

# MOTION ON NOTICE

City Council September 2018



## **Support for the introduction of safe standing in football grounds**

Plymouth City Council supports our football club Plymouth Argyle and its fans. Should legislation allow it, Plymouth Argyle wish to implement a safe standing section within phase 2 of its redevelopment of Home Park and the Mayflower Grandstand.

The majority of football fans would like the choice to stand in dedicated standing sections. Of 33,000 football fans surveyed by the English Football League (EFL), 94% of respondents would like the choice between sitting and standing in safe, licensed areas

The Football Association (FA), Premier League and the EFL have stated that they support clubs' choice to install safe standing in the top two tiers of English football.

Safe standing sections have been shown to improve both the safety of spectators and the atmosphere at top flight clubs around the world.

Plymouth City Council supports the Football Supporters' Federation (FSF) campaign for the introduction of safe standing sections in football stadia.

We ask the Leader of the Council to:

1. Write to the board of Plymouth Argyle FC supporting its aspiration to introduce a safe standing section in its Home Park redevelopment plans.
2. Write to the Secretary of State for the Department of Culture, Media and Sport, highlighting this council's support for legislative change to allow football clubs in England to introduce safe standing in stadiums.

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