



JOINT STATEMENT BY THE DUNDEE UNITED SUPPORTERS' FOUNDATION AND DUNDEE UNITED FC

Plans to progress the Gussie Park development to Phase Two have taken a significant step forward after Dundee United Supporters' Foundation agreed to donate a further £215,000 towards the project. In a ballot of members conducted over the last three days 98.7% voted for the proposal from a turnout of 86%.

This overwhelming vote in favour of the proposal by DUSF members will accelerate plans to create a state-of-the-art facility at the historic training ground.

Work on Phase One of the redevelopment has seen a FIFA-approved playing surface, perimeter fencing and improved spectator areas, new FIFA-compliant floodlighting, replacement goals and technical areas and upgraded toilets and changing rooms completed.

The funding will also help finance the commencement of construction works for a new spectator stand as part of Phase Two.

The Club had initially invested significant funding towards the project to allow it to get off the ground. However, DUSF are keen to eventually fund the entire redevelopment of Gussie Park and this latest gesture sees the DUSF members commit to a further £215,000 alongside the £100,000 already invested into the project.

Dundee United Supporters' Foundation commented: "We are absolutely delighted that Foundation members have given such a resounding vote in favour of the proposal with such an impressive turnout.

"We believe this use of members' contributions meets our overall principle of '*ensuring our future*'. It is a hugely important development for DUSF and DUFC as it is a significant step towards the Foundation funding the entire redevelopment of Gussie Park, allowing the Club and the Chairman Mark Ogren to direct their funds to other elements of the operational budget including player recruitment

"The Foundation membership has agreed previously that our funds should primarily be used to invest in bricks and mortar projects that would become an integral part of the Club's

future, and this investment into the Academy redevelopment project exactly meets those criteria.

“This ballot result increases the sum invested in the Gussie Park redevelopment by Dundee United Supporters’ Foundation members to £315,000, and the sum invested in total to Dundee United FC to £438,000 since our launch five years ago. This is a remarkable effort by our members and they should be extremely proud of what they have achieved in a relatively short time period”.

Dundee United FC Chairman Mark Ogren said : “We are committed to building strong foundations for future success at Dundee United and this represents the start of the next major milestone in the Gussie Park redevelopment.

“The Foundation has been a tremendous support to us and it’s fantastic to work with them on a project like Gussie Park. We appreciate the significant financial input from their members.

“I met with members of the Foundation a few months ago and was impressed by their determination to support the sustained success of Dundee United.

“This funding allows us to move into Phase 2 of the Gussie Park redevelopment whilst allowing us to focus on enhancing other areas of the club”.