



Statement from the Members of Parliament for Bristol

As Bristol's MPs, we wish to express our continued support both for Bristol City's new stadium and our city's bid to become a FIFA World Cup host city.



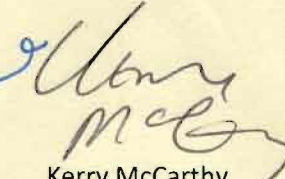
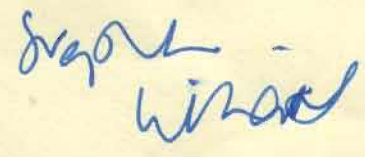
We have all been contacted by many constituents in support of the stadium. While many of these constituents are Bristol City fans who obviously want to see the club progress, supporters of other teams and those with no interest in football have also told us that this is an opportunity that we cannot miss. The new stadium will bring hundreds of millions of pounds of investment to Bristol, as well as providing employment for hundreds of local people.

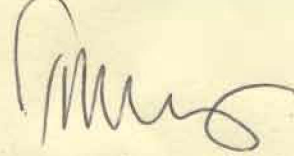
Bristol City Football Club has a proud tradition and great ambition for the future. In order to continue their progression a new stadium is a necessity. As well as an increased capacity and improved non-matchday opportunities, the stadium would enable the club to significantly expand their Football in the Community programme. The excellent range of provision at the study centre has benefited children and young people throughout Bristol, but this is an opportunity to reach so many more children and young people.

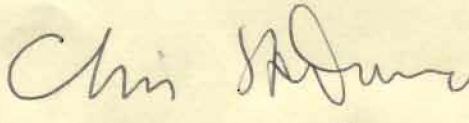
The stadium has been approved by democratically elected councillors in Bristol, who made a judgement to support the development after hearing all the arguments – for and against – of local residents. We are concerned that an independent inspector has recommended that the whole site be designated as a town green. We do not believe that the town green legislation was designed to cover such a significant piece of land, nor to stand in the way of regeneration and economic investment.

Tens of thousands of Bristolians have expressed their desire for the stadium to go ahead, by signing petitions and expressing their support on the internet. Bristol is a fantastic city but, too often in the past, has missed opportunities like these. Our city cannot afford to miss out again. We have put aside our political differences to unite behind these plans. We urge everyone who wants the stadium to show their support – contact your MP or councillor, sign the petition, and join the Facebook group.

The final decision rests with Bristol City Council. Councillors have an important and difficult decision to make. We urge them to stand up for the views of the majority of residents and bring the stadium to Bristol.

			
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