

A selection of views expressed about the London 2012 Olympics (at the time the bid was won) taken from the BBC Sport website.

FOR the Olympics coming to London in 2012

London is our nation's capital and the whole country will benefit from the games. The regeneration plans for the east end of London will improve the area. The additional tourism the Olympics will attract will be phenomenal, as well as the extra investment in grass roots sports development. Open your eyes; this is a fantastic opportunity for the nation. Show some pride and back the bid! PG

I'm Scottish, but I'm also British and proud of it. I will back any British bid before I would back another country in any sport, simply a case of pride. No wonder we lose out on so many potentially wonderful sporting and other opportunities in Britain, we are too good at knocking our own people! Get behind the team and the country, folks. B

I'm surprised that people are making such a big fuss about tax. It's £20 per year for goodness sake! That's barely the price of a music CD. Or, seen another way, the average Brit spends more on pints of beer in a week than that. It's not a massive price to pay for something that will hopefully inspire youngsters (and maybe even adults) to take part in more sporting activities, not to mention the host of other benefits the Olympics offer. Z

I live in London, I am overjoyed that we have the chance to host a major event like the Olympics in my lifetime, and I'm happy to pay extra tax for the privilege of doing it. I'm very proud of my country – all of it, and I don't just limit that to where I live or where I was born. We have a beautiful country and some amazing athletes – why not combine the two and show the whole world what a spectacular job we can make of hosting the Olympics. VB

AGAINST the Olympics coming to London in 2012

Gutted. I, along with 50 million others in the UK who don't live in London, am going to have to pay inflated tax bills for the next 20 years to pay for 2 weeks of fun for Londoners, who are already the richest people in the country. If they want it, make them pay for it alone – hike the London council tax. Sam

I'm from London and I don't want it. Why should only London get a rise in tax? Londoners have to suffer overcrowded journeys now, what do you think it'll be like when the Olympics start? It's bad for travel and I don't see how any IOC member thought it would be good after travelling on our transport. Gutted London won, knowing the way things run in this city it'll be London 2013. O

Why is this a national victory? It's a victory for London not Great Britain as a whole. If somebody can convince me that this will benefit me or my community (rural Norfolk) then I'll be all for it but until then, I don't want to pay for it. JB

I live in the North and couldn't be less excited about this news. English sports fans in the regions are already alienated enough when it comes to international sport. All football internationals are soon to return to Wembley, all rugby is at Twickenham, tennis at Wimbledon, half of international cricket hosted at Lords and the Oval. With all the resources that are going to be poured into the capital, this is only going to extend further. HL