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Dear Mr Goldstone,

Use of the Olympic Stadium

Firstly, congratulations on your recent appointment. I hope that the constructive relationship between the LLDC and the Committee, built up over recent years, will continue.

I am writing to request clarification on the use of the Olympic Stadium, and comments made at the Committee meeting on 11 September. At that meeting, Members discussed the viability of Tottenham Hotspur FC (Spurs) using the stadium during the redevelopment of White Hart Lane. According to Dennis Hone, Spurs had not yet raised the issue with the LLDC, but that "if we get an approach from Tottenham, we would consider it".

Dennis Hone also confirmed there was no lock-out agreement with West Ham FC that would prevent Spurs from using the stadium. Since the meeting, recent media reports have appeared to contradict this, with the Guardian quoting Karen Brady as stating that "No one has asked us for our permission and, if they did, we would probably say no."¹

In terms of achieving value for money for the taxpayer, allowing Spurs to use the Olympic Stadium would bring in much-needed revenue for the LLDC. I would be grateful if you would therefore provide clarification on the following issues:

- The terms of the agreement between the LLDC and West Ham FC regarding other football teams using the Olympic Stadium – specifically, whether the LLDC is free to enter into agreements with other clubs to use the stadium.
- For how many years would Spurs (or any other club) be able to use the stadium?
- Have the LLDC and Spurs discussed the possibility of using the stadium? If so, what has been the outcome of any discussions so far?
- Has the LLDC done an estimate of the financial impact of allowing Spurs to ground share for a season?

¹ <http://www.theguardian.com/football/2014/sep/23/karren-brady-olympic-stadium-west-ham-united-tottenham-hotspur>

I would be grateful if you would arrange for a response to be sent to me by 29 October (copied to the Project Officer, as per the details below).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Biggs', with a stylized flourish at the end.

John Biggs AM
Chairman of the Budget and Performance Committee