**Supporting Statement – Stuart Woollard**

I’ve been a supporter of Swindon Town since the mid-80s and the Lou Macari years when my Dad started taking me to games. Like all fans I have witnessed many ups and downs during this time but that’s all part of fun! I’m a season ticket holder in the DR stand and try and go to the occasional away match when I can.

I work for HSBC were I’m a Senior Risk Manager, prior to which I was at Nationwide Building Society in a similar role and during my years in business I feel I have developed a number of skills including good leadership, mediation & project management that can add value to the Trust STFC Board.

I joined the Trust STFC Board in December 2019 as I wanted to give something back and in particular help with the purchase of the County Ground. During this time I’ve worked on a number of initiatives including trying to understand the complicated legal hearings that were the legacy of Lee Powers ownership. This culminated in several appearances on the OSCs Monday Night Panel alongside other Board members trying my best to explain the latest developments to the fan base. I was also responsible for creating a new election process to ensure all members have the opportunity to apply to be on the Board should they wish to do so, this is now the 2nd year this process has been in place.

I have been the Trust Secretary since March 2022 and I am responsible for ensuring the rules are adhered to and that all of the relevant governance around Board meetings is applied. I’m also the supporter liaison representative for the Trust and regularly speak to other supporter’s Trusts to discuss issues and share ideas, most recently the Foundation of Hearts who are a fantastic example of successful fan owned club.

Outside of those activities I have spent a lot of time looking at how the County Ground could be developed once it is owned under the joint venture between Swindon Town Football Club and Trust STFC. There are many exciting possibilities in this respect and we have a fantastic opportunity to create a modern stadium with a good atmosphere and great facilities.

We have a fantastic Board with really talented and experienced people on there who have achieved some great things and I would love the opportunity to continue working with them.