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Dear Mr Rowland *Steve*

Thank you for sharing with me the latest update on your ongoing dialogue with the English Football League. I share your frustration that the situation at Blackpool is not subject to sufficient scrutiny and agree the League should seek to engage with groups such as your own.

I remain deeply concerned by the challenges facing Blackpool Football Club and recognise recent legal decisions make the club's position increasingly unpredictable. I remain hopeful there can be a successful outcome but worry greatly that the football authorities remain ambivalent to the various outstanding matters and are too slow to deal with the wider issue of governance.

I have written to Shaun Harvey, Chief Executive of the EFL asking him to urgently re-examine BST's calls for a case study to be carried out based on Blackpool Football Club. I have also asked that the EFL, as a priority, seek to positively engage with BST. Fans are the lifeblood of the game and I fear their voices continue to be ignored.

I will write to you again when I receive a substantive response from the EFL. In the meantime, if there is any other assistance I might be able to give you please do not hesitate to contact me again.

Yours sincerely

*Paul*