



## Press Release

### Snowsport England move office to Sports Park Loughborough

An exciting phase in the long history of Snowsport England (formerly the English Ski Council) will take place this summer. The head office, which has been based in council premises above the area Library in Halesowen since the organisation began in 1979, will move to Sports Park in Loughborough, part of the Loughborough University complex. The move has come about due to the Council lease expiring on the current office and their wishing to re utilise these for themselves. Following this the Board looked upon this as an opportunity to review future office requirements, the organisations needs and where should it be located to best deliver for the sport and our membership.

This is a great opportunity for Snowsport England to enhance its operations and culture, creating a more dynamic organisation within the current economic environment.

It will also raise our profile with other National Governing Bodies and give us the ability to learn from, and interact with, other sports. It will involve a steep learning curve and I hope all members will help with the challenge ahead.

The move will happen in August /September time and more details will be given out once this has been finalised. Your support is essential in helping to develop Snowsport England into a modern National Governing Body.

With this change in location for the office there is going to be a change in the staffing. We have gone through a consultation period with the office staff and due to the distance of the move it is with deep regret that none of the office staff will be relocating to the new office. This is a disappointment as they have contributed to the development of Snowsport England and have been very loyal to the organisation. In particular I would like to thank Jenny who has been with the organisation for over 20 years and knows an awful lot of the members individually. They all do a fantastic job which has been challenging over recent months with all the uncertainty placed on them due to the office move. The current staff will finish on the 16<sup>th</sup> September.

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Snowsport England is the trading name of the English Ski Council Ltd.

Snowsport England is the National Governing Body for all English snowsport participants (whether they be in England or elsewhere) and for snowsports in England and has the recognition by the Sports Councils to receive public funds.

Snowsports can be divided into four core disciplines, which have a number of sub-disciplines, Alpine , Nordic, Snowboarding, Freestyle

**Sports Park Information**      <http://www.sportpark.org.uk/>

Home to many of the country's top sports governing bodies and national sports organisations, SportPark Loughborough University is a £15m development that opened its doors in January 2010 and is a brand new concept in sports working.

Organisations including The Amateur Swimming Association, British Swimming, England Cricket Board, England Squash, English Federation of Disability Sport, Great Britain Wheelchair Basketball, Institute of Sport and Recreation Management, The Institute of Swimming, Leicester-Shire & Rutland Sport, Volleyball England and the Youth Sport Trust work side-by-side in a high quality environment that encourages partnership working, sharing of best practice, collaboration and innovation.

Based in purpose-built accommodation in a parkland setting at the western entrance of the University, sports bodies are also able to access expertise and knowledge from across the Loughborough campus including the University's Business School, its Sports Development Centre, the School of Sport, Exercise and Health Sciences and SportPark's close neighbours the Sports Technology Institute.

SportPark has been developed by Loughborough University and part-funded by emda, Sport England, Charnwood Borough Council and Leicestershire County Council, and is designed to support sports organisations as they strive to raise their game in achieving excellence in all that they do.