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Attn. Mr. I. Ferguson, Police Bill Team

Dear Ian,

Further to your letter dated 10 February, I have listed below my thoughts on the questions posed in chapter 4 (Football Banning Orders) of the proposals for legislation.

Question 15: Yes I agree.

Question 16: I agree with both the conviction and summary application. I would also suggest that conviction in any country should result in a banning order.

Question 17: I agree in principle but would have concerns that there may be an over reaction. Football is a passionate sport and often fans react on the spur of the moment. Police etc., would need to keep this in mind before taking serious action.

Question 18: The length of the banning order seems reasonable although if there was a serious breach of the order I feel the length of ban should be increased perhaps even introducing a life ban.

If the person was a fan of one particular club, should the club not also be consulted towards the end of the ban? They may not want to allow the fan back into their home ground.

Question 19: The ban should apply to all senior competitive games.

Question 20: I agree.

Hopefully my comments will be of some assistance and if you require any further information, please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jim Templeton'.

Jim Templeton
President