

LONDON OLYMPIC GAMES AND PARALYMPIC GAMES ACT 2006

EXPLANATORY NOTES

MISCELLANEOUS

Section 34: Greater London Authority: powers

99. This section enables the Greater London Authority (GLA) to play its part in delivering the 2012 Olympic Games. The section gives the GLA the power to do anything for the purpose of complying with the obligations which are placed on the Mayor of London in the Host City Contract (whether before, during or after the London Olympics), or to prepare for and manage the London Olympics.
100. In exercising this power, the GLA shall have regard to the desirability of consulting and cooperating with the Secretary of State, the British Olympic Association, LOCOG, and anyone else with experience or knowledge which might be useful in relation to preparing for or managing the London Olympics.
101. When undertaking actions to deliver the Olympic Games, the GLA must consider how best to maximise the benefits to be derived from the preparations for the London Olympics once the Games are over.
102. The GLA is given particular powers to:
- arrange for the construction, improvement or adaptation of premises or facilities,
 - arrange for the provision of services,
 - undertake works,
 - acquire land or other property,
 - enter into agreements,
 - act jointly or co-operate with any other person,
 - give financial and other support to others for activity connected with the London Olympics,
 - take action in respect of places outside London.
103. The GLA may delegate its function under this section to the London Development Agency although the provisions of section 5(2) and (3) of the Regional Development Agencies Act (1998) shall apply: this means that the LDA will still be required to obtain the Secretary of State's consent for certain activities and its powers in relation to housing will still be restricted.