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Dear Secretary of State

Safe standing at Football Grounds

I am writing with regard to a matter that has been raised by the supporters' trust of Plymouth's local Football League club, Plymouth Argyle FC. Plymouth Argyle is currently undertaking major improvement works to its ground to improve the facilities it offers for the comfort of its wide fan base and to increase its ground capacity. In parallel with these works some representatives of the supporters at the club have aspirations to introduce safe standing in parts of its ground.

The club and the Council are very aware of the very important safety requirements under the Safety at Sports Grounds legislation and both organisations take their responsibilities very seriously being guided by the Sports Ground Safety Authority (SGSA) and through the Safety Advisory Group.

I would like to relay the Council's support for a legislative review to consider the feasibility of re-introducing safe standing at football league clubs. I am aware that fans at a number of Football League and Premier League clubs have similar ambitions for safe standing and all wish to do this through the proper legislative framework and guidance so that safe standing is undertaken with the minimum possible safety risk to spectators.

I hope this matter is something that you can give due consideration to and it would be extremely helpful if I can relay to the supporters a commitment by yourself to give proper consideration to this matter in the near future.

Yours sincerely

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