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For the attention of Mr Sam Uff

Dear Sir

RE: HGY/2024/1008; Minor Material Amendment application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act for the variation to Condition B9 (Major Non-association Football Events) of the hybrid planning permission HGY/2023/2137 (as amended) for amendments to allow up to 30 major non-association football events including music concerts; and other associated changes

We refer to the above application and respond to matters relating to the community fund. We respond to other matters separately.

This particular letter addresses the following comment:

“Community fund – our feedback regarding this have not been satisfied, we have discussed several options but options that generate a larger more viable fund have not been agreed. ”

As explained in Section 6 of the planning statement accompanying the submission, subject to the grant of planning permission alongside free community tickets and a 24 hr local community ticket window the Club will commit to a Community Fund.

This would be a contribution in perpetuity of £5,000 per event for each additional MNFE over the baseline permission of 16. The capital value (cost to the Club) of this contribution is in the region of £875,000 and there is currently no community fund in existence, nor any financial or contribution for MNFEs held within the scope of the current planning permission. No other London stadia have any such provisions.

The Community Fund also needs to be considered in the wider context of other partnerships and initiatives between the Club, its Foundation and the Council that exist beyond the planning sphere. By way of most recent examples, the Club and the Foundation have been approached by the Council's Youth Justice Service to work in partnership to tackle Serious Youth Violence (SYV).



There are similarly numerous provisions in the emerging Tottenham Business Charter that the Club will be delivering in order to try and maximise the profile and activity associated with the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium to the benefit of local businesses.

As agreed with Officers therefore, any commitment to a Community Fund should sit 'outside of planning' because it is not required as a direct form of mitigation consistent with the requirements for planning obligations as set out in paragraph 57 of the NPPF¹. Notwithstanding this, the Club is still offering to commit to the Community Fund for further events to honour discussions with local community and BCLG through a S.106 unilateral undertaking.

We trust this is of assistance and will respond to other matters raised by Officers separately.

Yours sincerely

Sean Bashforth
Senior Director

¹ a) necessary to make the development acceptable in planning terms; b) directly related to the development; and c) fairly and reasonably related in scale and kind to the development