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Dear Deputy Prime Minister

I am writing to urge you to approve the plans for a community stadium at Falmer, Brighton. I believe you should do this for the following reasons:

1. Brighton & Hove is a somewhat isolated city of national importance with 250,000 residents. Its football club is important as part of the national league competitions in our national sport. A stadium in the city is clearly in the national interest.
2. A stadium is essential for the well-being of any town or city. The Brighton & Hove community stadium provides huge benefits in sport, health, education, skills, crime-reduction and employment, especially in the deprived areas of East Brighton. It will enable the football club to fulfil its potential within the community for the benefit of all.
3. The site identified by the city council on the University of Brighton campus and adjacent field is the only location in the area for a stadium where a sustainable transport strategy can be implemented in line with Government policy. Land-take is thus minimised.

These benefits far outweigh the loss of a small area of land in the area of outstanding natural beauty.

Since the previous, discredited, absentee owner sold the club's former ground against the wishes of an entire community, Brighton & Hove Albion supporters have battled for nine years to provide a suitable home for their club. Please approve the plans for Brighton & Hove's community stadium.

Yours sincerely

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