

Activity Sheet 1.5

Role 3

Dear Arsenal Football Club Board Member,

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 club and listen to the views of the local residents' association, the council and local business people.

As you know we are not yet ready to submit any definite proposals to the council and we will have to negotiate with them over their brief. They are expecting us to do a lot to help them improve the area in line with their bigger plans (**see Source B**) but we have to remember that we are first and foremost a business. We will not be able to pay on our own for the redevelopment of transport and the whole of the Ashburton Grove area.

In one sense we will be helping the council improve the local area anyway because bigger crowds will bring in more business to the area, and a stadium that includes sports facilities for the community will create extra jobs. We will also be making better use of the land and this will help to improve the area on its own (**see Source E**).

Before you come to the meeting just remind yourself of the club's official position (**see Source G**).

See you there,