

Statement of Support for Designation of Hillsborough as an Asset of Community Value

As a Hillsborough ward councillor I fully support Sheffield Wednesday Supporters' Trust (SWST) in seeking Asset of Community Value (ACV) status for Hillsborough Stadium.

Covid-19 has denied fans access to matches and highlighted how vital the stadium is to a large number of businesses who depend on the boost that matchday bring. Ownership concerns are creating a clear risk to the future of football clubs - as seen at Bury and Wigan in the last 2 years. Fans and communities need to secure as much protection for the stadium as possible.

Hillsborough Green Party have offered practical support and advice to SWST on engaging with local residents to seek their support for this application. This campaign is a real opportunity for fans, businesses and local residents to build strong relationships to secure ACV status and work together more closely in the future.

I wish you well with this bid and look forward to the return of matches with fans in attendance in August and ACV status secured shortly afterwards. Please keep in touch on any further help I can offer to the campaign.

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