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03 DEC 2009

Dear Lord Triesman

I am delighted to confirm the Home Office's full support for the England bid to host the 2018 and 2022 FIFA World Cups™. The UK has a unique footballing heritage and passion for the world's game; and our world-leading security and immigration systems will ensure a safe, straightforward and enjoyable experience for the world football family in England. We will ensure that spectators, visitors and the public have a hugely enjoyable experience in the safest possible environment which will enhance the reputation of the tournament.

The Government has signed Guarantees 1, 2 and 4 in the standard form provided by FIFA. However, the Government, FIFA and The FA all recognise that the Guarantees need to be implemented in accordance with UK law and in an operationally feasible way. The approach we will take to Guarantees 1, 2 and 4 is described in this letter, the Government Legal Statement and in more detail in the bid book. This approach will also be subject to further future discussion between the UK Government, FIFA and The FA.

Safety and Security

The UK is proud of its tested, proven and responsive arrangements for delivering safe and secure sporting and entertainment events, which rely on authorities such as event organisers, transport operators, police and Government working together in accordance with distinct legal and financial responsibilities. These arrangements will be applied in 2018 or 2022 to ensure that:

- (i) Host Cities, on behalf of the Local Organising Committees (LOC), provide and meet the costs of security at venues and FIFA Fan Fests™; and

- (ii) UK authorities provide and meet, in accordance with existing funding arrangements, the costs of all necessary policing and wider security beyond FIFA Fan Fests™ and venues, as well as costs for in-venue policing (i.e. physical police presence at venues).

As set out in Chapter 13 of the bid book, we will develop a comprehensive safety and security strategy that will safeguard and ensure the peaceful celebration of the FIFA World Cup™. Befitting the status and prestige of the competition, our activities to manage risks and potential threats will be more extensive than equivalent arrangements for regular domestic and international games. This will mean higher thresholds and responsibilities for Host Cities / the LOC at venues and for Government authorities beyond FIFA Fan Fests™ and venues. The final arrangements that the UK Government, FIFA and The FA would reach to safeguard the World Cup would be based on the division of responsibilities set out above. Such arrangements would be wholly exceptional to the unique experience of safeguarding the World Cup in England. A simple dispute resolution process will be established to allow any differences of view over required security measures to be settled quickly.

Border Security

The UK border is one of the most secure in the world, protecting UK residents and facilitating the efficient movement of legitimate visitors and goods across the border. The UK Border Agency has great experience in handling large numbers of visitors and supporting major sporting events. Legitimate visitors in 2018 or 2022, including the FIFA football family, will benefit from our systems and heavy investment in border security and enjoy quick and easy passage into and out of the UK.

The following key principles, which will protect and safeguard FIFA World Cup™ spectators and visitors to the UK, will apply:

- (i) for all categories of visitor, and for persons needing to work in connection with the FIFA World Cup™, entry to the UK will be based on entitlement under existing legislation;
- (ii) normal biographic and biometric checks that are in existence, or will be introduced, will apply to all persons covered by the Guarantees;
- (iii) full exemption from visa fees will be restricted to a manageable number of persons/categories around the competition period, with a reasonable administrative charge, to be agreed with FIFA, to be applied to cover checking and entry services for other categories (thus maintaining border integrity), which may be passed to the end user;
- (iv) standard and, where necessary, enhanced checks will be carried out to prevent the entry of individuals who are subject to international Travel Bans, who fail to meet the requirements of the Immigration Rules or who may otherwise be a threat to the peaceful celebration of the World Cup;
- (v) the decision to refuse a person entry to the UK in connection with the World Cup will be taken by the UK Border Agency; and

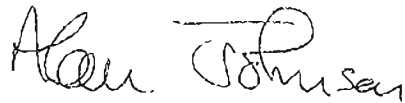
- (vi) during the competition period, and where agreed in advance, we will work with private sector partners to provide FIFA staff and associates with prompt service through UK entry and exit controls.

Separately, we are satisfied that there is sufficient flexibility in the Working Time Regulations 1998 to allow individuals to perform their Competition and/or Event-related duties as required by Guarantee 2.

Delivering Guarantees 1 and 2 as set out above will help ensure that the tournament, its participants, spectators and UK residents receive the greatest possible protection.

Our border processes serve the UK well, with around 4 million people passing through our ports each week. This experience will enable us to manage the large number of visitors we would expect in 2018 or 2022, ensuring that legitimate fans and the wider FIFA family receive an efficient and welcoming service when they enter and leave the UK.

I look forward to working with you to finalise chapter 13 of the bid book over the coming months – and, hopefully, to working together with FIFA over the coming years to finalise the security and immigration provision that we will make available to FIFA and the world in 2018 or 2022.

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Alan Johnson



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4th December 2009

Dear Home Secretary

1. Thank you for your letter of 3rd December, setting out the Home Office's strong support for the England 2018/2022 bid, to which I am replying on behalf of The FA and England 2018/2022 bid team. I am also grateful for the active and committed role that you have played as a constituency MP in developing Hull's bid to be a host city.
2. I note and recognise that the Home Office will deliver Guarantees 1, 2 and 4 in accordance with:
 - (i) the contents of your letter;
 - (ii) the more detailed approach described in the bid book; and
 - (iii) further exchanges between the UK Government, FIFA and The FA on how the UK will apply the Guarantees in an operationally feasible way.
3. It is clear that both the UK model for ensuring safety and security at large sporting events and the UK's border processes are significant assets which would protect the tournament, spectators, visitors and the public.
4. I am glad that you recognise that the approach we would need to secure the World Cup would be specific to the particular challenges that hosting the event would pose. You are right that the arrangements that The FA would make with the Home Office to secure the World Cup should be specific to that event and not impact on existing agreements and negotiations relating to future domestic arrangements.

Yours,

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Lord David Triesman
Chairman



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21 JUN 2010

Dear Roger and David

I am delighted to reiterate the Home Office's full support for the England bid to host the 2018 and 2022 FIFA World Cups™. The UK's world-leading security and immigration systems will ensure a safe, straightforward and thoroughly enjoyable experience for the world football family in England.

As outlined in Chapter 13 of the England bid book, entry to the UK in connection with the FIFA World Cup™ will be based on entitlement under existing legislation and all standard immigration checks and processes that are in existence, or yet to be introduced, will apply to all persons covered by the Government Guarantees. These controls will form part of a seamless continuum of protection that would apply to venues, transport and other FIFA World Cup™ infrastructure to ensure the safe and peaceful celebration of the competition.

I am also pleased to confirm that, if the England bid is successful, the Department is prepared to offer free visas to hospitality customers and ticketed spectators on the basis that we minimise costs to the UK taxpayer by exploring options for a sponsor agreement with UKBA suppliers to meet our costs of doing so. This would be contingent on the FA guaranteeing a secure ticketing system that would ensure such visas would only be issued to genuine hospitality customers and spectators, and subject to a maximum value of £5m.

I look forward to working with FA and FIFA colleagues on this, as the bid progresses.

Yours sincerely

Rt Hon. Theresa May MP

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23rd September 2010

Rt. Hon Theresa May, MP
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Dear Home Secretary

England's Bid to Host the 2018 FIFA World Cup – Visa Policy

Thank you for your letter of 21 June 2010 confirming the Home Office's full support for the Bid to host the England 2018/2022 FIFA World Cup and clarifying competition visa arrangements.

I am also very grateful for the strong personal commitment to the bid that you demonstrated during the FIFA Inspection Visit. The safety and security presentation clearly demonstrated our wealth of experience and knowledge in this vital area

I note and recognise that the provision of free visas to hospitality customers and ticketed spectators will be contingent on:

1. The Local Organising Committee (LOC) and FIFA establishing a sponsorship arrangement to defray costs to the UK taxpayer;
2. The FA ensuring that the LOC implements a secure ticketing system to prevent abuse; and
3. A maximum cost to the Government of £5m, with any costs over and above this amount to be met by the FA or the LOC.

I look forward to your continued support in the final coming months of the bid process and, hopefully, to thereafter working with you to put our plans into practice.

Yours faithfully,

Roger Burden
Acting Chairman



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