



NEW STADIUM CONSULTATION – CALLING ALL SONS FANS!

NEXT week the owners of Dumbarton Football Club are putting on an exhibition here at the Rock, displaying publicly for the first time their proposals for a new stadium as part of a development at Young's Farm in the north west of the town. The Sonstrust is in discussion with the Club about these developments. Our key role is to make sure that YOUR views are heard and taken into account in the consultation process.

1. When and where is the exhibition happening?

The plans from DFC Community Stadium Company Ltd & Denny's Homes Ltd will be on display here at the Club between 11.00am and 7.00pm on Thursday 6th November, and between 11.00am and 5pm on Friday 7th November 2014. So please make every effort to look at and comment on them!

2. Why isn't the display up for a Saturday home game?

That is a question several people have asked. What has been said back is that it is difficult to make adequate space in the busyness of a match day.

2. How will I be able to share my views next week?

There will be display boards showing what is proposed for the new stadium in outline detail. Members of the project team will be on hand to explain the plans and receive comments from supporters and local residents. There will also be a questionnaire and form to fill in.

3. What will happen afterwards?

The relocation plans are being financed and progressed by Brabco 736 Ltd, the majority owners of Dumbarton FC. They are looking to secure planning

permission early next year. In the meantime, they tell us: “We want to make sure we get this development right for DFC, so your views and opinions about our proposals are very important and we want to hear what you think.”

4. What is the Sonstrust doing?

We will try to ensure that a trust board member is available throughout the exhibition. Comments to us can be made on our website (<http://www.sonstrust.net>) and Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/sonstrust>) You can also write directly to our communications and projects officer, Simon Barrow (simon.barrow@ekkleisia.co.uk) He is liaising directly with the club on stadium move issues. We will do our best to keep you up-to-date. Most importantly, we are holding a public General Meeting to enable you to express your views.

5. When will the Trust’s General Meeting take place?

At 7pm on Wednesday 26th November at the Abbotsford Hotel. We will be inviting the club and its owners to make a presentation and answer questions about the proposed move, based on feedback from the exhibition next week. More details will be circulated as soon as possible.

6. Where can I get further information?

A press release has been put on the club website, as well as notices in the local press, setting out the reason for the relocation proposal and the plan for “a 4,000 capacity football stadium including 3,000 seats and 1,000 terracing that can be delivered in separate phases” along with facilities for complementary use, dedicated training facilities and additional playing pitches for community use, access off the A82 slip road and car and coach parking.

7. What is the trust’s view on relocation?

The trust is its members. It is their view and the view of Sons supporters and members of the local community that counts. We are there to enable and support you in making your views heard and responded to. Our concern is that whatever is done benefits and secures the future of the club and its supporters in the best way possible. All our efforts will be directed to ensuring that this is the case.

8. What else can I do?

Join the Sonstrust and encourage family and friends to do so. *Our strength, purpose and voice is in our members!* See Tommy Hughes in the Community Suite to join, get the application for on our website (<http://sonstrust.wordpress.com/join-here/>) or ring Tommy on 07710 771341.