

## **The Papa Johns Trophy**

The Dons Trust would like to consult members to update its position on attendances, promotional material and profits arising from matches in the Papa Johns Trophy (Football League Trophy).

A Dons Trust board meeting in November 2016 stated the Trust position was that the profit on gate receipts from home matches against an U21 side will be donated to charity. This is still current policy and the profit from the Crystal Palace game will be given to the AFC Wimbledon Foundation and Dons Local Action.

Whilst understanding that some fans and members remain opposed to the nature of competition on principle (as indeed do some of the Board members), the Trust and club are also conscious that there is now much greater appetite for attending games at Plough Lane than there was at Kingsmeadow. The club and Trust are also conscious that the potential revenue of fan attendance and matchday spending assists in the club's financial position. The board have also been asked by some members if the recent club promotion of the initial matches this season was completely in line with previous members' resolutions.

Representatives of some premier league teams have been quoted again recently promoting the idea of allowing B teams to play in the league pyramid. Although this is not currently believed to be under active discussion by the football authorities this remains something we are utterly opposed to as a club and Trust.

The Trust would therefore like members to vote on the four parts of this resolution so that guidelines and policy are clear in future. The board recommends voting yes to all four parts.

The Trust resolves:

1. The club is entitled to promote attendance at matches in the competition at Plough Lane.
2. The club is mandated to continue to register the owners' disagreement on principle of the presence of B teams in this or any other competition whenever this is discussed at EFL or FA meetings.
3. The net profits from home gate money received when playing non-third/fourth tier teams in this competition (ie "B" teams, "U-21 teams", "U-23 teams") will continue to be donated to charity - split between the AFCW Wimbledon Foundation and Dons Local Action.
4. The club is entitled to sell hospitality places for matches at Plough Lane.