Can London 2012 deliver a sustainable Games?

The One Planet planning document states the aim of the games “We only have one planet; London 2012 will respect its ecological limits, its cultural diversity and create a legacy for sport, the environment and the local and global community.”

The One Planet Living principles are:

- zero carbon (reducing carbon dioxide emissions, maximise energy efficiency, maximise use of low carbon and local renewable energy sources, distributed heating, cooling and power network),
- zero waste (reducing the amounts of waste produced, then reclaiming, recycling and recovering),
- sustainable transport (reducing the need to travel and providing sustainable alternatives to private cars),
- local and sustainable materials (reclaimed, recycled, local construction materials),
- local and sustainable food (local, seasonal, healthy, organic, composting),
- sustainable water (reduce water demand, water recycling, rainwater harvesting, sewage fed into energy production),
- natural habitats and wildlife (existing biodiversity conserved, waterways rejuvenated, buildings design to minimise ecological impact),
- culture and heritage (development to reflect local heritage, support diversity)
- equity and fair trade, (create a sense of community, fair trade procurement, ethical business transactions)
- health and happiness (participation, consultation, safe and secure facilities for community after the Games).