



**Winchester**  
City Council

**COUNCIL MEETING – 20 July 2005**

**Question under Council Procedure Rule 14**

**QUESTION 6**

From: Councillor Sutton

To: The Portfolio Holder for Culture, Heritage and Sport

"London has been successful in its bid for the Olympics in 2012, for which we send our warmest congratulations. Is there any way in which Winchester could share in the undoubted benefits that will be forthcoming with this achievement?"

Reply

"Many of the 17,000 athletes and officials, followed by 10,000 paralympians will arrive early in the UK to acclimatise and train before the games begin. To accommodate their need for world class preparation, facilities across the country will be used as pre-games training camps. These camps will allow the whole country to soak up the spirit of the games and help to boost local economies. There are 28 Olympic disciplines which will all require training camps.

Sport England representatives are currently meeting with London 2012 to gain an overview of how the camps will be selected. It is hoped that a decision on the location of the camps will be made by December 2005. The camps will have to be established well before the games so that local and UK athletes can benefit from development and training opportunities at these world class facilities.

In terms of potential benefits for the City Council, we will be actively pursuing any opportunities to raise the profile of sport across the District. The Council may even in partnership with other organisations wish to consider making a bid for one of the training camps. Winchester and District Athletics Club and Winchester University have already made it clear that they would be very keen to work in partnership with the Council to investigate the possibilities."