

Hadleigh Farm

London 2012 Olympic Games Mountain Bike event

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Essex County Council is pleased to confirm that after extensive local consultation, the planning application for the Olympic Mountain Bike Event at Hadleigh Farm has been approved.

The recent announcement is the latest development of the Essex Olympic story and opens a new chapter in Hadleigh Farm's history as the County and the Borough of Castle Point begin preparations to welcome the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games in around two years time.

There is still much work to be done and Essex County Council and its partners remain committed to keeping local residents informed and involved, up to and beyond the events in 2012.

The approval of the planning application is a key milestone and it is great to see local schools, businesses and residents are already engaging in initiatives which are bringing the benefits of hosting the London 2012 Games to Hadleigh.

The challenge for Hadleigh and the surrounding area will be to make the most of the opportunity to get involved in the Games and make Hadleigh Farm a venue the whole nation can be proud of.

Councillor Stephen Castle
Essex County Council,
Cabinet Member for
Education and the
2012 Games



How do I get involved?

This summer why not get involved in Open Weekend?

A number of events will be staged in Hadleigh as part of national festivities which celebrate the countdown to the start of the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games. On 24 July visitors will have the opportunity to rise to the Hadleigh Great Navigation Challenge, with orienteering and geo-caching in the Country Park.

The Salvation Army are celebrating the Open Weekend with an invitation to visit Hadleigh Farm, its Rare Breeds Centre and Tearooms. A heritage exhibition, showcasing the rich and varied history of the area, will be held between 23 and 25 July at Hadleigh Farm. Members of the local community have already offered artefacts and memories to the exhibition, which promises to be fascinating. By arrangement with Essex County Council plans for the Mountain Bike Olympic venue will also be on show. Go to london2012.com/get-involved/open-weekend for more information.

Essex County Council are also working with local partners to help support a range of initiatives related to cycling and culture in Hadleigh and the wider area.

Volunteering

There are two different volunteering opportunities at Hadleigh.

To be an official volunteer inside any of the London 2012 Olympic Venues (including Hadleigh Farm) you will need to register through the London 2012 website at london2012.com

There will also be a need for local volunteers outside of the venue at Hadleigh Farm. If you are interested in becoming a local volunteer register your interest by calling **01245 433138** or email london2012@essex.gov.uk

Schools

Two local Specialist Colleges, Deanes School and Appleton School, have been already accepted into London 2012's 'Get Set' educational programme having demonstrated how they have used the Olympic and Paralympic values such as determination, respect and equality to support achievement in their schools. Essex also has its own Inspire Mark awarded **Essex Carrying the Flame** Curriculum pack which the County Council is working to develop with a link to the Hadleigh Farm venue. For more information on 'Get Set' visit getset.london2012.com and essexlegacy.org/education

Business

A number of local businesses have successfully registered on the London 2012 procurement database, enabling them to compete for Games-related contracts. To find out more about Competefor and London 2012 business opportunities

visit: london2012.com and competefor.com and look out for information about local business breakfasts.

What is the London 2012 Olympic Mountain Bike Venue?

Planning permission has been granted for the London 2012 Olympic Mountain Bike Event venue at Hadleigh Farm, which consists of the mountain biking course, temporary facilities and some internal landscaping and access works. A plan of the venue, showing the venue boundary and an outline of where the temporary facilities and entrance areas would be located, can be found at essexlegacy.org in the Hadleigh Farm Newsletter dated March 2010 or a copy can be provided on request.

When will works begin?

Works for the course and venue began early in July 2010 and will last until April 2011. The proposals for widening to Chapel Lane and Castle Lane are still subject to ongoing consultation with the Highways Authority and further details will be available later this year prior to any work commencing.

In the weeks before and after the London 2012 events and the Test Event in the summer of 2011 there will be works to install the temporary overlay and other event requirements. Further information will be provided on these periods in 2011 prior to the events.

How will spectators get to and from the venue?

There will be no parking at the venue (except for blue badge holders and officials). Public transport will be the main way spectators will access the venue using a combination of rail, coach, bus and also Park and Ride and other travel modes such as walking and cycling. These transport options will be supported and managed with the support of a Local Area Traffic Management Plan. For more details please visit essexlegacy.org or the Transport Plan for the London 2012 Games at www.london2012.com and view the March Newsletter or request a copy.

Before 2012: Proposed highways works to improve access to the area would involve some disruption. However, access to properties along

Chapel Lane and Castle Lane would be maintained throughout the works. These proposals are still subject to ongoing consultation with the Highways Authority and further details would be made available before any work commences.

During Games Time: A Local Area Traffic Management Plan will be designed by Essex County Council, Essex Police and the Olympic Delivery Authority. It will contain measures aimed at ensuring efficient event traffic movement within the local area for the event, and for maintaining access to resident and business addresses. More information will be available by the end of 2010. Properties on the streets affected will be contacted directly.

What will remain after the Games?

The planning permission granted is for the London 2012 Olympic Mountain Bike Event alone which will not be for general public use. Essex County Council is however committed to submitting a separate planning application in relation to long term proposals for the course to remain following the London 2012 Olympic Mountain Bike Event. These proposals are not yet finalised but they are likely to include retaining the course in an adapted form. All of the temporary facilities used for the staging of the London 2012 Mountain Bike Events will be removed from the site.

How will footpaths be affected?

The majority of the footpaths in the area will remain open. However in the periods before, during and after the events the Country Park car park will be affected by closures as will some of the footpaths that run closest to the venue boundary or through the venue.

It has also become necessary to implement temporary local diversions to the footpath that runs through the venue while works are carried out. Temporary local diversions will be used to minimise this impact during the periods in which these works are carried out. Local signage will be used to guide walkers to alternative routes. For the latest information please contact us or go to essexlegacy.org

How can I stay informed?

Newsletters and updates will be provided between now and 2012.
To register to receive these please call **01245 431 493** or email
london2012@essexlegacy.org

In addition Essex County Council will be attending local neighbourhood meetings and other events in the community such as the Open Weekend events at Hadleigh on 24 and 25 July 2010.

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