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To: Comments@independentfootballreview.com
Cc: TAYLOR, David (MP)
Subject: Submission to Independent European Football Review

Dear Sir/Madam

David Taylor, Labour MP for North West Leicestershire, is hereby forwarding the comments (below) of his constituent Mr James Wheeler of 41 Claremont Drive, Ravenstone, Coalville, Leicestershire LE67 2ND, on the subject of financial corruption at Derby County F.C., as part of this timely Review.

You will note that Mr Wheeler has sent these comments to the Minister for Sport in the UK government, Richard Caborn MP. David Taylor has also instructed me to attach his letter to the Minister on behalf of Mr Wheeler, so that this might also be included as part of the Review.

I hope this is acceptable. Please let me know if there are any problems with this submission.

Yours faithfully

Daniel Crimes

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Rt. Hon. Richard Caborn MP
Minister of State
DCMS
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9th March 2006

Dear Richard

Independent European Football Review – correspondence with Mr James Wheeler of 41 Claremont Drive, Ravenstone LE67 2ND

I am writing to you about the above inquiry at the request of my above constituent, who wrote to you (see copy enclosed) about this matter on 29th January 2006 and, I understand from Mr Wheeler, has yet to receive a reply from the DCMS.

As Company Secretary to the official trust of Derby County supporters, RamsTrust, I take seriously and concur with my constituent's account of financial corruption and organisational exploitation on the part of the consortium that currently owns Derby County F.C. and would respectfully suggest that officials in your department propose to the independent inquiry team that they look at the financial and organisational situation at Derby County.

You will be aware that the supporters, players and other staff at the majority of football clubs in the UK have been exploited by corrupt owners, often since their establishment.

As such, I would be grateful for an indication of the government's thinking on the applicability of the Independent European Football Review in addressing the problems detailed by Mr Wheeler and for information on the action the UK government have taken since 1997, and/or are planning, to stamp out the financial corruption that continues to blight the game, particularly in the lower leagues, where registered bankrupts like Mr Murdo

Mackay can operate in this potentially lucrative and unregulated setting without any guarantees of transparency or accountability to supporters and club staff.

I look forward to your early reply.

Yours

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David', written in a cursive style.

David Taylor
Labour & Co-operative MP
North West Leicestershire