I moved to Wimbledon in 2023 knowing relatively little about the football club now on my doorstep. That quickly changed: I bought my first match ticket within weeks and fell in love with the club's story and atmosphere. I attended regularly that season and bought my season ticket for 2024/25 immediately after we thumped Walsall 5-1 on the final day. I've barely missed a home game since.

I'm standing for the Dons Trust Board because I believe our club has an opportunity to move forward, and because I believe it's important for newer faces with relevant experience to contribute. I want to play my part.

My priority is sustainable growth. The return to Plough Lane was an extraordinary achievement, made possible by the determination and commitment of our supporters. Our current model has served us brilliantly in getting here, but I believe we have reached its limits. Continuing without investment risks stagnation or, more realistically, deterioration. That isn't the future I want for AFC Wimbledon.

I'm firmly pro-investment and pro-growth. The right investment is essential to realising our potential: building out Plough Lane, improving our training facilities, investing in our academy and women's team, and fielding a competitive first team. All parts of the club need to grow together.

I supported 50.01% and the broad structure of the previous investment proposal, including the balance it sought to strike between investor and supporter control. Whilst I believe that proposal offered a sensible way forward, I'm not wedded to any particular investor or structure. We need to find the right deal, and to approach that task with creativity and ambition.

We also need to be realistic about what investors will ask for in return. Anyone committing significant capital, particularly on an ongoing basis, will require an appropriate economic interest and meaningful influence over the operations of the club. That doesn't mean giving up what matters most. The Dons Trust must retain ultimate control of the club's corporate entities and boards, and the ability to protect our fundamental interests. I see its role as custodian of our ownership, identity and long-term future.

Getting that balance right requires robust legal and corporate structures. Professionally, I began my legal career in 2018 at a leading international law firm. I have since moved into the investment team of a global institutional investor, where I structure and execute complex transactions, joint ventures, acquisitions, disposals and financing arrangements, negotiating directly with counterparties and their advisers. I also participate in board meetings across our investment portfolio, giving me practical experience of corporate governance, shareholder rights and board-level decision-making.

My experience can help assess any investment proposal, but is equally relevant to scrutinising decisions on the club's finances, infrastructure and long-term development, whether or not a deal proceeds. I believe the corporate reorganisation needed to better protect Plough Lane should be an important priority, with or without new investment. I've also previously provided voluntary assistance to the DTB during the 50.01% vote, helping draft communications on the legal aspects of the proposals.

Ultimately, I want AFC Wimbledon to grow and thrive, while remaining true to what makes it special. I want to be able to bring my future children to Plough Lane and have them grow up supporting a Wimbledon that is properly funded and able to compete, whilst remaining proud of the club they inherit and the values it holds.

We can be ambitious about our future without losing what makes this club ours, and whilst protecting what matters most. I would value the opportunity to help make that happen.