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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Lord Triesman,

I am writing to you in respect of the proposed new stadium for Nottingham Forest at Holme Pierrepont which features as the 'key facility' within Nottingham's bid to host matches if the 2018 football World Cup comes to England.

I wanted to inform you of the significant opposition to the proposed stadium that exists within the local communities of Lady Bay, West Bridgford and Gamston that would be affected by its construction and the likely considerable delays to the planning and construction process that these communities and this group would cause in its fight to prevent this proposal from proceeding.

FIELDS have already written to you based on the response of people at a recent public meeting. FIELDS is a sub-group of the Lady Bay Community Association, established more than 20 years ago to oppose development of the land to the East of Lady Bay and around Holme Pierrepont, the location of the proposed stadium. The group have already succeeded in opposing development of this land most notably the removal of a proposed Fourth Trent Crossing from all local plans. The group are well resourced, well financed and have the experience and the will to fight an effective and robust campaign against the proposed stadium.

Local opposition aside, it should be noted that there are a number of other significant obstacles that will need to be overcome if the proposed stadium at Holme Pierrepont is to be built;

- The proposed location of the stadium is in an area that is currently identified as 'Green Belt'; as such the proposed stadium development contravenes current planning guidelines (Planning Policy Guidance 2 – Green Belts).
- The location is also on the Trent Floodplain and the development will cover land, which at present slows water run-off into local watercourses and the River Trent. The Environment Agency would oppose the development and again the proposal contravenes current guidelines regarding developments on floodplains (Planning Policy Statement 25 – Development & Flood Risk).
- The proposed stadium would be adjacent to a grade II listed building (Simkins Farm) and developments that affect the setting of this listing are not permitted. English Heritage would undoubtedly oppose the proposed development and again the proposal contravenes current planning guidance (Planning Policy Guidance 15 – Planning and the Historic Environment).
- The site is adjacent to 'Skylarks' a holiday home for the disabled that is run by Vitalize, who would be severely affected by the proposed stadium development.
- The proposed site of the stadium is currently occupied by a permanently occupied caravan park called Greenacres and a recently built sports ground. The development would require the removal and re-siting of both of these existing facilities.

We hope that the raising of these issues has proved useful and that these will be passed on in full to the FA 2018 delegation who are due to visit the proposed site again on 7<sup>th</sup> September.

We further hope that the above are fully considered as a part of the decision making process into which 12 cities/venues are chosen as part of the 2018 World Cup bid. When looked at objectively we would hope that you come to the same conclusions as ourselves in that the Nottingham bid is at best 'aspirational' and given the current economic climate alongside the major obstacles highlighted above has to be seen as a very 'long shot' indeed, especially when there are two other cities within 15 miles who are much better placed to be considered as host venues.

We would be obliged if you could acknowledge receipt of this letter and ask that if you are able, to share the process and criteria by which the 2018 World Cup bid team will be deciding on the 12 host cities/venues.

Finally, we would like to wish you all the best in your attempt to bring the football World Cup back to England.

Yours sincerely,

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