Mike Overill - Manifesto

My Wimbledon Journey

I've been a Wimbledon fan since 1995, with my first game a 1-0 defeat to Tottenham. My first season ticket was in 1999, and I've followed religiously ever since.

I've been home and away regularly over the last few years and am a regular user of the club's excellent coach service (I love a long trip up north!).

I sit in the lower south west of the ground with my parents. I also have an 8-year-old daughter who I bring to games whenever I can. She has severe SEN, so I am passionate about how we can make the club more accessible to both children and adults in that space.

Please come and find me and chat any time. I love a conversation about the Wombles, whether it's to debate the starting line-up or to celebrate another great Stockley header. I'm here for it! The hardest part is getting me to stop!

My favourite game is one of two: the 1-0 FA Cup win against United in 1996 or the League Two play-off second leg against Accy in 2016.

Why am I standing?

I'm hugely passionate about the club and want to be part of the solution. I've wanted to stand for years, but the timing hasn't been right for me in my personal life. This is the first election where I feel I really have the bandwidth to fully commit.

Ultimately, I want the club to succeed without becoming soulless.

What do I bring to the table?

Alongside my love and passion for Wimbledon, I have a lot of professional skills that I can bring to the table.

I have 20 years' experience in procurement and contract management. I currently head up Technology, Cargo and Commercial procurement for a major UK airline, but have worked across all procurement categories in my time. My team looks after spend in the hundreds of millions of pounds, and I have negotiated well in excess of £1bn in contracts over my time with the company.

My passion is for finding cost savings through negotiation without impacting quality, and I believe this is a skill that would be invaluable to the club.

I'm also very good with finance. I have written budgets, financially modelled complex contracts and written accounts throughout my career.

Outside of my career skills, another thing I bring to the table is that I ask a lot of questions. I feel it's crucial to challenge why a decision is made and what implications that will have for the club and its supporters. Too often in life we can get blinkered on a task and not ask why we are doing something or whether we should do something differently.

More about me

I'm very active on X and believe we should do more in this space. I love music, film and generally anything competitive.

I love to talk about Wimbledon both in person and online, and that will never stop.

Club Direction

I was sceptical about the benefit of 50+1, but I was really surprised to see the quality of the proposal presented by the Trust. I think if we can secure a deal similar to that, then we can really push on, staying true to our ownership roots while being a genuinely competitive and sustainable football club.