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For the attention of Lord Mawhinney, Football League Chairman

Dear Lord Mawhinney,

Boston United Football Club Limited - Parachute Payments from The Football League

The Boston United Football Club Supporters Trust (BUFCST) held its first AGM on Friday 12th October 2007. It has since been determined that our first task should be to write this request to yourself, as the Chairman of The Football League, to ask that The Football League sympathetically reconsider its decision regarding withholding the parachute payments to Boston United Football Club Ltd following its double relegation.

It is fully appreciated, by not only the new owners of Boston United Football Club Ltd, the BUFCST, as well as the loyal supporters of this once famous and proud football club that the previous owners of the football club have brought shame on its once proud and famous name.

However, for the footballing authorities to relegate the football club two divisions, and then also withdraw parachute payments, will mean that it will take Boston United Football Club, and their loyal supporters, many years to overcome these setbacks.

Indeed, your own website states that the Aims of The Football League are :-

League Clubs are the very embodiment of community and in most cases are the single biggest communal activity in the towns and cities they represent. The League intends to explore further this relationship between football club and community, so as to enhance the value of clubs to the families that live locally.

The League intends to develop a series of imaginative community initiatives in conjunction with its clubs and potential commercial partners. In practice this will mean identifying the very best community work currently being conducted at club level and implementing it across The League in partnership with new and existing sponsors. The aim being to :-

- Strengthen links between clubs and their communities
- Enhance relationships between clubs and supporters
- Encourage more people to attend games at their local club
- Increase the number of children playing football
- Deliver new commercial revenues for League Clubs

We, the BUFCST, have already begun working extremely hard, with the new owners of Boston United Football Club, and the local community to raise the necessary funding to not only rescue this once proud and famous football club, but to also secure the long term future of Boston United Football Club. This is not easy being somewhat isolated in rural Lincolnshire, in what is a low income area, with a high level of migrants, and obesity problems, but we are determined to succeed.

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As you will be able to see below, I have copied this letter to the local MP, Mr Mark Simmonds who is already aware of the importance of Boston United Football Club to the local community, and we request that yourself, and your colleagues at The Football League consider fully the implications that your decision will have not only on Boston United Football Club Ltd, but also the many people, and children, that will ultimately be affected should The Football League withhold the parachute payments normally due to a football league club when it falls out of The Football League.

Yours sincerely,

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cc Mr Mark Simmonds MP

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