Green Point Stadium, Cape Town

Greenpoint Stadium in Cape Town, Western Cape, is to be specially built for 2010, with a retractable roof and a capacity of

68 000.

It will host six first-round matches, one second-round, one quarter-final and one semifinal match.

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Cape Town on Tuesday (31/10/2006 20:19) gave the go-ahead for the construction of a R2.5bn football stadium as a venue for World Cup 2010 matches, news reports said.

The new stadium

is to be built on a 10.6 hectare site in the suburb of Green Point, within walking distance of the city's popular Victoria and Alfred Waterfront at a cost of R2.5bn according to the Sapa news agency.

Regulations to limit noise

and light pollution and to minimise the visual impact of the facility that will have a seating capacity of 68 000 are to be adhered to, officials in the Western Cape said.

The Green Point stadium that presently occupies a part of the site and has hosted various entertainment events, including one of Nelson Mandela's star-studded Aids benefit concerts, is to be demolished to make way for the stadium.

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