



The Rt Hon Tessa Jowell MP

Minister for the Cabinet Office, the Olympics and London and
Paymaster General

70 Whitehall
London, SW1A 2AS

Telephone 020 7276 2012

Fax 020 7276 0891

E-mail ptessajowell@cabinet-office.x.gsi.gov.uk

Web www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk

Web www.London2012.com

Diane Abbott MP
House of Commons
London
SW1A 0AA

19th March 2010

Diane Abbott

I would like to congratulate you again for the debate on London 2012 employment you secured in Westminster Hall on March 8th. I am writing to provide you with additional information on points you raised.

I am sure you will be happy to hear that the Olympic Delivery Authority will, from June 2012, publish information on the Olympic Village workforce in line with the way it publishes information on the Park workforce. This will include a breakdown for the numbers of workers living in Hackney and the other Olympic host boroughs.

You also raised a number of points during the debate you had received from constituents.

You asked me whether after the Games, homes on the Olympic village would be available for first-time buyers. The legacy housing development will be mixed tenure, with homes available for sale and rent, available to a wide range of people, including those from existing communities. The Village will leave a legacy of 2,818 new homes, 50% of which will be affordable. There will be retail units on the ground floor of many blocks, along with supporting community infrastructure, including a world-class education campus, Chobham Academy, for nursery, primary and secondary pupils.



You also asked me about opportunities and support for local market traders. The London Development Agency is funding the five host boroughs to run local initiatives to train local businesses, and the decision as to what the initiatives are is in the main for the local authorities to make.

The Olympic Park Legacy Company is currently reviewing the Legacy Master planning Framework which provides the spatial blueprint for the Park after the Games. It is our ambition that local businesses will have the opportunity to base themselves on the Park in legacy. Our current vision is to provide more than 150,000m² of high quality employment space for both global investors and local entrepreneurs.

We want the Park to be open to the public as soon as possible after the Games have finished. The current plans are for parts of the Parkland to be made ready by the ODA to hand over to the Legacy Company from May 2013 – just seven to eight months after the Games have taken place.

In terms of security around the Park, the Government is keen to ensure that it is proportionate and cost-effective. The Metropolitan Police Service continues to liaise with local communities through established channels, and there is a dedicated Metropolitan Police Service On-Site Operational Policing Team at the Park, liaising with on-site staff and contractors. If your constituents have any specific queries or concerns, you may wish to raise these directly with the Home Office.

A copy of this letter will be placed in the Libraries of both Houses.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tessa Jowell'.

Tessa Jowell