



F.A. reform – House of Commons debate Thurs 9th Feb.

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Dear Chris,

I am writing to ask for your help to progress the reform of the Football Association (F.A.).

Football plays an important part in so many people's lives whether participating, volunteering or supporting, from the grassroots to the professional clubs. At the top of that tree we need a governing body that is independent and representative and fit for the modern era. Your own constituency has many thousands of active football players, supporters and volunteers. Many involved at multiple levels from local grass roots teams, non-league, as well as semi and professional clubs.

We strongly believe that many of the problems we are encountering across the game today such as club ownership and fair representation could be addressed with the FA taking its place as the governing body and regulator of English football. We need to refresh the structure so that there is a framework to enable better strategic decisions for the long term future of the game to be made.

Damian Collins MP, The Chair of the Culture Media and Sport Select Committee is leading the way with the proposed reform and we would ask that you offer both your interest and support for this important topic.

A debate will be taking place at the House of Commons on Thursday 9th February, and we would encourage you to attend to show your support. The motion being debated is:

"That this House has no confidence in the ability of the Football Association (FA) to comply fully with its duties as a governing body, as the current governance structures of the FA make it impossible for the organisation to reform itself; and calls on the Government to bring forward legislative proposals to reform the governance of the FA."

We hope the strength and attendance at that debate will provide the platform that's needed to see the F.A. reform or to bring about legislation if it's not forthcoming.

<http://calendar.parliament.uk/calendar/Commons/All/2017/2/9/Daily>

As you know the Brakes Trust is the established supporters' organization for Leamington FC and we feel that this debate raises important issues for the fans, the club, the local constituency community and the game at large.

Best wishes,
Nick Rogers – Chairman Brakes Trust (01926 671 412).