

Candidate Questions

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<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>Always a difficult question to answer, when we started the Trust two women were actively involved at the start, people need to put themselves forward. My 17-year daughter was stood next to me for the ‘Gas’ game, so you can imagine how I felt – things need to change. I want my daughter to feel safe at games. I will support inclusiveness at football.</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>Not sure I understand the question in the context explained. The Community model has worked for 20 years, prior to that we have instability and we lurched from crisis to crisis. Whilst the model needs to be adjusted, I support the model.</p>
<p>“Given the Trust’s stated aim “to make the match-day experience at Exeter City FC a premier experience, unrivalled by our competitors” 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 Building and external Fan Zone eg</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • improve ventilation / reduce overcrowding in the Famous Exeter City Real Ale and Cider Emporium Bar / provide a sales point direct into the Fanzone; • provide cover to and somewhere to put drinks on in the Fan Zone; • provide better facilities for those providing entertainment in the Fan Zone ? <p>If not, why not ?”</p>	<p>Always support ways to improve the experience and the facilities, there is still scope for improvement. In the last year privately, I have lobbied the Trust and Club to expand matchday and the non-matchday experience:</p> <p>In terms of experience, having seen most away games only clubs like Lincoln come close to our experience, possibly street food outlets. Outlets to sell alcohol from pods near busy areas. Sellers in the ground like cinemas years ago. Portable units. More outlets to sell merchandise. Importantly non-matchday events, world cups, Euros, player evenings, comedy nights, tribute bans after the game. Quiz nights etc Awnings in the fanzone would be great.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How many Trust meetings have you attended in the last 12 months? • Do you have any family or financial ties to Exeter City AFC or any other potential conflicts of interest? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 95-100% of all Trust meetings in the last 2-3 years, very few members attend. - No family ties and my Limited Company has no conflicts of interest. I have used corporate hospitality for family events only. -
<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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I was not aware this had become so bad; I stand on the Big Bank or sit in the SELCO with my father. I would observe on matchday and would get some film and share with Justin Quick as CEO of business operations, he would be asked to present and implement improvements. He is accountable for these issues and improvements required.
<p>In the last year what 3 key things have you done actively support the Trust?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I shared commercial comparative analysis of 3 similar football club sponsorship and hospitality options I shared the pricing I obtained. I also shared some suggested SMART objectives for key performance indicators for club operations - I have attended and participated in Trust meetings. - I have signed up a new member, my daughter. - On LinkedIn I promote the Trust and every club venture at every possible opportunity. - I thank people on media outlets for supporting the club commercially.