**Election to the Dons Trust board – November / December 2022**

**Nomination Form**

**Candidate**

I nominate myself as a candidate for election to the Board of the Wimbledon Football Club Supporters’ Society Limited (the Trust). I meet the eligibility criteria set out in Rule 58 of the Trust’s constitution. I agree to be bound by the Trust’s constitution, including Rule 9, and Election Rules, and by the provisions of this nomination form, including the Notes on the next page. If I am elected, I agree to be bound by the Dons Trust board’s polices as agreed from time to time unless and until I cease to be a member of the board. I agree to indemnify the Trust against any action that may arise from publication of my manifesto.

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|  | Name | Member No | Date | Validation |
| Candidate |  |  |  | Via e-mail from Dons Trust |
| **Proposers** | | | | |
|  | Name | Member No | Date | Validation |
| Proposer 1 |  |  |  | Via e-mail from Dons Trust |
| Proposer 2 |  |  |  | Via e-mail from Dons Trust |

**Manifesto**

Please tell members, in not more than 800 words, why you want to be a member of the board and why you think Trust members should vote for you. Your manifesto will be distributed in advance of the ballot papers. Send your manifesto – in Notepad or Microsoft Word format (see note 9) - to [elections@thedonstrust.org](mailto:elections@thedonstrust.org). Candidates should also provide a photograph (note 10) and a précis of their manifesto, not exceeding 120 words, for use in the matchday programme.

**Contact details**

Candidate Telephone: ………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

Address:………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

Email: ……………………………………………………………………(which should be as held by DT Membership)

**Proposer 1 contact**

e-mail……………………………………………… ……………………(which should be as held by DT Membership)

Telephone……………………………………………………………………

**Proposer 2 contact**

e-mail……………………………………………………………………. (which should be as held by DT Membership)

Telephone…………………………………… ……………………………………………….

***Please read the notes on the next page***

**Notes**

1. Please ensure that your own contact details are up-to-date, and also those of your proposers (e-mails to their registered Dons Trust address will form part of the validation process).
2. Candidates and proposers must be adult (over 18) and paid-up Trust members on the date of submission. In their own interest, candidates are strongly advised to confirm their status, and that of their proposers, with the Membership Secretary [membership@thedonstrust.org](mailto:membership@thedonstrust.org) **before** submitting the nomination form.
3. Nomination procedures will be governed in accordance with the constitution, Election Rules and this nomination form.
4. A candidate must have two proposers. **Both candidates and proposers must meet the criteria set out in Election Rule 5**.
5. Proposers must agree to be contacted by the Trust, both to confirm status and as part of the validation process. Candidates should also advise proposers that their names will be published along with the manifesto (previous informal practice now agreed with Dons Trust Board).
6. **Proposers** **cannot propose more than one candidate**
7. Candidates cannot propose themselves nor another candidate.
8. The completed form should be sent to [elections@thedonstrust.org](mailto:elections@thedonstrust.org) by 23:59 on 29 October. We will send you a confirmation of receipt.
9. The manifesto and précis should also be sent to the above address at the same time. If the Notepad or Microsoft Word formats cause problems, please make contact at least seven days before the deadline to discuss alternatives.
10. Candidates should provide a passport-size photograph for publication with their manifesto. For the photograph to be of a quality that can be reproduced in the matchday programme, candidates must, in their own interest, provide a clear passport-type headshot of **100kB or larger in .jpg format**. Please note that scanned copies of photographic prints are not of sufficient quality for use in the matchday programme. The photograph should be sent, preferably with, but not embedded in, the manifesto, as an electronic file to [elections@thedonstrust.org](mailto:elections@thedonstrust.org).
11. Copies of the constitution are available at <http://thedonstrust.org/constitution/> . The Election Rules 2022 accompany the Announcement.
12. A candidate wishing to withdraw must do so in writing to [elections@thedonstrust.org](mailto:elections@thedonstrust.org).
13. Election does not confer any particular role on the Dons Trust board, which will assign roles as it sees fit. It may also decide to co-opt a member if it feels that additional skills are needed. Apart from some of the roles of the Chair, it is up to the Dons Trust board to assign roles as it collectively sees fit.
14. We are encouraging all applications to be sent electronically this year, but should you wish to contact us by post please write to: Elections Steering Group at AFC Wimbledon, Cherry Red Records Stadium, Plough Lane, Wimbledon, London SW17 0NR
15. **The Dons Trust board has issued Guidance for Board Candidates which gives information about the way it operates, including the Terms of Reference for its four theme groups. Candidates are encouraged to read this guidance before submitting their nomination. The papers for those can be found on the Dons Trust website. The link for this was provided in the covering email sent out by the Dons Trust on 8 October.**