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GREENWICH PARK PLANNING APPLICATION: 3000 PAGES BUT NOT THE RIGHT KIND OF DETAIL

What's most worrying about LOCOG's application is what it **doesn't** contain.

For this reason, and in order for the public to have their say on the application, NOGOE is holding an OPEN MEETING on **Sunday 17 January at 2pm at John Roan School, Maze Hill, Greenwich**. Local councillors and planning officers have been invited.

Even though it is possible to assess the enormity and unacceptability of LOCOG's proposals, they are incomplete and many details are omitted - from the precise routing of the cross-country track to the method of construction of the main stadium (three alternatives are presented). They are full of actions that "may" be necessary, actions that will be taken "where" or "if" "possible" or "practicable" and plans "to be developed". Conditions or requirements for subsequent approvals would be meaningless, because it would be almost certainly impossible for anyone to stop the juggernaut at that stage.

NOGOE Coordinator, John Hine, says, "If permission were to be granted on the basis of the current application, LOCOG would have carte blanche to do what it liked to achieve its object of presenting Olympic events in Greenwich Park".

The planning application does state that there would be:

- "possible impacts on buried remains"
- "possible damage to historical structures"
- "as a last resort 'preservation by record'"

The Government's attitude to heritage is clear from these startling statistics in Parliamentary Written Answers: Between 1997/8 and 2008/9 spending on sport increased by 332%; and on heritage by only 22%.

NOGOE spokesman, Sev D'Souza, sees this as a clash of values between sport and heritage and asks: "why take risks with the nation's heritage for the sake of the Olympics?". In fact one of NOGOE's patrons, Margaret Tyzack, who was made a CBE in the New Years Honours List, puts it more strongly: "**There are plenty of backdrops to showpiece London without vandalising a World Heritage Site**".

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Notes for Editors

1. Please see separate attachments for details of the Public Meeting and a summary of the impacts.
2. Objections to the planning application were due to be closed on 13 January but NOGOE has obtained an extension till 27 January
3. More details are in NOGOE's January Newsletter on our website:
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