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Dear Michael

Safe standing at Plymouth Argyle FC

I am writing regarding the recent attention that has been given nationally to the provision of safe standing within Football League grounds. As you know as a Council we work very closely in partnership with yourselves to ensure that Plymouth Argyle meets its requirements under the Safety at Sports Ground legislation through the review of your safety certificate and liaison through the Safety Advisory Group.

I have asked my officers to discuss this matter with the Sports Ground Safety Authority (SGSA) who in turn have committed to raising it with your safety representatives. As a Council we would be pleased to support in principle any aspiration Plymouth Argyle may have in introducing safe standing as long as it is under the guidance of the SGSA and is supported through legislative changes regarding safety at sports grounds. I have also committed to the following:

1. To write to the Secretary of State for the Department of Culture, Media and Sport, highlighting this Council's support for a legislative review of safe standing at football grounds (attached)
2. To ensure that the Chair of the Safety Advisory Group (SAG) raises this matter at the next scheduled SAG meeting so that the Council's position is understood and debated with the relevant emergency services as well as the SGSA and Plymouth Argyle.

I hope you find this commitment helpful and will be keeping a close eye on progress that is made on this matter.

Yours sincerely

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Leader, Plymouth City Council

