Dear [INSERT MPs NAME],

As I’m sure you will be aware, your Parliamentary colleague, Tracey Crouch MP, has recently published her final report as Chair of the Fan Led Review of Football Governance. Its key recommendation is the creation of an independent regulator for football with significant powers in relation to club governance, financial regulation and supporter engagement. Once established, the aim of the new regulator will be to make football *“sustainable and competitive for the benefit of existing and future fans and the local communities football clubs serve”.*

The Recommendations of the Review are also backed by Fair Game, a group of 34 value-driven football clubs campaigning to improve the governance of football. AFC Wimbledon are among the founder members of Fair Game.

The report also considers the existing financial imbalance between the 20 clubs of the Premier League whose turnover is some five times that of the other 72 clubs in English professional football. It concludes that the Premier League should *“make additional, proportionate contributions to further support football”* and recommends thatthe new regulator be handed backstop powers to intervene if the Premier League and EFL cannot reach agreement.

I, along with my counterparts across the EFL, believe that this report is a significant milestone towards creating a fairer and stronger football pyramid of sustainable football clubs in communities throughout England and Wales. Enhanced regulation and increased redistribution of the game’s revenues are inseparable and must move forward simultaneously through any legislation designed to enact the Review’s recommendations. Fairer redistribution of the game’s financial rewards will ensure that clubs are solvent, while better regulation will ensure they are sustainable.

The EFL has proposed that the combined broadcasting revenues of the two professional leagues should be split 75% to the Premier League and 25% to the EFL. This could halve the damaging financial gap between the top two divisions and help make clubs in Leagues One and Two financially sustainable at a stroke. This could also be achieved without making the Premier League any less competitive, given it would still distribute more money to its member clubs than any other league in world football by some considerable margin. Therefore, this proposal is strongly supported by AFC Wimbledon.

The Government has indicated its *“in principle”* support for the regulator and has confirmed that it will work *“at pace to determine the most effective way to deliver an independent regulator, and any powers that might be needed”* with DCMS due to consider the report’s recommendations over the next few months before responding in the spring.

I would therefore welcome the opportunity to meet with you in the immediate period ahead, as I believe your support could help us deliver an outcome that is good for AFC Wimbledon, good for people living in our local community and good for football. Of course, we have many exciting matches coming up and we would be delighted to host you if you would prefer to come and join us at Plough Lane

Yours sincerely

Joe Palmer

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