

Nottingham Forest Supporters Trust | Open Letter to Members of Parliament, Council Leaders, Local Councillors and Regional Mayors

Dear Members of Parliament, Council Leaders, Local Councillors and Regional Mayors,

Supporting Nottingham Forest's City Ground Expansion and the Future of the Trent Sporting Quarter

On behalf of the Nottingham Forest Supporters Trust and as the voice of the thousands of supporters we represent, we are writing to ask for your support for Nottingham Forest Football Club's planning applications relating to the redevelopment of the Peter Taylor Stand and the wider evolution of the City Ground.

This is a once in a generation opportunity to secure the future of one of the region's most important sporting, cultural and economic institutions. **We simply have to grasp it.**

The level of engagement with the planning process over recent weeks from supporters, residents and stakeholders has been remarkable. More than 1,200 letters of support have been sent to Rushcliffe Borough Council (RBC) through our [campaign](#), with over 700 coming from members of the Trust - over three quarters of our entire membership.

The message is clear and overwhelming: Nottingham Forest supporters believe in these plans and they must gain approval.

The reasons supporters give for backing these plans are fourfold:

Pride

They speak of the pride that Nottingham Forest brings to the region.

A competitive, modern stadium capable of supporting the club's long term future is vital to maintaining this pride. They reference the economic boost generated on match days for local businesses, hospitality venues and the wider visitor economy. They see the role that Forest plays in promoting Nottingham and Nottinghamshire on the national and international stage. We do not call it the 'World Famous' City Ground for nothing.

History

Supporters are clear that the club's home is - and always should be - on the banks of the Trent. It is our past and our future.

The City Ground is not simply a football stadium; it is a historical landmark woven into the identity of our city and county. Generations of families have created memories there, and supporters overwhelmingly believe that Forest's future should remain at the heart of the community that has supported the club for more than 150 years.

The Present

Given the challenges facing the club right now, this opportunity cannot be allowed to drift or face unnecessary delay.

Nottingham Forest has had six consecutive seasons of a consistently sold out stadium. There is sustained and exceptional demand for tickets and the need for increased capacity is urgent.

The case for investment is therefore not simply about future ambition; it is about addressing a protracted demand issue that has frustrated supporters and the club for many years. After six seasons of a sold out City Ground, more unnecessary delays to this long overdue and badly needed redevelopment would be devastating.

The Future

This is not just about football. Investing in the City Ground is an investment in Nottinghamshire and its people.

It will catalyse economic growth, create jobs, attract visitors, encourage further investment, support local businesses and cement Nottingham's reputation as a city that lives and breathes community, ambition and, of course, sport.

The proposals are a key component of the wider vision for the Trent Sporting Quarter. This area already contains some of the region's most significant sporting assets and has the potential to become one of the leading sporting destinations not just in the United Kingdom, but across the world.

These plans, if approved, will be a gift to the next generation of our fantastic region.

We need your help

As elected representatives and community leaders, we look to you to shape the future of our region. We therefore implore you to give these proposals your full and active support.

Your backing and influence may prove pivotal to making these plans a reality.

Support can take many forms: publicly recognising the benefits of the scheme, engaging positively with the planning process, submitting representations where appropriate and advocating for the long term vision that these proposals help deliver. You can find out more about the process and how to engage [here](#).

We would be incredibly grateful for any help you can offer.

As the voice of Forest supporters across the world, the Nottingham Forest Supporters Trust believes this development represents an historic opportunity for our region.

We hope that you will stand alongside us in getting these plans over the line.

Yours sincerely,

Nottingham Forest Supporters Trust

About the Trust

Representing and advocating for Nottingham Forest supporters.

The Nottingham Forest Supporters Trust is an independent, member-led and politically neutral organisation. Our support for the City Ground expansion is not aligned to any political party or ideology. We welcome engagement and support from elected representatives of all parties, as well as independent representatives, who recognise the significant sporting, economic, cultural and community benefits these proposals can deliver for Nottingham, Nottinghamshire and the wider East Midlands.

Our objective is simple: to advocate for the long term interests of Nottingham Forest supporters and to support developments that strengthen both our football club and the communities it serves.