

Dear

Thank you for your email to the Mayor concerning the National Sports Centre.

Since the Community Conference in February of last year, we have been working to finalise the feasibility report and outline business case for the centre in order to secure approval to progress the project to the next stage. The report has now been published with sensitive information redacted, following a request for information from a member of the public. This report can be viewed online: <https://www.london.gov.uk/about-us/governance-and-spending/sharing-our-information/freedom-information/foi-disclosure-log/foi-crystal-palace-nsc-feasibility-report>

To answer your questions, Greater London Authority Land and Property Ltd (GLAP) are the leaseholders for the NSC estate under the direction of the Mayor, inherited from the London Development Agency. LB Bromley own the freehold of Crystal Palace Park, including the land of the NSC estate. The GLA have helped fund several improvements to the park in a £2.4m scheme, reflecting the priority to secure a sustainable future for the Park and National Sports Centre and a commitment to work with LB Bromley. These include a new café, the restoration of several of the Crystal Palace Dinosaurs, the Crystal Palace Sphinxes and the South Terrace steps and the creation of a new skatepark, seeing skateboarding return to one of its historic homes.

Ultimately, the Mayor is responsible for decision-making on the future of the Centre, and his Regeneration team have dedicated officers working with consultants to develop a coherent strategy for the Centre with a realistic and achievable delivery plan.

We are working with LB Bromley to integrate the two schemes- the Regeneration Plan for the park and the proposals for the NSC. We are committed to coordinating the schemes and one of the key objectives for the project is to integrate the NSC into the wider park setting, including landscaping, wayfinding and accessibility.

The next steps are to progress the design work to RIBA Stage 2- 'concept design'. This work will build upon the feasibility work done to date, to further develop the evidence base and to fully test the proposed design options to help inform future decisions.

I'm sorry you feel the consultation was not open enough, you are welcome to submit further views to a dedicated email address- nsc@london.gov.uk, or I would be happy to meet with you to discuss the project. Further consultation will be planned later in the year and I will be sure to invite you to these.

Kind Regards,

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