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Good Afternoon,

On behalf of the members of the York City Supporters' Trust and the wider community of York City fans, we write to express our collective concern and disappointment regarding the recent decision to move the Boreham Wood vs York City match from the 6th to the 7th of January to accommodate TNT Sports broadcasting.

While we understand the importance of television coverage for the growth of our league, we wish to highlight the significant burden this change imposes on our loyal supporters, especially during the holiday season, a time when financial constraints are acutely felt.

Many of our supporters have already incurred substantial costs in booking transport and accommodation for the original fixture date. The three-week notice provided is insufficient for fans. This unexpected change has placed an undue burden on their already tight budgets, creating an unwarranted strain emotionally and financially.

Football, as we learned throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, is nothing without fans. The heart and soul of the game lies in the passion, dedication, and attendance of supporters. The unintended consequence of this fixture change will undoubtedly be a reduction in the away attendance from York City supporters, impacting the vibrant atmosphere that our fans create "watching Super City putting on a show", and reducing the gate income for Boreham Wood.

In the National League's announcement, it was stated that TNT Sports had delivered "an early Christmas present" for supporters. Unfortunately, for York City fans, this is far from a Christmas present, instead it is turning in to 'The Nightmare of Meadow Park'. We believe in the spirit of fairness and collaboration and kindly request your understanding of the predicament faced by our supporters.

In light of the circumstances, we appeal for your support in mitigating the impact on our fans. We kindly request assistance in the form of providing free transport for those affected and reimbursement for fans who have already incurred travel and accommodation expenses.

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Your understanding and consideration of our concerns are greatly appreciated. We believe that together we can find an equitable solution that maintains the integrity of the game while also respecting the commitment of our dedicated supporters.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Cc; Julie-Anne Uggle York City FC Co-Chair, Matt Uggle York City FC Co-Chair, Danny Hunter Boreham Wood Chairman.

Sincerely,



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