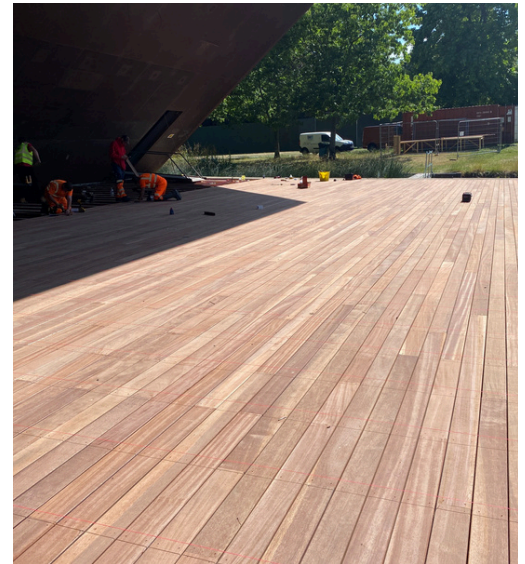




Client: Crystal Palace Park Event Limited

Requirement:

TMS were engaged to design, supply and install, like-for-like replacement timber decking at Crystal Palace Bowl. The existing decking had reached the end of its serviceable life and there was a need to replace it in readiness for planned concerts. The performance stage, locally known as the laptop, was built in 1961 and is set within the historic Grade II listed Crystal Palace Park. The venue has been used to headline artists such as Pink Floyd, Bob Marley, Elton John, Beach Boys, Vera Lynn and the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra.



Solution:

The existing life expired timber had been removed from the stage prior to TMS commencing work on site. A five-man team of TMS carpenters, experienced in the use of tropical hardwoods for marine structures, was utilised for the deck and joist replacement works. One of the challenges they needed to overcome was the uneven concrete base which necessitated the planing of each joist to suit each position, ensuring that the final decking surface was perfectly level and suitable for artists to perform on. The work was carried out during a nine-week period of hot summer weather with our team working beneath the radiating steel canopy of the laptop stage.