



Dear Terry

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REDEVELOPMENT AND MODERNISATION OF BISHAM ABBEY

At the Beijing Olympics Team GB were outstanding with several of the Bisham Abbey based athletes winning medals. To ensure this level of performance is sustained and if possible exceeded at the 2012 London Olympics Sport England and the Sports Council Trust Company are committed to further improving Bisham Abbey National Sports Centre as both a local community and elite training facility.

A programme of improvements has been scheduled for Bisham Abbey to meet the growing requirements of the centres elite athletes and community users. The first phase of this redevelopment will now start on the 24th November 2008.

This first stage of redevelopment will include the building of two new floors inside the existing sports complex over the current English Institute of Sports Strength and Conditioning Gym and the centres Dojo. This will considerably increase the available floor space to accommodate athlete and NGB needs at the centre. The improvements are directly linked to the need for improved facilities for training in the lead up to the 2012 Olympics.

On completion these two new areas will be used by the English Institute of Sport and several National Governing Bodies, providing a modern environment for elite athletes.

With effect from 24th November 2008 customers will no longer be able to hire the Dojo area. Please accept our sincere apologies for the short notification of the withdrawal of this facility.

The following list identifies other possible Leisure Centres which may be able to accommodate your booking:-

- Stoke Mandeville Stadium Contact Number: 01296 484848
- The Magnet Leisure Centre Maidenhead Contact Number: 01628 633899

The second phase of development will be the improvement to the outdoor clay court area which will be expanded by one court and all courts will be resurfaced.

The plans for the works will be on display in the centre foyer within the next few days.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for using Bisham Abbey as a venue. Should you wish to discuss this matter or require additional information, in the first instance please contact the General Manager at Bisham, Mr Peter Mann.

Yours sincerely

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