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Dear James Brain

**Letter of support for New Stadium Development adjacent to Junction 13 from FGR Supporters Club. Ref: Planning application No: S.16/0043/OUT**

**Forest Green Rovers Supporters Club (FGR SC) is a Community Benefit Society which represents the interests of fans at Forest Green Rovers FC.**

FGR SC represents over 350 fans of FGR FC who pay an annual subscription to be members. The Supporters Club made a formal submission to the Local Planning Authority on planning application No: S.16/0043/OUT and on the revised application for the new FGR stadium, adjacent to J13. Ref S.19/1418/OUT. There have been further revisions. Considering these, the success of the training ground with temporary facilities and the difficulties of continuing at The New Lawn Stadium in Forest Green, Nailsworth, highlighted by the season FGR FC were in League One of the English Football League, the Supporters Club is providing a revised submission below.

FGR SC wishes to see a viable and successful football club which plays attractive football and operates in a manner of which the supporters can be proud and provides the matchday facilities home and away fans increasingly expect. FGR SC welcomes the comprehensive proposals for a new stadium and training ground with a hotel and food and drink options. The adjacent proposed business park can provide additional matchday parking to the allocated spaces.

It is not clear at what stage the determination of the comprehensive planning application for the stadium and related development has reached. The Supporters Club looks forward to an early resolution of any outstanding issues. The comments set out below are, we believe, material considerations to be taken into account by the Local Planning Authority and therefore recognised and addressed in its determination of the outstanding planning application.

On behalf of our members, the Board of Directors, elected from amongst the membership, agreed to the following comments at the FGR SC Board meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2025.

**FGR SC recognises the need to move to a new stadium** due to the increasingly evident limitations of the New Lawn Stadium in Forest Green, Nailsworth, as the average home match crowd increases year on year, commensurate with FGR's League status and position. The average crowd is now over 2000 and rising with the prospect of promotion back into the English Football League.

**The limitations of the current stadium include:**

- \* The difficulty on the cramped site of providing covered seating for all, which football supporters now rightly expect.
- \* No additional power and water is available, which severely limits provision of facilities for supporters.
- \* Insufficient disabled provision in both parking and seating/space capacity, with no option to upgrade the current site.
- \* The limited off-street parking, exacerbated by the on-street matchday controls and the reduction in off-street parking spaces available due to the new multi-use games area constructed in the school grounds. FGR has made efforts to reduce congestion (P&R, expanded parking at the stadium and requests to local landowners) but because of very limited access congestion is frustrating for attendees and sometimes intolerable for local residents.
- \* The lack of on-street coach parking contributes to matchday congestion through on-street parking by default.

\* The difficult road access to and from the stadium, with the single track Tinkley Lane to the west and the steep hill of Nympsfield Road leading to the centre of Nailsworth to the east. Although on-street parking on Nympsfield Road is prohibited for a period before and after matches, it is not effectively enforced. This makes traffic flow difficult and inhibits the effectiveness of the P & R service provided from Renishaws at Woodchester. The P&R service is not available on weekdays.

\* The lack of sufficient matchday catering facilities, particularly in the South and East stands. Whilst some improvements are possible, these are constrained by the design of the stadium.

\* The football club are spread across the district, with the First Team located in temporary facilities at J13, FGR Women's team training and training at Hartpury and the FGR Academy across Hartpury and Cirencester.

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**In respect of the new stadium proposals, FGR SC welcomes and fully supports:**

\* The location, close to the motorway with off-street parking on the stadium site with EV charging and secure covered cycle parking, accessed from an improved A419, supplemented by improved public transport.

\* The exciting and innovative design for the stadium, providing covered seating and the catering services and lounges that home and away supporters now expect.

\* The integration of all parts of the football club on one site, including Forest Green Rovers Women.

Yours Sincerely

Ian Crawley

Secretary,

Forest Green Rovers Supporters Club.