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Dear Lord Coe

LOCOG Adverts on the Transport Network

I do not want to tarnish the good spirit that the games are being conducted in, but I recently noticed the attached LOCOG advert. The advert states that there would be no Olympic Games without our corporate sponsors.

Can I remind LOCOG that London Council tax payers have been contributing since 2006/7 during these austere times £20 on average annually on their council tax and will do so till 2016/17. This apart from the general tax payer and those who play the Olympic lottery as well for the huge capital costs and an element of revenue involved in delivering the Games in London.

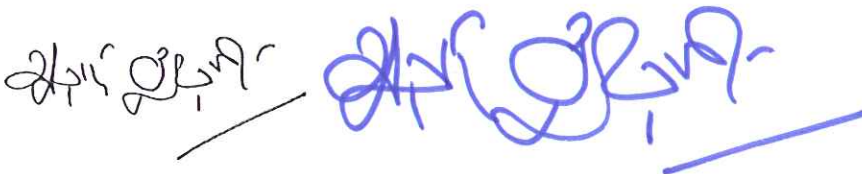
You will know that some of the LOCOG budget is derived from ticket revenue paid for by ordinary citizens. You are also spending £736m of public money. You will also be aware that the vast majority of spending on the Olympics has been from the taxpayer, via the ODA.

It would therefore be good to know how many such adverts there are, what the cost of the adverts has been and what budget it has come out of?

Can we also have this correction made on these adverts immediately or have the adverts withdrawn with their misinformation. The games would not have happened if the London Council tax payer weren't going to make their contribution when central government made such a request when the bid was being put together. LOCOG should give due recognition to that reality, if it is going to acknowledge the contribution of big business to the successful hosting of the games in London 2012.

I look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely,



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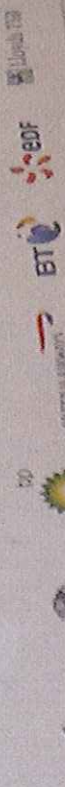
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