



## ***'Making Your Voice Heard'***

**Wednesday June 5<sup>th</sup>**

Dear Bruce,

As Chelsea FC is a member of the European Club Association (ECA) we read with interest media reports on the prospect of a "super league" which could reshape the game.

We thought it was appropriate to outline our views on the reported proposals so that the club is aware of widespread supporter opposition to these plans.

At a meeting of Premier League fan groups convened by the Football Supporters' Federation (FSF) in May 2019 there was unanimous opposition to the concept of a super league AND unanimous support for these six principles.

### **Key principles:**

1. **Promotion and relegation based on sporting performance** - from the bottom of the pyramid to qualification for Europe
2. **No to closed leagues or franchise football** – qualify on results, not through history or heritage
3. **Weekends are for domestic leagues** – protect fan culture, home and away. No live broadcasts on Saturdays at 3:00pm
4. **We want competitive leagues** – no to even more concentration of wealth and on-going domination by a fixed few top clubs
5. **Domestic football comes first** – protect the pyramid and cup competitions
6. **Share the wealth** – the money from elite football should be shared across the whole game

The ECA's reported proposals break these principles.

Fan representatives will meet again on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2019, at the Annual General Meeting of the newly-merged FSF and Supporters Direct, to formally adopt the position.

Should UEFA and the ECA continue with super league proposals which break these principles, we anticipate fan groups across Europe joining forces to oppose the changes.

With that in mind we thought we would write to request that you show support for these six principles and we would be interested to hear your views on the ECA's plans.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'David Chidgey', with a horizontal line underneath.

David Chidgey

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