

**Council, 8 September 2009**

**Motion 3.4:** Councillor Matthew Offord

**2012 Olympics Road Cycling Route**

Under Standing Order Part 4, Section 1, 31.5: if my item is not dealt with by the end of the meeting I ask that it be voted upon at the Council meeting.

Council notes that the original 2012 London Olympics Road Cycling event route was from Regents Park to Hampstead Heath, including a section in the Borough of Barnet. Council further notes that this route is now under threat after the International Cycling Union asked the London Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games (LOCOG) to re-examine it.

Council believes that the original route is an essential part of bringing the 2012 Olympics to North London. Barnet's taxpayers are contributing an estimated £20 million to fund the Olympics and, if the International Cycling Union's request is met, will not have a single Olympic sport taking place in their Borough.

Council notes that the route was successfully used during the 2006 Tour of Britain and has been upgraded, ready for the 2012 Road Cycling event.

Council calls upon the Chief Executive to write to Lord Coe, Chairman of LOCOG, to demand that they retain the Olympic road cycling event route, including the portion in the Borough of Barnet.