Erik Samuelson

Former CEO (2007–2019) and Finance Director (2002–2007), AFC Wimbledon

I was privileged to serve AFC Wimbledon for 17 years, including 12 years as CEO and five as Finance Director, helping the club progress from its early non-league days to League One and the construction of our own stadium at Plough Lane.

The decisions we face over the next 12 months could shape AFC Wimbledon for a generation. I am standing for the Dons Trust Board because I believe my experience could be particularly valuable at this critical moment in our history.

Having been part of the club's journey, I understand what makes AFC Wimbledon special and the financial and practical challenges involved in securing its future.

I have been a season ticket holder for nearly 40 years and remain firmly committed to fan ownership. I want us to explore every realistic opportunity to preserve it, while recognising that the club needs investment to prosper.

Before joining AFC Wimbledon, I was a partner at PwC, one of the UK's leading accounting and business advisory firms. That professional background, combined with my experience of running the club, would enable me to contribute to the careful assessment of investment proposals, the associated risks and the arrangements needed to ensure that any investment delivers what is promised.

I have had no involvement in the running of the club or the Trust since stepping down in 2019. I believe this gives me the independence to offer an objective perspective, together with a detailed understanding of the club and its values.

We must examine all our options, understand the consequences, and ensure members' interests remain at the heart of the process.

I want to help secure the investment and financial stability our club needs without losing sight of the principles that made AFC Wimbledon possible.

That is why I am standing, and I would welcome your support.