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Lord Triesman - Chairman  
England 2018/2022 Bidding Nation Ltd  
Wembley Stadium  
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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Lord Triesman,

We are writing to you on behalf of FIELDS and the Rushcliffe GreenFields Campaign Groups in respect of the proposed new stadium for Nottingham Forest at Gamston, which is a 'key feature' of Nottingham's bid to host matches if the 2018 football World Cup comes to England.

We wanted to inform you of the very significant opposition to the proposed stadium that exists within the local communities of Gamston, Holme Pierrepont, Bassingfield, Ladybay, Tollerton and West Bridgford, all of whom would be badly affected by the presence of the stadium and its infrastructure.

FIELDS registered its opposition to the proposed stadium when the site at Holme Pierrepont was being considered. The proposed new site at Gamston is less than 400 metres away from the Holme Pierrepont site, being literally the other side of the A52 trunk road. For these reasons and the reasons outlined below we are opposed to the proposal at Gamston

- The proposed location of the stadium is in an area that is currently identified as 'Green Belt'.
- The location is on the Trent Floodplain
- At least one of the land owners affected has publicly stated that they are opposed to the development.
- Both Nottinghamshire County Council and Rushcliffe Borough Council (the local planning authority) have withdrawn their support for the Bid,
- The only way of getting to the proposed stadium would be via road or foot, there are no rail or tram links within 2.5miles of the site.
- The proposed site car park will hold just 1000 cars - for 45,000 spectators!
- The proposal includes re-routing of a section of the A52 trunk road; this would add an estimated £130million to the project at current prices.

We hope that the above will be given due consideration as a part of the decision making process when 12 cities/venues will be chosen as part of the 2018 World Cup bid. When looked at objectively we would hope that you come to the same conclusions as ourselves, in that the Nottingham bid is at best 'aspirational' and given the current economic climate, has to be seen as a very 'long shot' indeed. We are supportive of a Nottingham bid in principle but believe that the proposed location at Gamston is wrong due to the points highlighted above and that more suitable sites within Nottingham exist.

We would be obliged if you could acknowledge receipt of this letter, and finally, we would like to wish you all the best in your attempt to bring the football World Cup back to England.

Yours sincerely,

Signature:	Address
Name:	

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