

Statement by National League North Clubs

Following a meeting with the National League board and the FA to discuss the options presented to us, we are making the following statement;

“Whilst the integrity of the National League is important, we do not value this above the safety and wellbeing of our families, staff, volunteers or that of our heroic workers who are tackling this pandemic on the frontline. Furthermore, we have now been asked to consider loans against our clubs and we are quite simply not prepared to trade whilst insolvent.

Therefore, we are calling for the immediate suspension of the league competition to allow the National League, FA and the DCMS time to find a solution that is acceptable to all. This suspension will allow us the time to lobby our respective MPs and carry out our own financial risk assessments against avoiding a Null and Void scenario.

An inability to secure acceptable funding to cover COVID testing and the loss of fans will continue to render us insolvent and we are not prepared to prolong this beyond the 29th January 2021.

We are duty bound as mere custodians of our clubs and will do everything we can to ensure we do not place any avoidable further financial burden now or in the future upon our community assets.

Quite simply, 66 clubs would not have willingly participated in any footballing competition which initiated playing contracts, without assurances”.

AFC Telford – Andy Pryce
Alfreton Town – Wayne Bradley
Bradford (Park Avenue) – Martin Knight
Blyth Spartans – Anthony Platten
Curzon Ashton - Wayne Salkeld
Darlington – David Johnston
Farsley Celtic – Joshua Greaves
Gateshead – Neil Pinkerton
Guiseley – Gary Douglas
Kettering Town – David Mahoney
Southport – Ian Kyle
Spennymoor Town – Tony Wilson