

2012 London Olympic Games Legacy

Housing

- There were meant to be up to **2,800 new homes with affordable rents**, but it is noted that it is unaffordable for **Newham's poorest households**. (Anne Power, LSE)
- A 2016 Freedom of Information request showed that the **London Legacy Development Corporation** had already lowered the target of affordable housing **from 50% to 31%**. (www.gamesmonitor.org.uk)

Facilities

- The Olympics brought more than **£9bn of investment to East London**, much of which went into transport. **Stratford** is now second only to King's Cross as the **most connected part of London**.
- Facilities such as the aquatics centre will be **open to the public** for the same cost as other pools in the host boroughs. (www.independant.co.uk)
- The area had been completely transformed from 'a place of fridge mountains, distilleries and scrapyards' into a 'green playground' – **Leeway riverside path**. This could also improve the **quality of life for people** who live in the area. (www.theguardian.com)
- **West Ham football** team are moving in to the main stadium - The BBC claimed that the stadium will be a **multi-use venue**. It is a 'multi-use' venue but it costs an **enormous amount of money** converting it to accommodate athletics and football. (www.gamesmonitor.org.uk)

Quality of life for residents

- **4964 jobs** were removed from the area of the Park to make way for the Olympics.
- **Newham** is where **one in four families live in overcrowded properties** and which in 2015 had over **16,000 households** on its housing waiting list.
- The redevelopment of the Lea river **decontaminated** the land, improving **local health**, and made a once derelict inaccessible area a **pleasant and attractive** place to be.

