

Activity Sheet 1.2b

Source B

Islington Council Planning Brief
Ashburton Grove Area
Summary from January 2000 Draft

Introduction

Arsenal Football Club and the council are exploring the feasibility of the Club building a new stadium in the Ashburton Grove Area to replace their existing stadium, which would be refurbished / redeveloped for appropriate alternative uses. The council wants a development that helps employment, provides local sports facilities, improves public transport and helps with the overall regeneration of the area. The old site should be redeveloped to provide affordable housing and a public open space.

Employment

Any businesses that are moved by this redevelopment must be helped to relocate and find suitable alternative premises.

Local use

The developers must make sure that all people in the community should have access to the grounds and the development, especially taking into account the needs of the elderly, disabled and people with young children.

Transport

The development should include building new walkways, planning for coach parking and redeveloping the local underground station so that there is a direct tunnel to the grounds. Tickets should include the price of public transport to discourage car use.

Regeneration

Other business could be developed as part of the overall plans. These could include hotels, pubs, shops, restaurants and leisure facilities. The extra business should also help local businesses.

Environment

Local Sites of Nature Conservation Interest may be redeveloped as long as other measures are taken as compensation. These could include creating or extending other sites, or extending Gillespie Park.

Neighbours

The development should include a wall blocking off back gardens from the ground. The stadium should be no higher than 30m and far enough away from houses to maintain privacy. The local Harvist Estate may require gates and fences to stop fans entering.