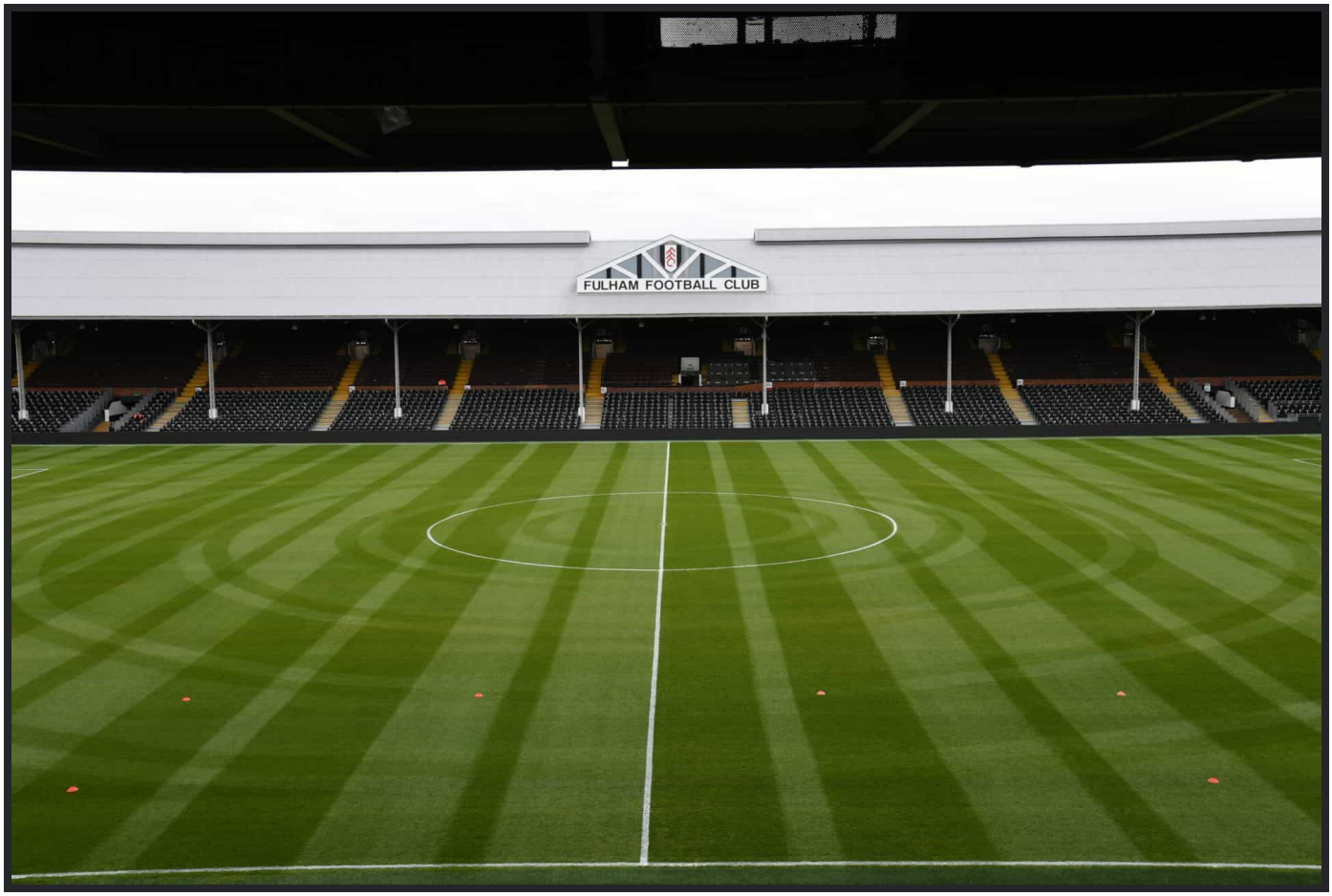
Craven Cottage Stadium

London, England



Title of Contract	Redevelopment of the Craven Cottage Stadium Pitch
Type of Contract	Infrastructure Conditions of Contract with Quantities Version November 2014
CRL Contract Number	012666
Contract Value	£697,450.86
Client	Fulham Stadium Limited, Craven Cottage, Stevenage Road, London, SW6 6HH
Where the works were carried out	Craven Cottage Stadium, Stevenage Road, London SW6 6HH
Start Date	26/05/2017
Completion Date	29/07/2017
Pitch Design	STRI Group
Consultants	James Westwood, STRI Group, St Ives Estate, Bingley, West Yorkshire, BD16 1AU

Clive Richardson Limited undertook the reconstruction of the pitch at the iconic Craven Cottage Stadium in London. The stadium is home to Fulham Football Club who play in the English Football League Championship at present.

The project involved the complete removal of the existing pitch and the construction of a new pitch with stitched hybrid reinforcement. The project was delivered within an extremely tight 12 week window between the football seasons.

The works undertaken by CRL included the removal of the existing fibre reinforced upper rootzone layer, undersoil heating pipes, irrigation pipework, goal sockets and the synthetic pitch surround. During the construction of the new pitch our work included the installation of bases for football and rugby posts, a new irrigation system including tanks and pumps, installation of new heating pipes lowe within the pitch profile, importation of upper rootzone layer, surface preparation, seeding/establishment of new grass cover, a synthetic turf outer margin and introduction of stitched hybrid reinforcement.

The project also faced a number of constraints during the operational delivery with the on-site start date moved at late notice due to the Club's involvement in the End of Season Promotion Play-off's; constraints around the working hours due to the stadium being located within a heavily urbanised residential area; limited access to the site; and, having to share the site with a number of other unrelated contractors carrying out stadium improvements at the same time.

The project was delivered on time, under-budget and to the highest specification, meeting all of the relevant FIFA and FA requirements prior to the start of the 2017/18 season.

The standard of the construction was recognised by the Association of Landscape Contractors in Ireland at their 2018/19 Awards where the project won the Sportsgrounds category and was given a special award for Design and Build Excellence.













Post Contract

Following the completion of this contract CRL have been engaged by the Stadium Management to carry out key stage pitch renovations over the next 12 months and are in regular contact with the Club and the Consultants regarding the performance of the pitch.

More Information

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