



20 March 2023

Dear member

Special General Meeting of The Dons Trust

We are pleased to invite you to the first of this year's Special General Meetings, to be held from **4.30pm until 6.00pm on Sunday 30 April 2023** at our home in Plough Lane and online.

The board is asking for your support in approving the completion of some important updates to our rules (the Dons Trust constitution) in line with changes members agreed at the AGM in December.

These changes amend the **Restricted Actions** in our rules. The **Restricted Actions** ensure that members are always in control of the biggest of decisions. Changing them – quite rightly – can only be done with a lot of support from you, the members. We don't think there's anything controversial in these changes, and members have already approved the substance of them as updates to the AFCW PLC rules (the Articles), back in December. But to finish things off we need at least 1,800 members to vote, with around 1,400 voting in favour.

To make it as easy as we can for you to have your say, we are copying the system used to elect your board every year. **Instead of asking members that are unable to attend the meeting to complete a proxy form to vote, we are asking members to vote in advance of the meeting via a link which we are emailing to all those that usually receive agenda and papers for meetings by email.** This should be appearing in your inbox today, so if you don't see it, drop a line (with your DT membership details) to secretary@thedonstrust.org and it will get followed up. **Please note: if you are coming along to the meeting in person, you are able to vote on the night, instead of voting in advance via the email link.**

If you received this note through the post, and you aren't planning to come to the meeting, you will need to complete the paper proxy form that has been sent to you to register your view and to return that form to us to be received by noon on Thursday 27 April. The form can either be emailed to secretary@thedonstrust.org or sent to The Secretary, The Dons Trust, Cherry Red Records Stadium, Plough Lane, SW17 0NR.

We will keep you updated on voting numbers (totals, not for and against) as we get towards the members' meeting (SGM) on Sunday 30 April.

Your attention is drawn to rule 23. Members interested in submitting a resolution for consideration at this or any other members' meeting should contact secretary@thedonstrust.org for advice and assistance. The deadline for submitting members' resolutions to secretary@thedonstrust.org for the 30 April meeting is noon on Sunday 2 April.

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The board isn't planning to bring any other formal business to members at this meeting, but we have said since the October members' meeting that we intend in 2023 to explore, in consultation with members, a range of options that could include making more equity available to sell. For example, might members consider selling more of the Trust-owned equity in AFC Wimbledon plc (i.e. down from 75%+1 towards 50%+1)? And what additional safeguards or governance provisions might need to accompany any such change?

As a first step in this exploration, we will be sharing some ideas with members before the 30 April meeting, and there will be an open discussion on the subject at the meeting.

The meeting will be recorded and made available after the event to Dons Trust members on the ProBoards forum. If you have any queries about joining the event please email contact@thedonstrust.org.

We will as usual then have time for a discussion led by members on any subjects. If you'd like to share thoughts in advance of the meeting, please email contact@thedonstrust.org (subject: Dons Trust SGM contributions) **by noon on Thursday 27 April** and we will respond to as many as possible in the meeting. You will also be able to make points or ask questions live on the night.

Overleaf you will find guidance on how to take part in the meeting.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on Sunday 30 April.

Yours faithfully,

Kris Stewart

Chair, for the Dons Trust board

How to take part

Our meetings are for Dons Trust members only.

In person...

Come along to Plough Lane, from 4:30pm until 6.00pm. There is no need to register in advance. On arrival we will confirm that you are a member. [You can help us to speed up this process by bringing a current or previous DT Card with you.](#)

Online...

To join the meeting online you will need to **register**. A link will be sent to you nearer the time – please keep an eye out on your email and on the DT website and twitter

Can't make it? ...

Members who aren't joining us on the day can vote in advance using the link which is being sent to each member that usually receives agenda and meeting papers by email. If you received this notice by post, you will need to complete the paper proxy form included in your pack to register your view.

A word about voting...

Voting on resolutions will take place online in advance of the meeting via the link sent to each member registered to receive papers by email, on the night in person, or by submitting a paper proxy in advance. Votes will need to be audited because it is possible for members to vote in advance and then attend in person and duplicate votes will need to be removed.