



Paul Wilkins

2th September 2012



Dear Paul

Thank you so much for your kind words and your poem about the success of the London 2012 Olympic Games. This would not have been possible without the help and support of so many people like you and for this we will be eternally grateful.

I cannot word my thanks and thoughts any better than the speech that i gave during the Closing Ceremony and I have enclosed a copy of this. We have shown the world what we are capable of as a country and I think we can all be proud of what we achieved - a pride which I hope will live long in all of us.

Thank you again.

With best wishes,

Paul Ryan

Sebastian Coe

Sebastian Coe KBE
Chairman

London 2012 has played host to some incredible sport. To awe inspiring feats, that are the result of incredible dedication and skill by the world's great sports men and women.

To all the Olympians who came to London to compete – thank you. Those of us who came to watch witnessed moments of heroism and heartbreak that will live long in the memory.

You have our admiration and our congratulations.

This may be the end of these two glorious weeks in London. But what we have begun will not stop now.

The spirit of the Olympics will inspire a generation.

We have seen in these days what tenacity can do, what ambition can do, what imagination can do. We know more now, as individuals and as a nation, just what we are capable of.

And that knowledge will drive us on.

On the first day of these games I said we were determined to do it right. I said that these Games would see the best of us.

On this last day I can conclude with these words:

When our time came - Britain we did it right. Thank you!

OLYMPIC STADIUM, LONDON

Sunday, 12 August 2012

Today sees the closing of a wonderful Games in a wonderful city.

We lit the flame and lit up the world.

For the third time in its history London was granted the trust of the Olympic movement and once again we have shown ourselves worthy of that trust.

And for that I want to say thank you.

Thank you to the people who built the stadiums, the people who created a new neighbourhood in an old city, the people who stood guard to keep us safe.

Thank you to the London Organising team, to every one of you who worked so hard, and who turned the buildings into a theatre of sport and drama, and choreographed these Games, and to the International Olympic Committee which has been with us every step of the way.

Thank you to the tens of thousands of volunteers who gave their time and enthusiasm and who have the right to say 'I made London 2012'.

And thank you to the people of this country. The British people got behind London's bid and they got behind London's games. Our opening ceremony proclaimed that these would be a Games *for* everyone. At our closing ceremony, we can say that these were a Games *by* everyone.