

Dear Dave,

Thank-you for the response below which has been considered at the highest level of the organisation this morning. Unfortunately the Constabulary's decision holds firm and the proposed charge of £40,000 is considered to be extremely reasonable given the circumstances and cannot be reduced. I realise that this may not be good news for you and may jeopardise the holding of this fixture which is absolutely not our intention. However, you must also understand our responsibility as holders of the public purse, and the reduction on offer is already far greater than other clubs around the country experience week in week out for league fixtures.

Avon and Somerset along with most other forces in the country are doing their bit to support the Olympic games this summer. We are doing our best to support this landmark sporting event while ensuring policing in our communities continues as normal.

I am sure none of us would want Louis Carey's name to be caught up in any negative media coverage. However this is the best option we are able to offer and as you may know the FA has written to clubs across the country explaining the position around the Olympic games.

I would welcome the opportunity to discuss the matter further.

Kind regards,

Alex

From: DAVID FEAR
Sent: 30 May 2012 08:35
To: Alex Cohen
Subject: Bristol Derby

Dear Alex,

Thank you for your email concerning policing issues for the proposed Bristol Derby on Aug 4th.

I note that the policing costs will rise from a high category C fixture figure of £ 22,000 plus VAT to £ 40,000 plus VAT., under the full costs recovery scheme. This quite clearly will have huge implications on the fixture with costs for policing and stewarding rising from

£ 47,929 : 24 to £ 69,529 : 24.

My personal opinion is that we will cancel the fixture as we could not hope to guarantee that figure as a basis to go forward. This will cause a huge public debate as previously stated and all parties should try to avoid this at all costs.

May I please propose the following as a ONE OFF EXPERIMENT.

The game goes forward on the basis of a minimum charge of Class C band and a maximum charge of £ 40,000 should any trouble take place.

This would enable both clubs to open a debate with all our supporters about the responsibility of full cost recovery and the affect it can potentially have on the whole future of football in this country in general.

As a one off experiment, this will cause not only local but national debate on the situation that believe me no average football fan is aware of its implications.

It will focus both clubs on a media campaign to explain that any misbehaviour on any fans will have an impact of the equivalent of taking money directly out of Louis Careys back pocket. Something both sets of fans would absolutely be against and protect against.

I repeat this can only be a "One Off Experiment" but it allows all parties the flexibility of staging the game and covering all eventualities without any adverse publicity that cancelling the game will promote.

Please give this some serious consideration, we can experiment as you quite clearly stated as this is outside your contract with Ashton Gate.

Tickets are due for distribution on June 1st, we must act quickly please for a definitive decision. Please contact me on 07967 017755 asap.

Once again Alex, thank you most sincerely for your help in this matter,

Dave,