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Dear Mr Fox,

Thank you for your 4 letters, dated 18 June, concerning the Woolwich venues for the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

We will apply the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to an enquiry where that enquiry asks for information or documentation that is held on record in the Department. However, we hold no information or documents relevant to your enquiries. I am therefore treating them as general correspondence.

### Collection of shot and bullets

Following the 2012 shooting event at Woolwich Barracks LOCOG will return the site to its original condition and will take all appropriate measures in planning and application to facilitate this. Netting will be used to collect shoot during the competition to minimise the need for such measures.

### Woolwich Barracks

No military personal will be relocated from the Woolwich Barracks during, before or after the games and no disruption is expected to the ordinary operation of the Barracks.

### Shooting Range

LOCOG are responsible for the staging of the 2012 Games. They are a private company and are not publicly funded – other than the Government's contribution towards the staging of the



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Paralympic Games – therefore we do not have sight of their venue overlay costs.

The International Shooting Sport Federation have approved the use of Woolwich as a venue for the 2012 Games and are content with the conditions that it provides. Further to this appropriate testing has been carried out by the Met Office.

### **Shooting Legacy**

Regarding the legacy for shooting after the games there are three components which I believe will be of interest to you, considering the points you raise. Firstly, the Olympic and Paralympic Games will provide the opportunity to showcase the shooting events in an iconic London location and raise the profile of the sport.

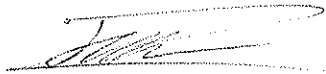
Secondly, the re-use of sports equipment and shooting ranges following the Games. British Shooting has recently provided a much welcomed commitment to work with the London Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games (LOCOG) to help define and secure the best possible legacy from the Games. The engagement with British Shooting will consider every opportunity, including those that may exist beyond the re-use of equipment.

Thirdly, through using the inspiration of the London 2012 Games Sport England has recently invested £750,000 in the development of grassroots target shooting as part of the Whole Sports Plans 2009-13. The plan will harness the interest in the sport created by the 2012 games and aims to increase participation levels.

### **Queen Elizabeth Hospital**

Concerning transport routes it is anticipated that the Town Planning Application will be made towards the end of this year. Transport routes will be considered by Greenwich Council as part of this application. I can assure you that LOCOG are working closely with the Queen Elizabeth Hospital to ensure the A&E department can operate effectively during the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Yours sincerely,



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