

Activity Sheet 1.2h

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Leaflet from Islington Stadium Communities Alliance

It's NOT just about football

The proposed Arsenal super stadium will affect residents, businesses and the environment in a wide area around Ashburton Grove and Islington. Those people already affected by match day problems will see an increase in these on a weekly or even daily basis. The effect will spread to areas unaffected now.

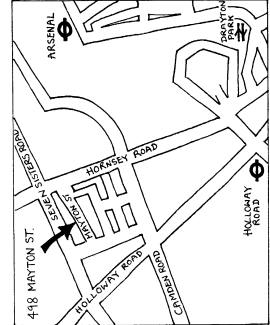
It is not 'just a bigger Highbury' – nothing like it. Instead the proposal is for something totally unknown to this area – a major entertainment/visitor complex. Some fans still do not realise Arsenal does not want a 'traditional' football stadium.

Is this sensible?

- Fitting a 60,000 capacity stadium on 27 acres has never been done before.
- 40 acres is considered the minimum needed for a new 50,000 seat stadium.
- Arsenal will have no room to expand, unlike its rivals.
- Manchester United will shortly have 64,000 seats on 100 acres.
- Wembley (76,000) is on 135 acres of industrial estate.

What will change?

- More cars, traffic and illegal parking (82% of season-ticket holders travel over 5 miles).
- An extra 22,000 supporters and visitors, walking along different and existing routes.
- A multi-use stadium, not just football, open 7 days/7 nights a week (hotels, nightclubs, casinos, conference suites, shopping malls, pubs are all possible).
- The loss and relocation of over 70 businesses and 2,100 jobs on the Ashburton Site.
- New three and four storey high buildings on Drayton Park.
- New roads, fly-overs and junctions.
- Arsenal could host more games, eg European Cups.
- Arsenal's glossy brochure has 'glossed' over the facts.
- **Jobs BEFORE leisure.**
- **Fewer cars NOT more.**
- **80 businesses NOT one.**



A bigger, different Arsenal nearer YOU?

Another chance for your views! Arsenal Football Club wants a 60,000 seater multi-use super stadium in the whole of the Ashburton Grove industrial site and on Drayton Park.

Do you want:

- More matches
- New rock and pop concerts, big events
- More traffic jams
- More parking problems
- More overcrowding on Tubes
- More noise, more litter
- More crowds coming to a huge entertainment complex
- All night night-clubs, casinos?

Arsenal wants you to think it is decided, but it's not decided yet! What are the plans? Have your say, ask your questions, make a difference to what the Council decides. There is STILL no planning application. Join your neighbours and bring a friend to the:

COUNCIL PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday 29 March 6.30pm,

The Fire Station, 84 Mayton St (see map over)

DON'T MISS THIS ONE!