

# Activity Sheet 1.2g

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Statement from Arsenal Football Club  
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The planning brief addresses many of the concerns expressed by local residents, particularly in relation to the possible multi-use of the stadium, which restricts the number of non-football events to just six a year (of which only three could be music events).

In relation to public transport, Arsenal is already the most accessible ground by public transport in the Premier League, with 59% of fans arriving by underground, train, bus, bike, supporters' coach or on foot. The Club has always made it clear that the new stadium proposal would include measures to further improve public transport accessibility.

In respect of jobs, the Club has always given its commitment to the relocation of existing businesses to other premises elsewhere in the area. We are in active discussion with the professional advisers of the Ashburton Grove businesses to take this forward.

Overall, the Club fully supports and endorses the potential of the new stadium to regenerate the wider area and is keen to work in partnership with Islington Council, the University of North London, other landowners and the community to ensure that the area and its residents secure the maximum benefit from the development.

Ken Friar, Managing Director of Arsenal FC said:

'The council officers have done a very professional job in balancing the various comments both for and against the new stadium proposal.

The council have set down some high hurdles, but we now have a set of agreed guidelines that we can work to in developing our proposals.

As our own and the council's consultations have revealed, there is a great deal of support from local residents for the new stadium. We want to work with all residents – for and against – to create a new stadium of which everyone in Islington can be proud and which brings wide and lasting benefits to the borough.'