and licensing requirements. This is needed if the club is to meet their goal of a sustainable existence in the Premier Division of the National League.

## PHASE ONE

The first phase of development works identified was the demolition of the existing dressing room block and the construction of a new building to contain home, away and referees' dressing rooms, a first aid/treatment room, an office, a meeting room, laundry facilities and public toilets. New turnstiles, exit gates, a second toilet block and a shop also needed around the stadium. Following agreement of a design with the Client, planning permission was secured and a Fire Safety Certified obtained. Works were tendered and a Building Contractor was appointed in July 2005. Works on site were completed in February 2006, ahead of the new season.

## PHASE TWO

A contractor was appointed in May 2006 to provide design/build services for the demolition of the existing covered terrace on the south side of the stadium, and for the construction of a new, 900-seater South Stand, with media facilities included. Secondary contracts were also awarded for the replacement of floodlighting, refurbishment of the East Stand and reconstruction of sections of the pitch perimeter wall. CSA have provided advisory services to the club in reviewing and approving designs, along with construction supervision, contracts management and payment certifications. The works are due to be completed in October 2007.

## FUTURE WORKS

Work has commenced on the third phase of the redevelopment process, a new 900-seater North Stand. Notification of a decision to grant planning permission was received in September 2007, and it is proposed to commence works in site in early 2008. Preliminary design works have also commenced on the final phase, which will comprise of a new West Stand, to include 1,900 seats, a new clubhouse/bar, function room, offices, gymnasium, shop and underground car park.



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