

EVERTON FAN ADVISORY BOARD WELCOMES PARLIAMENTARY SUPPORT AS MP CONDEMNS UNJUST POINTS DEDUCTION IMPOSED ON EVERTON

The Everton Fan Advisory Board has welcomed the intervention of Merseyside MP, Ian Byrne, who raised concerns in Parliament today about the 'grossly unjust points deduction imposed on Everton Football Club' by the Premier League Commission last week.

In an Early Day Motion tabled today, the MP added his voice to the widespread concerns that the 10 point deduction is excessive, that the sporting sanctions unfairly punish supporters and that the Commission's approach further strengthens the need for the speedy introduction of an Independent Regulator.

Commenting on the move in Parliament, Dave Kelly, Chair of the Everton Fan Advisory Board said: "We welcome the support in shining a light on what already seems to be a common view across the football family; that last week's decision was wholly disproportionate.

"Evertonians understand and accept that the Club were in breach of the Profit & Sustainability Rules, but the decision to impose such a draconian penalty is not only unprecedented, it failed to take into account a series of mitigating factors well beyond the control of the Club.

"The dangerous precedent this sets should be a concern for football fans of any club. We'd urge all football supporters, not just Evertonians, to ask their MPs to support the motion and to call for integrity and fairness in the regulation of our game."

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