

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>“I personally would like to see more of the City Women’s team games played at St. James Park, particularly after the success of the recent game against Bournemouth. The joy at this game, in the stands and amongst the players was great to see and we need to give the Women’s team several games a season at St. James Park to grow their popularity and not just two. No discrimination at games should be tolerated and the family atmosphere at the Women’s game should be the atmosphere we want to create for the Men’s game as well. We should have zero tolerance for some of the sexist chanting that was used at the Rovers game and the club made this clear in a recent statement. If it occurs again we should make it clear on the day that it isn’t acceptable and fans will be removed from the ground if it continues.</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>I believe strongly in the Trust Fan ownership of the club and regarding an individual or group wanting to gain majority control, I would only entertain this if it was the right person or group. With the membership always having a vote on this.</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</p>	<p>I will always support improvements to the Hospitality offering at the club and it is an area that needs more investment, as while it is better, there is a lot more that can be done. We should have fans wanting to be at the</p>

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<p>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>ground early and staying late, spending money at the club, rather than in local pubs. Money spent wisely here will pay back long term.</p>
<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? 	<p>I haven't attended any Trust meetings in the last 12 months, but have followed Trust events online. I have no family ties to the club and the only financial is that the company I work for is a club partner through sponsorship.</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 unacceptable and while recruiting for Hospitality staff is difficult at the moment, we have University students all around the club and Exeter, so we need to make it attractive to them to work at the club on match days. With enough staff, pre-filling drinks etc., it should make this a much smoother operation and bring in more revenue.</p>
<p>In the last year what 3 key things have you done actively support the Trust?</p>	<p>I have encouraged fellow supporters to join the Trust and given discount to Trust members showing their membership card when purchasing goods from the company I work for. Also I have personally ensured we continue with our Corporate Trust membership, after being the first company to join six years ago, when I was personally involved in setting it up when on the Trust board previously.</p>

