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Dear Sporting Stakeholder

The Crystal Place National Sports Centre is a much loved sporting venue and a vital asset for communities in South London. The Mayor of London wants to ensure the centre has a long-term future and has begun a phased review, starting with the scale and type of sports facilities hosted at the centre.

This work, commissioned by GLA, UKA, EA and Sport England, is led by Neil Allen Associates, and will be used to help shape a future strategy and inform the regeneration of the Sports Centre in its park setting.

There are a number of engagement events planned to discuss the sporting facilities at the centre, kicking off with a focus group on the **29th January at 7pm** at the Lodge to discuss athletics at the NSC. You can find out more and register here: <https://nscathletics.eventbrite.co.uk>

Numbers are limited, but we want to hear from as many people as possible, so we would encourage clubs or groups to send one representative.

If you wish to attend but cannot make it, contact nsc@london.gov.uk and we will endeavour to make alternative arrangements to hear your thoughts. Or you could attend one of our drop in sessions to be held in the centre on 29th Jan and 13th Feb 10am – 8pm.

Please feel free to forward this email to anyone you feel should be aware of this event.

Do note – that this is the very beginning of a phased review – there will be several other opportunities over the summer and autumn to feed into this work, and share your thoughts and ideas for the future of the NSC.

Regards,

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[NSC Focus Group – Athletics - by GLA & Neil Allen Associates](#)

DESCRIPTION

These sessions are aimed at all users or potential users of the NSC athletic facilities and those with a strategic interest in athletics. The sessions will focus on the following themes:

Q1: Review of current use of facilities for training and events

Example discussion points:

- Which groups are currently using the indoor facilities?
- Which events predominate?
- Is there any coordination between groups?
- What are the shortcomings / drawbacks of the current provision?
- Who is staying away who could potentially be attracted to Crystal Palace?
- Why is Crystal Palace important and/or unique for your sport or activity?
- What does it provide that is not available elsewhere?
- What are the benefits/advantages of using a multi sports centre?

Q2. Defining possible new provision

Example discussion points:

- What are the key ingredients for a successful venue for your sport, dedicated and ancillary facilities?
- Are the facilities 'fit for purpose.'
- What is changing in your use of Crystal Palace and why?
- Are there competing or alternative venues?
- What are the challenges at Crystal Palace and what if anything needs to change?

Q3. Building and sustaining usage

Example discussion points:

- If there is an investment in facilities, where does this need to focus?
- How can your sport continue to build a thriving usage base