

Dear Sir/ Madam,

Thank you for your recent emails on the above. You have asked for Rangers Football Club's views on the time that will be required to respond to the latest documents uploaded by your Council, consider the extent to which they may address previous concerns held by Rangers and prepare a hearing statement.

As you will be aware the Covid 19 pandemic and its aftermath has radically transformed the attendance of supporters at matches and how supporters travel to matches. The reset is ongoing, as more spectators return to matches and their modes of transport to games change as well. At the moment, we are experiencing unprecedented delays in clearing the Stadium vicinity of cars following matches because of the restriction in lanes once vehicles reach the M8 motorway. We have no real sense of how long this will continue or what the effect will be on spectators and are unsure how matters will settle down. We would therefore suggest that preparing a hearing statement at this juncture would be premature and that it would make more sense for this to be done a few weeks after the start of next Season when we can expect a more normal pattern to be re-established. You will appreciate that resourcing for a project of this nature will also be difficult at the moment with absences due to the pandemic stretching the availability of staff and little warning being provided that this Order would again require to be considered.

We would also note that the Appendices provided by the Council seem to have been very extensively amended since the previous versions that we saw and that alone would justify a considerably longer than 4 week period for those to be reviewed and commented upon. In this regard we should note that before Rangers responds we would wish to discuss the proposals with our supporters who use the streets surrounding the Stadium for parking to understand the practical impact of the proposed measures and how parking will be displaced. Such a consultation exercise will take some considerable time to carry out.

Kind regards,