

## Submitted Questions for Dave Boddy @ Supporters Forum Meeting – 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020

1. How can the club continue to be funded without match day revenues, particularly when we are likely to need some additions to the playing squad in January to remain competitive in the Championship?

DB - Quite simple answer – It will require owner funding and substantial owner funding. The Owners have committed to doing that from the start of this season

CH – Asked about Premier League bailout – DB said they will support the interest on CCFC borrowing money over a period of time.

Communication from EFL says it can only be used for certain things. Only landed today so not read it yet. General funding is the issue, much like other clubs.

Prudently budgeted knowing what was coming so this is all in place.

2. What will happen to membership and season ticket money paid in advance this season especially if no one can see a game this season?

DB – Very clear in T&C's that there would be no refunds made. Sold the membership on the grounds that it may not be possible to see any football.

RS – Doesn't think there should be any confusion. He doesn't think there will be an issue. He did say he hasn't received the shirt. TS advised that the shirt would be available from January. Press release 25/10 – suggesting this would be towards the end of January.

CH – Most people understood the membership wasn't refundable but what about the £50 season ticket. DB advised the I-follow product was added for this reason.

3. When fans are eventually allowed into St Andrews with reduced capacities in tier 1 & 2 how is the club going to prioritise which fans will be allowed to attend? (note it appears there are more season ticket holders than places available)

DB – First possible game will be 26/12 v Stoke. Not possible to do it for the Huddersfield game (16/12) even if the tiers were changed as there just wouldn't be time after decision on 15/12. First priority for tickets to the game will be those that bought season tickets both last season and also for this season. Then it will go to fans who bought for this season if possible. Ballots will be used if demand exceeds capacity. Then for the next game those that missed out will have a higher priority in the subsequent ballot.

SC – TS advised that fans will not be allowed to travel from tier 3 to tier 2 or tier 1 locations of grounds.

DB – Thinks it unlikely Coventry will be tier 3 when Birmingham are in tier 2 but it could be the other way around.

For all decisions CCFC will be guided by Birmingham City Council SAG on a joint basis for Birmingham City FC and CCFC.

4. Will home location and distance from the ground be a criterion for allocating who can attend matches?

Covered above

5. Regardless of the final criteria used, if an individual selected cannot attend a match, can their ticket be allocated to others, family members or friends?

DB – No, because of track and trace purposes. CCFC need to be 100% certain the person who has the ticket attends the game

DE – Will that be policed / ID required at the ground? DB – No the policing will be by attending with the digital ticket provided.

6. If fans are allowed back in before the end of the season will supporters be spread throughout the stadium?

DB – Yes, the theory of the 2000 crowd is they will be split in two separate stands at St Andrews (Kop and Gil Merrick, due to stadium logistics) and it's likely this will also apply once 4000 fans are allowed.

CH – How might car parking work? DB agrees the demand will be significant. Car parking on-site will not be available. MH – Wheels is an off-site option but there will be others. DB – As soon as we've hopefully got the green light for the Stoke game CCFC will be looking to supply details for the parking situation.

CH – Asked about whether there were more than 2000 people that bought season tickets. DB advised there were circa 3000 people that bought season tickets this season

7. Are talks still progressing with Wasps about an interim return to the Ricoh while the new stadium plans come to fruition at Warwick University? What is the state of those talks?

DB – Simple answer – Talks are still taking place. NDA's as to what can and can't say. Don't want to say anything that may aggravate the situation.

RS – Asked about the pitch condition if we go back to the Ricoh. DB says that this is part of the discussions and it's been made very clear that CCFC need to be involved in requirements for the playing surface at the Ricoh.

8. Has planning permission been secured for the New Warwick University Site? Is there a draft timeline? How is the PR being handled?

DB – The planning application is being worked on but it's not a straightforward process. Travel plans need to be incorporated, for example A46 link road and light rail solution.

Lots of work going on and meetings taking place daily. He couldn't put a timeline on a planning application but hopefully this will be in 2021

MH – Is aware there is a lot of cynicism given previous communication about a new stadium. They are aware of the importance of taking a responsible approach to what is communicated. CCFC felt that an update was important this side of Christmas and so an update was made in November.

DB added he felt it was vital not to make promises that may not be possible but that as things are delivered, updates can be made to the supporters.

9. Is it the club's intention to move the training ground to the new site as well?

DB – There will only be room on the site for the stadium and the other enabling developments to support the building of the stadium.

CH – Would this group get any involvement. DB – Explained that there may be an opportunity for representation. DB stated that the Stadium will be as environmentally friendly as possible.

CH – Felt that it would be beneficial to be involved in the drawing up of the stadium. DBU added that it helps supporters to feel involved in asking their opinion through a supporter's forum.

DB – When he gets notes from PG a call will be set up with this group for that purpose.

DE has been contacted by groups regarding safe standing. DB confirmed safe standing is very much part of the overall thinking of the stadium.

10. Has there been any up-date on the European Court review? If so, what are the next steps?

DB spoke with Laura Deering on receipt of this question and that there hasn't been an update from the European Court. DB feels it's not really a priority at this moment in time for the EU

RS – Once we are out of EU – Does it still go through the court. DB – Unless there is a deal done between the UK government and the EU on state aid then a judgement will still be required. PG confirmed this was how the CCC saw the situation too. DB advised this was not an issue between CCFC and Wasps when agreeing a deal.

#### Additional questions

11. CH asked about away tickets and travel – DB thinks it's highly unlikely that any away fans will be allowed this season in the Championship.
12. RS asked about money from I-follow – DB confirmed that CCFC get the money when i-follow is accessed through the CCFC portal for home and away games. MH clarified that it was easy to attach a laptop via a HDMI cable to a TV to watch the game. RS stated that this is not possible through an iPad.
13. DE fed back on his I-follow experience explaining that the Red Button commentary and opposition commentary leaves a lot to be desired. MH clarified that you can click on the settings button in the bottom right of the screen and select CCFC commentary for every i-follow game home or away.
14. Mike Garlick asked about the Premier League proposal for finance and restructure of the league – DB explained that it's on the back-burner for now but it hasn't gone away.
15. DB explained that with a 2000 capacity there would be no road closures on match days
16. DB advised he will check with BCFC about disabled supporters pre-ordering for half time but that at the moment no food or drink would be being sold inside St Andrews.