



11 January 2008

NADS have had various meetings with political representatives and there is a clear indication from all political parties via the All Party Football Group that they are committed to reaching an equality of experience for disabled supporters. NADS needs your support NOW to encourage this positive move.

We have worked with the MP's to get an Early Day Motion (EDM) tabled urging all football clubs to measure their disabled supporter facilities against the recommendations in the Football Task Force Report, the Accessible Stadia Guide and the NADS Blueprint.

The EDM (No. 615) states:

EDM 615

FACILITIES FOR DISABLED FOOTBALL SUPPORTERS

18.12.2007

Keen, Alan

That this House notes that it is nearly 10 years since the Football Task Force Report was published with recommendations on improving facilities at football stadia allowing disabled fans a parity of access and enjoyment at football games in this country; notes that since then, a number of clubs across the leagues have made significant improvements and their disabled fans now enjoy better facilities; regrets that there is still a considerable deficit in facilities and services for disabled supporters at most professional league clubs; and calls on all football clubs to measure their disabled supporter facilities against the Accessible Stadia Guide and Football Task Force recommendations and make a commitment to reach an equality of supporter experience for all football fans as set out in the National Association of Disabled Supporters Blueprint.

To check out which MP's have already signed up, click [here](#).

You can find out who your local MP is by clicking [here](#).

We'd love to get more signatures, and below is an example of an email that you could send (cut and paste the text below) asking your MP to sign the EDM and support the push for an equality of provision. Please remember to send NADS a copy of your email/letter.



APPENDIX 1

Draft Letter/Email

Dear [MP's name] ,

EDM 615 - Facilities and Services for Disabled Football Supporters

I am concerned that although the Taylor Report (1990), Disability Discrimination Act (1995) and the Football Task Force Report (1989) recommendations have all been in place for over 10 years, there remains an inequality of provision within football for disabled supporters. A number of clubs across the leagues have made significant improvements and their disabled fans now enjoy better facilities. There is however still a considerable deficit between supporters' facilities and experiences. Please see the recent State of the Game document published by the National Association of Disabled Supporters (www.nads.org.uk) and the NADS Blueprint.

Consequently, I am writing to you in support of the National Association of Disabled Supporters initiative to achieve an equality of supporter experience for all fans. As your constituent I would like to express to you what a positive effect football has had on my life. However I have often had personal experiences of deficits in facilities and therefore ask you for your support in helping NADS resolve these issues by signing Early Day Motion 615.

Further please will you write to/visit your local professional football clubs asking them to measure their facilities and services against the Accessible Stadia Guide and Football Task Force recommendations and ask for a commitment to reach an equality of supporter experience for all football fans.

The NADS Blueprint summarises these recommendations and I ask that you gain a commitment from each of your local clubs to set an agenda and timescale to meet any deficits for providing an equality of provision for all supporters.

Yours sincerely,



APPENDIX 2

Supporters' Address1
Supporters' Address2
Supporters' Address3
Supporters' Address4
Postcode

XXX MP
The House of Commons
London
SW1A 0AA

Date

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[Supporter to add in personal experiences]

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I look forward to receiving your response.

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