

Activity Sheet 1.4

Role 2

Dear Member of Islington Traders' Association,

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 Islington Traders' Association and listen to the views of the local residents' association, the football club and council.

The council's planning brief is only a starting point for debate and we have to argue that there are lots of things wrong with it. The Highbury Community Association has produced a very helpful response and we should all make sure we have read it thoroughly before we go to the meeting (**see Source D**).

The council seems to think that Ashburton Grove is underused and too dirty to continue in its present state. In truth, this area, as we all know, represents one of the few areas in the borough where manufacturing still takes place and provides the local people with a great range of employment possibilities (**see Sources C and E**). Think about the kind of jobs that would be created to replace the current ones if the development went ahead. Hotels, shops and restaurants need fairly low paid, relatively unskilled workers and these are not the types of jobs we should be encouraging.

Finally, the council seems to think that the increased capacity of the new stadium will create more business for us – look at the survey of local businesses and come equipped with some arguments to get the council to change their brief (**see Source F**).

Yours truly,