

## Candidate Questions

Question	Candidate Answer
<p>“This is set to be a largely all-male board for the first time in a long time. With the fantastic growth of the City Women’s team, how are you going to continue and expand on our commitment to Women’s football and ensure Exeter City will still be leaders off the pitch when tackling sexism and other forms of discrimination at St James Park and on social media? And with reports of discrimination at the Bristol Rovers home game, what further policies would you put in place to ensure girls feel safe and welcome at SJP?”</p>	<p>I am sorry to hear about the apparent discrimination. Was this from the away or home fans? Either way it’s totally unacceptable and I think the club has done all it can and is continuing to combat any form of discrimination by ejecting, fining, or issuing bans to people. I would have an additional policy of banning these individuals for life as they have no place at St James’ Park. As for social media what with the way it is, all we can do is to report these people to the various administrators who then should ban all posts from them.</p> <p>For the City Women’s team, more advertising and more sponsorship, Football in the Community, local schools and trusts.</p>
<p>“Whilst accepting that such an event would almost certainly mean a vote of the membership, if, at some point, a certified viable and substantial offer came forward to invest in the club, from an individual, or a group, what would be your personal position, should the said investor wish to gain majority control of the club as a prerequisite of such investment.”</p>	<p>While it would be fantastic to see more investment put into the club by an individual or a private group, let’s be absolutely clear that not one single individual or said group should have any majority stake or control over this club as the whole point of Exeter City being a Supporters Owned Club would then be deemed irrelevant.</p>
<p>“Given the Trust’s stated aim <b>“to make the match-day experience at Exeter City FC a premier experience, unrivalled by our competitors”</b> and recent improvements to the fan experience in both the Adam Stansfield Stand undercroft and Selco Stand Hospitality area would you support the need for improving the fan experience in both the Park</p>	<p>I would definitely support this.</p>

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<p>Building and external Fan Zone eg</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• improve ventilation / reduce overcrowding in the Famous Exeter City Real Ale and Cider Emporium Bar / provide a sales point direct into the Fanzone;</li> <li>• provide cover to and somewhere to put drinks on in the Fan Zone;</li> <li>• provide better facilities for those providing entertainment in the Fan Zone ?</li> </ul> <p>If not, why not ?”</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How many Trust meetings have you attended in the last 12 months?</li> <li>• Do you have any family or financial ties to Exeter City AFC or any other potential conflicts of interest?</li> </ul>	<p>Unfortunately, none as I live too far away from St James’ Park these days. I have no family or financial ties to Exeter City AFC, however, I do wish that, as fans of a Supporters Trust club, I do wish that we could be informed more of issues concerning the club, and also to see the Adam Stansfield stand extended to reach the Big Bank one day.</p>
<p>"What action do you intend to take to finally sort the Stagecoach bar serving issues? There is always an unacceptable wait to be served, especially at half time. If you leave at the half time whistle you are unlikely to be served before the second half starts. The club is clearly losing revenue as many people simply give up waiting. One solution maybe to start serving before the half time whistle, i.e. anticipate the demand?"</p>	<p>This is a problem we have in all areas of the ground and not just the Stagecoach bar area. Since I normally stand in the Big Bank, I have only been to the Stagecoach just twice in 17 seasons and oddly enough never personally found it a problem getting served. But to answer the question directly, more staff should be at the bar a good 10 minutes before half time.</p>
<p>In the last year what 3 key things have you done actively support the Trust?</p>	<p>Donated every time I have bought a ticket and have encourage friends and acquaintances to become Trust Members.</p>