

**Mr Nick Blofeld
Chief Executive
Bath Rugby**

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Dear Nick,

BATH RUGBY'S PROPOSED NEW STADIUM

Thank you for last week's presentation about the latest proposals for your new stadium. We have considered what you told us and would like to make the following points.

New west stand

We are still concerned about the height and visual impact of this building, which will be in the heart of the World Heritage Site. Could you please confirm to us exactly how much higher it will be than the existing south stand? Can the height be reduced further by varying the rake of the seats at different points, and/or by removing the topmost level of executive seating?

New east stand

We feel that the external appearance of the east stand, especially from the open part of the Rec, will be ugly and intrusive. We can see that your architects have sought to fit in with the style of the new west stand. Would it not be possible to vary the design so as to reduce the visual impact? In particular, you have told us that some fans actually prefer to be exposed to the elements, so why can't this section of the stadium remain unroofed?

Construction and operation

We aren't clear whether the club would stay at the Rec while a new stadium is constructed, and are concerned about all the disruption of a major building project in close proximity to residential property. Can you please provide information about the proposed construction schedule, and the steps that you would take to minimise disruption to residents from vehicles, noise, dust etc.

We have several issues about the operation of any new stadium to minimise disturbance to residents in this sensitive location:

- What measures will you take to mitigate the impact on residents of people and vehicle movements at the south end of the site, especially in the North Parade and Duke Street area?
- Can you please confirm the style of operation and operating hours of the proposed riverside cafe facilities?
- What measures will you take to prevent disruption to residents at the north end of the site, eg installation and closure of gates, and general security in the Johnston Street area at night?

We think all these matters should be spelt out in the planning application, so that suitable conditions can be attached to any planning permission.

Communications

Please continue to keep FoBRA informed as your thinking develops, so that we can comment intelligently. If you are holding another public exhibition on 28 February, it would be very helpful if this could address the points I have raised above.

Best wishes,

Henry Brown, Chairman

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