

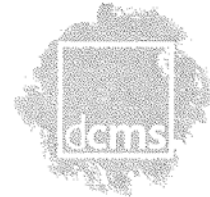
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Dear Brian

I am writing to ask for your help to ensure that all grounds in the Football League meet their obligations under the Disability Discrimination Act 1995.

You may be aware that a recent review by the National Association for Disabled Supporters (NADS) identified a number of Football League grounds at which disabled supporters are experiencing a range of difficulties when attending matches.

I would therefore be grateful if you could remind all Football League clubs about the Accessible Stadia guidance. The guidance was published to help clubs undertake access audits to identify features which present barriers to people with disabilities and to develop effective solutions. The guidance is available from the Football Licensing Authority's website www.flaweb.org.uk/docs/specsafe/pubs/acsstad.php

I am sure you will agree that it is always disappointing to learn of any problems fans encounter when attending matches and with this in mind I would ask that you encourage all Premier League clubs to work with local disabled supporters groups to ensure that the experience of visiting their ground is equal for both disabled and able-bodied fans.

- > I have written in similar terms to the Premier League and copied this letter to the Football Association, Football Licensing Authority and NADS.

Yours
Gerry
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