

# Activity Sheet 1.3

## Role 1

Dear Councillor,

You are invited to a meeting to discuss the proposed development of a new stadium in Islington by Arsenal Football Club. A range of people who are interested in the development will attend the meeting. It is important you attend to represent the views of the council and listen to the views of the local residents' association, the football club and local business people.

Before you attend, let me take this opportunity to remind you of some of the points we have already discussed in council meetings.

Firstly, we have put forward a planning brief to make sure that the final plans put forward by Arsenal include the kind of things we are looking for. This plan is open for discussion with local people but it should make clear the kind of thing we are likely to accept. Important restrictions have been included such as height – the building should be no greater than 30m. We have also tried to make sure that plans would include ideas on how to help relocate any other firms moved by the new building (**see Source A**).

The council believes that the area is in real need of redevelopment. At present we feel that the area is not being used to the best of its potential for any purpose (**see Sources C and E**). However, if Arsenal are willing to spend money on a big new development we should make sure that it not only does not make things any worse, but that it actually helps us to improve the area by widening walkways, reducing traffic and boosting local business.

Yours faithfully,